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**SECOND MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUPS  
OF THE XIX INTER-AMERICAN CONFERENCE  
OF MINISTERS OF LABOR (IACML)**

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Asuncion, Paraguay

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**PRELIMINARY AGENDA**

**Venue:** Crowne Plaza Hotel, Asuncion, Paraguay

On this occasion, the WG meetings will be followed by a Preparatory Meeting of the XX IACML.

We kindly ask all delegations to send their responses to the **Guiding Questions** for each session to [trabajo@oas.org](mailto:trabajo@oas.org), no later than April 10th. These responses are an important input to the meetings and will assist delegations in preparing their interventions.

**Meeting of Working Group 1: “Integrated public policies for productive employment and decent work with social inclusion”**

**Objectives of the Working Groups:** To explore in greater depth the themes identified in the Plan of Action of Cancun adopted at the XIX IACML in 2015, facilitate the exchange of experiences and follow up on related hemispheric initiatives.

WG1 Authorities

Chair: Ministry of Labor of Brazil

Vice-Chairs: Ministries of Labor of Chile and Panama

**DAY 1 – April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

7:50 – 8:30 a.m. REGISTRATION

8:30 – 9:00 a.m. **WELCOMING REMARKS** – Minister of Labor of Paraguay, OAS and WG1 Chair

9:00 – 11:00 a.m. **PANEL 1 – TRANSITION FROM THE INFORMAL TO THE FORMAL ECONOMY**

- Introductory presentations (30 min.) – OAS and ILO
- Presentations by 2 Ministries of Labor (10 min. each)
- Interventions from COSATE and CEATAL (10 min. each)
- Open space for dialogue between all the participants – Based on Guiding Question (50 min.)

**Guiding question** (based on Plan of Action of Cancun, Art. 6,j):

1. What new and innovative strategies and methods is your Ministry implementing to address informality, both to formalize workers from the informal economy and to formalize enterprises?

11:00 – 11:20 a.m.

**BREAK**

11:20 – 1:00 p.m.

**PANEL 2 – LABOR EQUALITY, ELIMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION AND LABOR INCLUSION OF VULNERABLE GROUPS – FOCUS ON YOUTH AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**

**SUB-PANEL: YOUTH**

- Introductory presentations (20 min.) – OAS, World Bank and Ministry of Labor of Brazil, including results of the Intersectoral Workshop on Youth Employment in Brasilia in December 2016
- Presentations by 2 Ministries of Labor (10 min. each)
- Open space for dialogue between all the participants (1 hour)

**Guiding questions** (based on Plan of Action of Cancun, Art. 6 a, b, c, f):

2. What strategies or initiatives are working in your country to promote equitable and inclusive job conditions and opportunities for youth?
3. What strategies or initiatives is your institution developing to ensure that technical education and professional training respond to the development needs of your country, and that they are a viable option for youth? Please mention any coordination efforts with the education sector, if any.

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

**LUNCH**

2:00 – 3:10 p.m.

**PANEL 2 (continued)**

**SUB-PANEL: PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**

- Introductory presentations (20 min.) – Trust for the Americas/OAS
- Presentations by 2 Ministries of Labor (10min. each)
- Open space for dialogue between all the participants (30 min.)

**Guiding questions** (based on Plan of Action of Cancun, Art. 6 a, b, c):

4. What strategies or initiatives is your institution developing to prevent and eliminate labor discrimination of people with disabilities?
5. What strategies or initiatives is your institution developing to promote technical education and professional training for people with disabilities, as well as improve their transition into the labor market?

3:10 – 3:30 p.m. **INFORMATIVE SESSION ON OTHER RELEVANT TOPICS OF WG1 AND CLOSING OF WG1 MEETING**

- Follow up to the study on Bilateral and Multilateral Social Security Agreements as they relate to Pensions
- Other issues and closing of the meeting

3:30 – 3:40 p.m. **BREAK**

**Meeting of Working Group 2: “Institutional strengthening to protect workers’ and employers’ rights and promote cooperation”**

WG2 Authorities

Chair: Ministry of Labor of Paraguay

Vice-Chairs: Ministries of Labor of Canada and Costa Rica

3:40 – 3:50 p.m. **OPENING OF WG2 MEETING** – WG2 Chair

3:50 – 5:50 p.m. **PANEL 1 – STRENGTHEN ENFORCEMENT OF LABOR LAWS AND REGULATIONS, BEYOND LABOR INSPECTION**

- Introductory presentation by ILO (20 min.)
- Presentations by 2 Ministries of Labor (10min. each)
- Interventions from COSATE and CEATAL (10 min. each)
- Open space for dialogue between all the participants (1 hour)

**Guiding questions** (based on Plan of Action of Cancun, Art. 8 a):

1. In addition to labor inspection functions, what initiatives is your Ministry developing to promote compliance of labor laws? Please highlight any training and awareness-raising activities.

**DAY 2 – April 28, 2017**

8:30 – 10:30 a.m. **PANEL 2 – SOCIAL PROTECTION AND CHILD LABOR**

- Introductory presentations (30 min.) – ILO, UNICEF and Ministry of Labor of Argentina (host of the IV Global Conference on Child Labor)
- Presentations by 3 Ministries of Labor (10min. each)
- Open space for dialogue between all the participants (1 hour)

**Guiding questions** (based on Plan of Action of Cancun, Art. 8, d, e):

2. What social protection policies and support mechanisms for children and their families is your institution implementing, with the goal of preventing and eliminating child labor?
3. What dialogue and cooperation efforts is your Ministry developing with ministries of social development and other relevant entities to achieve greater coordination between social protection strategies, productive development strategies and strategies to eliminate child labor?

10:30 – 10:50 a.m.      **BREAK**

10:50 – 12:10 p.m.      **PANEL 3 – STRENGTHENING LABOR ADMINISTRATIONS: THE INTER-AMERICAN NETWORK FOR LABOR ADMINISTRATION (RIAL)**

- OAS presentation – Activity and financial report (20 min.)
- Launch of the new Web Page and Portfolio of the RIAL
- Open space for dialogue (30 min)

**Guiding question** (based on Plan of Action of Cancun, Art. 8 a):

4. What has the impact of labor cooperation in the institutional strengthening of your Ministry been? Please comment on how the programs in your Ministry have been strengthened, as well as your capacity/ability to deliver your institutional commitments.

12:10 – 12:40 p.m.      **INFORMATIVE SESSION ON OTHER RELEVANT TOPICS OF WG2 AND CLOSING OF WG2 MEETING**

- Presentation of the RIAL Workshop on Labor Migration, to be held in Costa Rica in July 2017
- Other issues and closing of the WG2 meeting

12:40 – 2:00 p.m.      **LUNCH**

**First Preparatory Meeting of the XX IACML**

2:00 to 6:00 p.m. – Discussion and negotiation of the Theme proposal of the XX IACML, presented by the delegation of Barbados. The Agenda for this meeting will be available soon.