

Fifth Regional Seminar on Social Development

Towards the Second World Summit on Social Development: Priorities for Inclusive Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean

Panel VI

Social Protection and Labour Inclusion: Sinergies for an Inclusive Social Development

Date: Thursday, June 26, 2025

Time: 15:00-16:30 hours Chile

Room: Celso Furtado Room

Registration and connection link:

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The event will have interpretation in **Spanish and English**

Background:

The World Summit for Social Development held in Copenhagen in 1995 established a crucial framework for understanding social development as a comprehensive process involving the reduction of poverty and inequality through coordinated strategies and effective public policies. Thirty years after the Summit, countries in the region have advanced toward more ambitious goals and targets aimed at achieving inclusive social development—defined as a state in which all people are free from poverty and enjoy a level of well-being consistent with the society's economic growth.

Achieving inclusive social development requires labor inclusion and the consolidation of universal, comprehensive, sustainable, and resilient social protection systems. Labor inclusion refers not only to people's integration into the labor market but also to the conditions under which this integration takes place, so that individuals can access decent work, with labor rights fully guaranteed and full access to social protection. Social protection policies, such as cash transfers and instruments for accessing social services and care policies, are also strategic for achieving labor inclusion through integrated initiatives that support capacity development, income protection, and access to job opportunities—especially for workers in situations of greater vulnerability.

Objective:

This panel seeks to foster a constructive debate on the most effective strategies for designing and implementing labor inclusion policies that are integrated with social protection systems, and to understand their impacts and key lessons learned. With the participation of representatives from countries with relevant experience in this area, the session aims to identify and analyze challenges, opportunities, and potential synergies that may arise between these policies, thereby strengthening the pathways toward inclusive social development in the region. Some of the areas to be explored include lessons from policies aimed at promoting the labor inclusion and social protection of people in situations of greater vulnerability, as well as policies designed to expand access to contributory social protection and reduce informality through labor and social security reforms currently being implemented in the region.

Preliminary program:

15:00 – 15:05	Welcoming Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nincen Figueroa, Research Assistant, ECLAC
15:05 – 15:20	Presentation: <p>“Synergies between social protection and labor inclusion”, Claudia Robles, Social Affairs Officer, ECLAC, in the framework of the ECLAC-BMZ/giz Project <i>“Productive, ecological and socially just economic transformation”</i>.</p>
15:20-16:20	Comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jesús Baldeón, Vice-Minister of Employment Promotion and Job Training, Peru. Naomi Arboleda, Coordinator of the Economic Inclusion Component, Office of External Projects, Supérate Program, Dominican Republic. Pedro Kumamoto, Secretary General, Inter-American Conference on Social Security, Dominican Republic.
16:20-16:30	Discussion and closing
Moderator: Nincen Figueroa, Research Assistant, ECLAC	