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## **“Old age protection in Latin America: lessons learned for other developing countries”**

**07th of December 2010**

**03.30 – 05.30 p.m. at BMZ Bonn (conference room A)**

### **Concept of the event**

The event shall depict key experiences with old age protection systems in Latin America and discuss the potential transferability for other developing countries in Asia and Africa.

At first, the global challenge of ageing and the need for decent old age protection systems will be presented by Dr. Helmut Schwarzer (ILO). Afterwards, major insights from last year's conference “Growing old with dignity” in Lima (Peru) and the subsequent report “Envejecimiento en America Latina” (editors: Antonio Prado/ Ana Sojo) will be presented by Ana Sojo (ECLAC).

The successive panel will discuss if and how the Latin American experiences in terms of old age protection can be useful and transferable for other developing countries in Asia and Africa. Good practices and possibilities for development cooperation to support the implementation of old age protection systems should be identified as well as barriers and key factors hindering the establishment of universal old age protection coverage. The panel will consist of Dr. Prasetijono Widjojo (Deputy Minister for Economic Affairs, National Development Planning Agency, BAPPENAS, Government of Indonesia), Astrid Walker Bourne (Head of Policy Help Age International), Ana Sojo (ECLAC) and Dr. Matthias Rompel (Head of Social Protection Unit). It will be hosted by Dr. Helmut Schwarzer.

Particularly relevant points to be discussed are: possibilities to increase old age protection coverage among informal sector workers, possibilities to extend current pension systems (mainly social insurance), the role of tax-financed social pensions as well as market-based solutions such as “micro-pensions”. Besides pension financing, further factors being relevant to the welfare and social protection of older people in developing countries shall be analyzed such as access to health protection and societal participation.

The event will take place in English language.

## **Main aspects**

15:30

### **Welcome**

Stefanie Ruff, BMZ Ref. 310

15.35

### **Keynote:**

#### **Dr. Helmut Schwarzer**

ILO Social Protection Dept. / ex Secretary for Social Insurance, Ministry of Social Insurance, Gvt of Brazil

### **-the challenge of global ageing, the need for adequate social protection systems**

#### **-short introduction of pension basics – with regard to Latin America**

The tradition of social insurance

Low coverage rates due to informal sector work

Individual account saving – the Chilean case as a role model?

possibly: challenges of the Brazilian old age protection system

### **-Latin America in the global development discourse**

15.50

#### **Presentation of major aspects from the report „Envejecimiento en America Latina“ (Ageing in Latin America)**

#### **Ana Sojo**

Social Development Division at CEPAL/ECLAC, Santiago de Chile

16.05

**Panel discussion:**

Lessons learned and transferability of old age protection in Latin America for Asia and Africa

Dr .Prasetijono Widjojo, Deputy Minister for Economic Affairs, National Development Planning Agency, BAPPENAS, Govt. of Indonesia

Astrid Walker, Head of Policy, HelpAge International, London

Ana Sojo, Social Development Division, CEPAL/ECLAC

Dr. Matthias Rompel, Head of Social Protection Unit, GTZ

Host: Dr. Helmut Schwarzer

**-comparable challenges for old age protection in Asia and Africa due to demographic change, ageing and population dynamics?**

Development state of old age protection systems in Asia and Africa

**-are the experiences from Latin America transferable/ adaptable? Which aspects might compose lessons learned?**

Financing mechanisms and administrative requirements– e.g. are social pensions in the context of weak administrative capacities a better recommendation whereas large segments of the population in emerging economies in Asia can afford contributions?

Gender aspects and labor market inequalities as determining factors for the design of a pension system?

The role of social pensions in poverty reduction

Privatization of old age protection: Chile as a role model?

Microfinance and micropensions: individual saving responsibility of the poor or „drop in the ocean“?

The need for complementing old age pension systems by other age-friendly services and inclusion policies

**-Starting points for development cooperation in the field of old-age protection?**

Supporting the implementation of old age protection systems in developing countries/ supporting pension

Supporting civil society interest representation – the potential of OPAs  
(Older Persons Associations)

Mainstreaming older persons concerns or specific policy approaches?

Possibly: benefits of a UN convention