



Inter-American **Social
Protection** Dialogues



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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:
Legitimizing 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



- Working Group for the Plan of Action of the Social Charter: Plan for Member States / Support to specialized agencies' task.
- 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.

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- 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



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HOW IS SOCIAL PROTECTION DEFINED AT THE OAS?

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”.



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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.



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PLAN OF ACTION OF THE SOCIAL CHARTER: Strategic Lines of Action (cont)

- 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**.



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OPEN QUESTION TO PARTICIPANTS...

What would **your** recommendations and suggestions be for the Plan of Action of the Social Charter on Social Protection?

