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General Information



Date: November 17-18, 2022



Host: Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic



Venue: Hotel Intercontinental Real (Av. Winston Churchill, 10127)

Theme

“Strengthening Hemispheric Cooperation towards Resilient Reconstruction and Sustainable Social Development in the Americas”

What are the principal objectives of the REMDES?



Provide a **forum for dialogue on social policies and consensus-building among OAS Member States** to identify regional trends and priorities.



Facilitate the **exchange of experiences, knowledge, and promising practices** in the design and implementation of **social policies**.



Identify **opportunities for cooperation** among entities responsible for social inclusion and development in the Member States.



Define the OAS working agenda to support Member States in addressing regional priorities for social development.



What are the expected results of the V REMDES?

- ✓ **Expand and consolidate perspectives for action that facilitate the construction of social protection systems** that are capable of adapting and responding to the integral needs of contemporary society in an effective, efficient, and sustainable manner.
- ✓ **Identify and share experiences and promising practices** regarding the central topics of the meeting, emphasizing the lessons learned from their formulation and execution.
- ✓ **Expand and consolidate strategic alliances and cooperation initiatives** to promote hemispheric social development.
- ✓ **Adopt an “Inter-American Declaration of Priorities in Social Development”** that defines lines of action to promote social development in the region and a Plan of Action with specific activities to advance the fulfillment of these priorities (“Dominican Republic Plan of Action 2022”).
- ✓ **Identify some concrete proposals for strengthening the Inter-American Social Protection Network (IASPN)** as a cooperation mechanism of reference to support the implementation of the **Plan of Action 2022-2025**.

What topics will be addressed at the V REMDES?

- 1 Social Protection Systems in the region in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 2 Labor market and social protection: labor-productive inclusion and promotion of formality, with an emphasis on access to social security, as strategies to reduce inequalities and eradicate poverty.
- 3 Moving towards care societies: challenges and lessons learned from Integrated Care Systems in the region.
- 4 Strengthening international and regional cooperation as a key to promoting equity and sustainability of social protection systems.



How can OAS Member States and their national social development institutions benefit from the REMDES?

The central purpose of the **Inter-American Declaration of Priorities in Social Development and its Plan of Action** for the **period 2022-2025** is to promote strategies aimed at improving the technical capacities of the institutions responsible for the design, formulation, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of the social policies and program of the OAS Member States. This is achieved through activities such as: webinars, technical workshops, dialogue, and technical cooperation among peers.

In addition, **the countries will have the opportunity to join Working Groups** that have been formed for the implementation of the Plan of Action and to participate actively and benefit from various activities such as: cooperation/technical assistance projects and peer-to-peer learning, knowledge production strategies at the hemispheric level, training days, webinars, and technical workshops, among others.

- ▶ **Working Group 1:** "Measurements of multidimensional poverty and the design of public policies intended to guarantee well-being and enjoyment of a good quality of life."
- ▶ **Working Group 2:** "Social protection systems that lead to social development, through the reduction of poverty and inequality, and expand social protection with a comprehensive approach."
- ▶ **Working Group 3:** "Partnerships, financing, and strengthening hemispheric cooperation and technical assistance to promote social development, through the Inter-American Social Protection Network (IASPN)."

How do Ministers and high authorities benefit from participating in the V REMDES?

The Fifth Meeting of Ministers and High Authorities of Social Development will be one of the first face-to-face meetings that the authorities will have in the post-pandemic phase and, therefore, an excellent opportunity to meet their peers and strengthen strategic alliances, to hold bilateral meeting and exchanges with other regional bodies invited to participate, which have also been key partners for national ministries and institutions, such as: The World Bank, ECLAC, EUROSociAL, IDB, and UNDP, among others.



What is offered to facilitate the participation of the Ministers and high authorities?

As a courtesy, the host country of the Dominican Republic will cover 3 nights of accommodations at the Hotel Intercontinental Real Santo Domingo, internal transfers, and meals for the ministers or heads of delegation that participate (**1 person per country**) to alleviate costs and ensure that the authorities can guarantee their participation. In addition, other participants in the delegations of their countries will be able to access preferential rates in a number of local hotels (see details in the Informative Bulletin).

Some of the exhibitors and special guests to the V REMDES



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