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**International seminar**

**Haiti: The challenges of implementing the National Policy for Social Protection and Promotion (PNPPS) in the light of Latin America and the Caribbean experiences**

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## **I. BACKGROUND**

The Ministry of Social Affairs and Labor (MAST) of Haiti, has been engaged for nearly a decade in a continuous effort to establish the strategic framework of a national social policy aimed at responding to Haiti's major challenges in this area. Indeed, it should be remembered that the indicators of access to basic social services in education and health, provision of social care and attention to early childhood, the elderly or the disabled, and so many others, reflect again and again not only a structural deficit in these issues but also alarming and persistent results in poverty, inequality and social exclusion for large sections of the Haitian population, in a context of meager economic growth. In this respect, the adoption of the National Policy for Social Protection and Promotion (PNPPS) in 2020 is a major political and institutional advance, because this instrument was intended first and foremost to define the strategic framework for necessary interventions to remedy it, based on a participatory approach and the broad consensus of many national actors, but also of the collaboration of a set of international partners, including the World Food Programme (WFP), the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) of the United Nations and the Embassy of Switzerland in Haiti.

Over the past two years, as a result of the decree that promulgates the PNPPS, the MAST has been involved, through the Social Protection Sector Board (TSPS) and the Drafting Sub-Committee (SCR), in an exercise aimed at the implementation of the PNPPS, first through the prioritization of its multiple mechanisms, and today in the process of developing Action Plans (at the national and departmental levels). It is at this crossroads that we are today, where the

operationalization and institutionalization of the prioritized mechanisms, as well as their feasibility and financing, are first-order issues.

## II. OBJECTIVES

Following the development by the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labor of a National Policy for Social Protection and Promotion in Haiti, this seminar proposes to present the main axes of this Policy to various national and international actors, and above all, to analyze the challenges of its implementation in the context of exchanges between Haitian officials, program operators implemented by international partners in Haiti and experts and officials from countries in the Latin America and Caribbean region. The seminar should constitute a tool, in particular, for the members of the SCR for the finalization of the prioritization of the mechanisms for the national action plan. In addition, it is expected that these exchanges between MAST and the invited countries will lead to further collaboration between the countries.

**Modality:** the seminar will take place over two effective days, in a hybrid format, around thematic panels addressing subjects such as the challenges of the implementation of the PNPPS, both at the level of the general institutional framework, and specific management and policy instruments such as cash transfers and social registries. The six working groups of the action plans already identified by the SCR will also be addressed: 1. Exemption from payment for essential health services; 2. Cash transfers for the fight against poverty; 3. Pre-school and primary education; 4. Employment, training and labour inclusion; 5. Social assistance and 6. Institutional reforms. The focus will be on cash transfers, social assistance, and social information systems and registration of destinataries.

The exchanges during these various panels aim to present and discuss, considering regional experiences (Latin America and the Caribbean), the challenges in terms of the operationalization and institutionalization prioritized mechanisms in the Action Plans of the PNPPS, both in terms of its feasibility and its financing.

(\*) Participants:

(a) MAST officials and officials from various agencies in Haiti

(b) Regional guests: Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Jamaica, Mexico, Peru and Uruguay.

(c) ECLAC and WFP officials;

## AGENDA

### DAY 1: 21st of June

08:30 – 9:00 Welcome and register of participants

09:00 – 9:30 Inauguration

Mr. Marc-André Prost, Deputy Director, Haiti Office, World Food Programme.

Mr. Alberto Arenas de Mesa, Head of the Social Development Division, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean.

Mr. Fabrizio Poretti, Embassy of Switzerland in Haiti.

Mr. Pierre Ricot Odney, Minister of Social Affairs and Labour.

### Panel I: Social protection and promotion policy, the challenges of its implementation and institutionalization

Chair: Frantz Souverain (MAST)

Haitian experience:

9:30 – 9:45 Adler Elciné and Nathalie Lamaute-Brisson (MAST): *The national policy for social protection and promotion (PNPPS); fundamentals and action plans.*

Regional experience:

9:45 – 9:55 Carlos Maldonado (ECLAC): *Institutional challenges of social protection and promotion systems in Latin America and the Caribbean.*

9:55 – 10:10 Cecilia Sena (Director, Ministry of Social Development of Uruguay): *Social Protection during Covid 19, the investment challenge in specific populations, experience in Uruguay.*

10:10 – 10:25 Francisca Moreno (Director, MDSF of Chile): *The monitoring and evaluation of social programs: The experience of Chile.*

10:25 – 11:00 Synthesis, questions and answers.

