

**Call for presentations on experiences of the countries of the Americas
with Social Development Policies, for the Third REMDES**

Ministers and High Authorities of Social Development of the Americas will meet in Asunción, Paraguay, from July 13-14, 2016, for the Third Meeting of Ministers and High Authorities of Social Development within the Framework of CIDI-OAS, where they will have an opportunity to reflect on and discuss the issue of “Equity and Social Inclusion: Overcoming Inequalities for More Inclusive Societies.”

The specific goals of this event are to:

- a. Examine the situation of poverty and vulnerability in the Americas, with a focus on mechanisms to narrow the gaps.
- b. Review the toll that inequality takes on the countries of the Americas and the evolution of social investment and its implications.
- c. Identify successful experiences of social protection and economic inclusion systems or networks in countries of the Americas and promote exchange on said experiences via the Inter-American Social Protection Network.
- d. Put a mechanism in place for follow-up on implementation of the Plan of Action of the Social Charter of the Americas.
- e. Discuss regional contributions to the sustainable development goals of the 2030 Agenda.

1. Proposal

The Meeting agenda envisages plenary sessions with one expert making a presentation and one participating country discussing its experience with the issue under discussion. To that end, countries are being invited to make a presentation on one experience, as follows:

- Second Plenary Session: Reducing poverty and vulnerability as a means to social inclusion
Experience of country 1: Poverty reduction programs
Experience of country 2: Multidimensional measurement of poverty

- Third Plenary Session: Inequality: Costs of inequality and social debt
Experience of country 3: Progressive fiscal policies in reducing inequality
- Fourth Plenary Session: Social development policy innovations
Experience of country 4: Innovative experiences in social development policies
Experience of country 5: Innovative experiences in social development policies

2. Content and time

The experiences to be featured must include the following information:

- Country applying
- Name and email address of the person who will be making the presentation
- Identification of the policy, plan, program, or project to be featured
 - Objectives
 - Main features of the experience and processes undertaken
 - The outcomes
 - Describe briefly those identified as successful
 - Raise open questions and state the challenges

The time allotted is 15 minutes per presentation.

Audio-visual media may also be used to support presentations, and videos must meet the following technical specifications:

Maximum length: 2 minutes

Format: FullHD 1920x1080 MP4 Code H264

Presentations must be structured to free up and encourage the ministerial dialogue at each plenary session.

3. Deadline and how to apply

Countries have up to May 30, 2016 to confirm their presentation. In assigning topics, the order in which countries apply will be taken into consideration.

The application form can be filled out at

4. Questions

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