CALL FOR PAPERS

6th REGIONAL MEETING
PUBLIC POLICY ANALYSIS
WITH COMPUTABLE GENERAL EQUILIBRIUM MODELS

Organized by
Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)
Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)

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The objective of the regional meetings is to establish a space for dialogue amongst modelers and public servants working for the region and to strengthen their analytical capabilities to evaluate public policies. The 2017 event will be a forum for methodological and economic policy discussions for researchers and policymakers that work in the Latin American and Caribbean region. On the one hand it seeks to increase the knowledge of modelers with regard to new areas of analysis using CGEs while on the other hand its goal is to provide feedback from economic policymakers on the modeler’s research.

The 6th regional meeting is part of the project Enhancing the Contribution of Preferential Trade Agreements to Inclusive and Equitable Trade, jointly carried out by the United Nations regional commissions of Latin America, Asia and Africa, and whose objective is to facilitate the negotiation of fair and equitable trade agreements that can contribute to a vision of development combining growth with social inclusion. Therefore, the theme of this year's meeting will be focused on the social effects of trade policy.

The organizing committee invites interested researchers to send their contributions - theoretical, empirical or methodological - related to Latin America and the Caribbean and with the evaluation of the social effects of the conclusion of a trade agreement, or of changes in trade policy. In particular, priority will be given to papers that analyze the impact on employment, wages, consumption, poverty and other related variables, as well as disaggregated analyses that show heterogeneous effects by social groups, occupational qualifications or sub-national geographic location.
The call is articulated in the following macro-topics:

1. **Trade Negotiations and Regional Integration**: Economic and social impact of the reversal of preferences in trade agreements; Formation of new trade blocs such as Pacific Alliance, TTIP or RCEP; distributional impacts and poverty effects in Latin America and the Caribbean countries.

2. **International Trade**: Economic and social impact of reforms in trade policy, such as raising or lowering tariffs, negotiation of new regulatory regimes, etc.; Implementation of trade facilitation measures; Trade in services.

3. **Non-Tariff Measures**: Compilation, classification and analysis of official information on non-tariff measures (NTMs); Estimation of *ad valorem* equivalents; Impact of NTMs on international trade and other macroeconomic.

4. **Climate Change and the Environment**: Economic and social impacts of international climate change and emission reduction agreements, policies of adaptation to climate change, and low carbon growth.

5. **Latin America and the Caribbean’s Participation in Value Chains**: Economic and social impact of the transformation of global and regional value chains; Technological intensity and changes in the productive structure.

6. **Data and Methodology**: Data and methodologies that contribute to improving the analysis of the social effects of trade, including: dynamic stochastic general equilibrium models; Micro-simulations; Input-output matrices; Social accounting matrices; Estimation of elasticities and coefficients; Foreign direct investment; Value added in trade in services.

Interested participants should send their full papers or abstracts via email to uirdcii@un.org before July 31, specifying the macro-theme of the research proposal. Papers should be no longer than 10,000 words and should be sent in PDF or Word format, in English or Spanish.

The committee also welcomes proposals for organized sessions for which a title and abstract of the session and a maximum of four full papers or abstracts should be submitted.

Papers will be reviewed by the technical committee considering their relevance, academic merit and a particular interest in innovative methodologies. A special category will be reserved for papers by Latin American PhD students and their dissertations on the topics abovementioned as well as for government officials of the region.

The results of the selection process will be communicated by email before August 31.

A set of selected works will be partially funded by the Organizing Committee, according to the availability of resources.