11:00 – 11:15 Coffee break

### Panel II: Information systems / registers and targeting of recipients

Chair: Christian Bouchereau (SIMAST)

Haitian experience:

11:15 – 11:30 Donald Deslandes Rozéfart and Jonès Pyram (MAST): *The Information System of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labor (SIMAST).*

Regional experience:

11:30 – 11:45 Tamara Van Hemelryck (Assessor to the Ministry of Social Development of Chile): *Recent experiences in the extension of social registries in Latin America: the case of Chile.*

- 11 :45 – 12:00 Susana Doñé (Director of Planning, Sistema Único de Beneficiarios (SIUBEN) Dominican Republic): *Social information system as a guarantee for the implementation of adaptive social protection policies for the most vulnerable households.*
- 12:00 – 12:15 Irene Hernandez (Sistema Nacional de Información y Registro Único de Beneficiarios del Estado, Costa Rica): *SINIRUBE: Advances and challenges for the creation of a single registry of socioeconomic information in Costa Rica.*
- 12:15 – 12:30 Laura Pabón (Director of Social Development, DNP Colombia): *The system of identification of potential recipients (SISBEN).*
- 12 :15 - 13:15 Synthesis, questions and answers.

13:15 – 14 :00 Lunch break

### Panel III: Cash Transfers

**Chair : Sherly Jean-Charles (Ministry of Economy and Finance)**

Haitian experience:

14:00–14:15 Joseph Alexis, Serge Raphael (MAST): *Cash Transfers of the project Adaptative Social Protection for an accrued resilience (PSARA).*

Regional experience:

14:15 – 14:25 Simone Cecchini (ECLAC): *The impact of cash transfers on poverty and employment in Latin America and the Caribbean.*

14:25–14:40 Van Elder Espinal (Cabinet for the coordination of social policy of the Dominican Republic): *Cash transfers and shock response programs.*

14:40–14:55 Colette Roberts Riden (Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Labor and Social Security): *The PATH programme in Jamaica.*

15:00 – 15:15 María del Rocío García (Secretary of Wellbeing, Mexico): *Pension for the Welfare of Older Adults.*

15 :10-16 :00 Synthesis, questions and answers.

### Day 2

08:15 – 8:45 Welcome and register of participants.

08:45 – 9:00 Context (MAST, WFP, ECLAC).

### Panel IV. Employment, training and labour inclusion

**Chair: Constantin Cadet (MAST)**

Haitian experience:

9:00 – 9:15 Guerline Jean-Louis and André Ibréus (MAST): *Labour Direction in Haiti.*

9:15 – 9:30 Marie Flore Monval Bourgoïn (Economic and Social Assistance Fund): *Temporal social assistance and skill competences for Young People.*

9:30 – 9 :45 Monica del Sarto (Caritas): *Certification system and labor access.*

Regional experience:

- 9:45 – 10:00 Carolina Miranda (Fundación Capital, Colombia) : *Graduation programs for the ultra-poor in Latin America.*
- 10:00 – 10 :15 Carlos Figueroa (Foncodes): *The "Haku Winay" program in Peru.*
- 10:15 – 10 :30 Dayra Vergara Vergara (Ministry of Labour and Social Protection, Mexico): *The "Jóvenes Construyendo Futuro" program in Mexico.*
- 10:30 – 10:40 Varinia Tromben (ECLAC): *Employment and Labour Inclusion Policies in Latin America*
- 10:30 – 11:00 Questions and answers.

11:00– 11:15 Coffee break

## Panel V. Social assistance and early childhood

**Chair: Marie Michèle Alexandre (Ministry of Planification and External Cooperation)**

Haitian experience:

- 11 :15- 11 :30 Roosevelt Jean-Louis and Peterson Cadet (Institute of Social Welfare and Research): *Social Protection from the IBERS.*
- 11 :30 -11 :45 Nathalie Lamaute-Brisson (WFP): *Care in the National policy for social protection and promotion (PNPPS).*

Regional experience:

- 11:45- 12:00 Claudia Robles (ECLAC): *Universal social protection systems and early childhood: challenges facing the impacts of the COVID 19 pandemic.*
- 12 :00- 12 :15 Carmen Lourdes Sevilla (Ministry of Development and Social Inclusion of Peru): *The "Cuna Más" Program of Peru.*
- 12 :15-12 :30 Colette Roberts Riden (Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Labor and Social Security): *The model of social workers in Jamaica.*
- 12 :45-13 :30 Dr. Joanne Smith (Lecturer, Caribbean Institute for Health Research, The University of the West Indies): *Reach Up: An Early Childhood Parenting Programme.*
- 12 :45-13 :30 Synthesis, questions and answers.

13:15 – 14:00 Lunch break

## Round table and closing of the seminar: the challenges of implementing the PNPPS

- 14:00 – 14:15 Randolph Gilbert (ECLAC): Summary of the seminar.
- 14:15 – 14:45 Comments to the summary of the seminar.
- 14:45 – 16:00 Minister Mr. Pierre Ricot Odney: Closing remarks and next steps.