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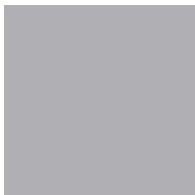


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# Regional Social Security Forum for the Americas

24-27 May 2010  
Brasilia, Brazil



# Preliminary programme

*The Americas is the most unequal region of the world in terms of income distribution. It therefore faces a wide range of challenges in terms of social protection, including issues linked to governance, pension reform and the extension of coverage. The integration of contributory and non-contributory protection schemes is also a major concern in many countries, regardless of their level of development.*

*The Regional Social Security Forum for the Americas will bring together social security administrators, policy-makers, researchers and international and regional organizations. It will offer an opportunity to discuss the role of dynamic social security in the Americas and will be an important milestone towards the World Social Security Forum in South Africa in 2010.*

**Ministério da  
Previdência Social**



*The Forum is hosted by the  
Ministry of Social Insurance, Brazil.*

**Monday, 24 May 2010**



5 pm - 7 pm

**OPENING SESSION WITH H.E. LUIZ INÁCIO LULA DA SILVA,  
PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERATIVE REPUBLIC OF BRASIL**

**Tuesday, 25 May 2010**

**Morning**

## **SOCIAL SECURITY DEVELOPMENTS AND TRENDS IN THE AMERICAS**

The first plenary session will provide the context for the entire Regional Social Security Forum by identifying and discussing the main emerging social security developments and trends in the American region based on a report prepared by the ISSA, which will take into consideration the regional diversity in the Americas. The report will also be linked with the themes to be discussed in the technical sessions.

Afternoon

## **STRATEGIES AND PRACTICE FOR GOOD GOVERNANCE IN SOCIAL SECURITY**

The concept of good governance refers to various components. There are components associated with internal management capacities. Delivery processes using performance indicators and ISO standards, implementation of information and communication technology including e-government, highly-qualified staff, as well as a results-oriented strategy, are among the key factors for the success of the organization. But good governance also includes relations with the stakeholders, the political authorities and other public and private partners in order to reach a high level of integrated service delivery to the citizens.

In addition to an overview of the essential concepts and basic principles, the discussions on this topic will be based on a study analysing examples of good governance, with the aim of highlighting the regional specificities of a good governance approach. Key factors of success, and the major limits and constraints that may be faced will be given particular attention. The study will also examine ways of obtaining a better understanding of the implications of introducing quality as a key management tool and how to meet international standards on governance.

Wednesday, 26 May 2010

Morning

## **SOCIALLY INCLUSIVE AND FINANCIALLY SUSTAINABLE PENSION REFORMS**

The first public and occupational pension schemes, introduced in the region a century ago, were built on different socio-economic realities and based on the social insurance principle. The introduction of individual account schemes in the 1980s and 1990s was a paradigm shift, which changed the institutional framework of pension schemes radically.

In some countries, individual schemes have been revisited because expectations have not been reached; in others, the reform process has already started. No matter how pension schemes have been designed, they are part of a dynamic social security system and must be socially inclusive, affordable, financially sustainable and productive. Sooner or later, social security organizations will have no choice but to face pension reform processes.

The objective of the session will be to analyse and debate the role that individual account schemes have in a pension system. Particular emphasis will be placed on how to design a pension system that ensures adequate retirement income to low and middle-income workers while being inclusive and financially sustainable. The ways in which policy-makers manage reform processes will also be debated. The conclusions of this session, along with inputs from other ISSA activities, are likely to provide policy-makers with similar schemes in other regions with useful references and tools for policy development and action.

Afternoon

## **EFFECTIVE AND DYNAMIC COVERAGE EXTENSION OF SOCIAL SECURITY**

The Americas is the most unequal region in terms of income distribution. Moreover, informal sector employment (including rural informal and domestic workers) and migrant workers represent an important part of the economically-active population, which often is not covered by traditional contributory schemes. Developed countries must also rise to the challenge and face demographic changes, new labour market developments and growing health needs.

It is more evident than ever that traditional social insurance schemes alone do not provide the necessary income support and coverage that persons and families need. While many countries have implemented non-contributory schemes as an extension to social insurance, others have integrated other components creating a comprehensive social protection system.

A report will be presented to the Forum participants which will examine strategies that have been or could be adopted in order to extend the coverage of social security schemes in the Americas, particularly those focusing on the integration of contributory and non-contributory social security schemes. The methodologies to provide coverage to specific categories (e.g. informal sector and migrant workers), as well as their financing mechanisms, will also be of particular interest. Lessons learned and good practice solutions adopted by social security institutions will be highlighted. This session will also provide an opportunity to discuss the work undertaken by the ISSA in this field, including findings of the ISSA Task Force on the Extension of Coverage.

Thursday, 27 May 2010

Morning

## **REGIONAL SOCIAL SECURITY SUMMIT**

The objective of this Summit is to promote the important role of social security in society by showcasing the contribution of dynamic social security to cope with current and future socio-economic challenges in the Americas. High-level policy-makers and representatives of regional and international organizations will participate in the Summit. The Summit will debate the political dimension and measures necessary to enable dynamic social security systems to demonstrate their potential as key players in any strategy to respond to such challenges in the context of globalization and demographic change.

12:30 pm - 1 pm

**CLOSING SESSION**

## The ISSA Good Practice Award for the Americas

The ISSA has initiated a Good Practice Awards competition to recognize good practices in the administration of social security.

The ISSA Good Practice Awards will be given out on a regional basis over a three-year cycle at each ISSA Regional Social Security Forum. One Award will be given at each Forum as well as certificates of merit as decided by an international Jury. The winning good practices will also be featured at the World Social Security Forum in Cape Town, South Africa, in 2010.

The results of the Good Practice Award for the Americas were announced in June 2009. The Awards and certificates of merit will be presented during the Forum.

Further information on the competition results:

[www.issa.int/goodpractices](http://www.issa.int/goodpractices)

## Practical information

The Regional Social Security Forum for the Americas is open to ISSA member organizations and invited participants.

Online registration, further information and documents are available on the ISSA Extranet: [www-issanet.issa.int](http://www-issanet.issa.int)

The working languages of the Forum will be English, Spanish and Portuguese.

The venue of the Forum is the Hotel Nobile Suites Lakeside, Brasilia.

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