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DEMOCRACY, HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEVELOPMENT

- The axes or "pillars" of the OAS: Democracy, Human Rights, Integral Development.
- Interdependence (Vienna 1993)
- Democratic Charter (Lima, IX 2001): HHRR and Development
- Poverty alleviation and eradication of extreme poverty
- Democratic Charter / Social Charter
WHAT IS THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SOCIAL CHARTER OF THE AMERICAS FOR THE REGIONAL AGENDA ON SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT?

• Cochabamba 2012: Social Charter adopted "Renewal of the hemispheric commitment to combat poverty in the region"

• Economic development with social inclusion: Legitimating and strengthening democracy

• The Social Charter and its Plan of Action: Set priorities and monitor social progress in the region

• Fundamental purposes: Social justice with equity, social inclusion and poverty eradication
PROPOSED STRUCTURE FOR THE PLAN OF ACTION OF THE SOCIAL CHARTER OF THE AMERICAS


- **7 intervention areas**: work, social protection, health, food and nutrition, education, basic public services and culture.

- **Cross-cutting themes**: gender and equity approach, priority attention to populations in poverty and vulnerability, sustainable development and the environment.

- **Cross-cutting approaches**: participation, inter-sectorality, inter-American solidarity and cooperation, respect for diversity, and promotion and respect for human rights.
PROPOSED STRUCTURE FOR THE PLAN OF ACTION OF THE SOCIAL CHARTER OF THE AMERICAS

• Necessary prerequisites: Growth with equity, democracy, transparency and fight against corruption, legal certainty

• For each area of intervention, there are corresponding objectives, specific goals and strategic lines of action. Indicators: later on

• Development of negotiations and responses of Member States

• Perspectives
Inter-American Social Protection Dialogues

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At the OAS, the concept of social protection refers to “an **integral approach** comprised of various **universal and targeted policies and programs** that seek to help individuals confront the various risks they face in their lifespan; and that their specific design will be determined by the conditions, needs and decisions of each member State”.

**COMMUNIQUÉ OF THE SECOND MEETING OF MINISTERS AND HIGH AUTHORITIES OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT**
HOW ARE THE PRINCIPLES OF A COMPREHENSIVE SOCIAL PROTECTION DEFINED WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE SOCIAL CHARTER OF THE OAS?

In chapter III of the Social Charter, article 14 states the “responsibility to develop and implement comprehensive social protection policies and programs, based on the principles of universality, solidarity, equality, nondiscrimination, and equity that give priority to persons living in conditions of poverty and vulnerability, taking into account their national circumstances”.
PLAN OF ACTION OF THE SOCIAL CHARTER: Strategic Lines of Action

• **GOAL**: Create and strengthen comprehensive social protection systems based on the principles of universality and solidarity

Strategic lines of action:

• **Articulate the contributory and non-contributory social protection regimes** to ensure comprehensive coverage and equitable distribution of benefits.

• **Strengthen the solidarity non-contributory pillar** of social protection systems in order to **serve populations living in poverty and vulnerability**, and **reduce inequalities** between different segments of the population.
• Promote a social protection approach that addresses the different dimensions and manifestations of poverty, vulnerability and exclusion, through a wide range of social protection instruments and an intergenerational and cycle of life perspective.

• Promote social protection programs aimed at strengthening the family as a natural and fundamental unit of society.
What would your recommendations and suggestions be for the Plan of Action of the Social Charter on Social Protection?