



RIAL WORKSHOP ON “PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT SERVICES”

Inter-American Network for Labor Administration (RIAL)



AGENDA

Date: December 10-11, 2008

Venue: Bolivar Room, Hotel Riande Continental, Panama City, Panama

General objective: Promote horizontal cooperation among Ministries of Labor of the Region by exchanging knowledge and best practices on public employment systems, from an integral perspective in the delivery of quality services. The Workshop will consider not only labor intermediation strategies but also available tools for employment policies, which are administered based on users' needs in local contexts.

Specific objectives:

1. Exchange and analyze experiences on strategies to link Public Employment Services (PES) with the productive environment, as a condition for guaranteeing quality services.
2. Analyze the articulation of PES with workforce development (training) systems and with labor market information systems, including Observatories.
3. Identify and recognize good practices with respect to linkages between PES and comprehensive systems that address the needs of persons facing greater barriers in entering the labor market.

Methodology: The Workshop will be divided in 3 Panels combining experiences from Ministries of Labor, experts' presentations, as well as spaces for open dialogue. Panels will respond to the “Guiding Questions”, which will be sent to participants in advance.

TUESDAY, December 9, 2008

7:00 p.m. Cocktail Reception offered by the Ministry of Labor and Labor Development of Panama

Venue: Taboga Room, Hotel Riande Continental

WEDNESDAY, December 10, 2008

8:30 - 9:00 Registration and Reception of Participants - Bolivar Room

Opening Session

9:00 - 9:20 Opening Remarks:

- Francisco Pilotti, Director of the Department of Social Development and Employment, OAS
- Vice-Minister Felipe Cano, Vice-Minister of Labor and Labor Development of Panama
- Minister Edwin Salamín, Minister of Labor and Labor Development of Panama

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Panel 1 - PES and Local Development: linkages with the productive environment to ensure access to quality and productive employment
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Moderator: Eva Raskovsky, Director of Employment Services, Ministry of Labor, Employment and Social Security of Argentina

- 9:20 - 10:00** Introductory presentations:
- Panel orientation, by the moderator
 - PES decentralization processes in Central America and Dominican Republic, by Leonardo Ferreira, Employment Specialist of ILO Subregional Office for Central America
 - Questions and answers
- 10:00 - 10:30** National experiences (Part 1):
- Decentralization strategy of PES in **El Salvador**, by Raúl Castro, Coordinator of the National Employment Network, Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare
 - Questions and answers
- 10:30 - 10:45** Coffee Break
- 10:45 - 12:15** National experiences (Part 2) and open dialogue:
- The Public Employment Centers, a local tool of active employment policies in **Uruguay**, by Martha Pereyra, Director of Public Employment Services, Ministry of Labor and Social Security
 - Open dialogue among participants, based on the Guiding Questions
- 12:15 - 1:00** Perspectives from social actors and their linkages with PES
- Employers' perspective, by Manuel Teran, representative of CEATAL
 - Workers' perspective, by Robert Giuseppi, President of COSATE
 - Questions and answers
- 1:00 - 2:30** LUNCH

PANEL 2 - Articulation of PES with workforce development (training) systems and information systems
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Moderator: Patrick Venier, Executive Secretary, World Association of Public Employment Services (WAPES)

- 2:30 - 2:45** Introductory presentation:
- Panel orientation, including description and current challenges of PES, by the moderator
- 2:45 - 3:45** National experiences (Part 1):
- The Employment Portal of **México**, combining intermediation tools and information systems, by Alejandro Razo, General Coordinator of the National Employment Service
 - Strategy to articulate information, certification and training systems of **Chile**, by Leonardo Ormeño, SENCE's Chief of Staff
 - Questions and answers

- 3:45 - 4:00** Coffee Break
- 4:00 - 5:30** National experiences (Part 2) and open dialogue:
- Experience of **Bahamas**, by Harcourt Brown, Director of Labour, Ministry of Labour and Social Development
 - Open dialogue among participants, based on the Guiding Questions
- 5:30 p.m.** Adjournment
- 7:30 p.m.** Dinner hosted by Hon. Edwin Salamin, Minister of Labor and Labor Development of Panama
Venue: Canal's Riviera

THURSDAY, December 11, 2008

PANEL 3 - Public Employment Services' approach to addressing vulnerable groups or persons with greater barriers to employment
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Moderator: Maria Claudia Camacho, Labor Specialist, Department of Social Development and Employment, OAS

- 9:00 - 9:15** Introductory presentations:
- Panel orientation, by the moderator
- 9:15 - 10:45** National experiences (Part 1) and open dialogue:
- The experience of **Argentina** regarding the Training and Employment Insurance, by Enrique Deibe, Secretary of Employment, Ministry of Labor, Employment and Social Security
 - The experience of **Brasil**, by Adriana Ligiéro, General Coordinator of Employment and Income, Ministry of Labor and Employment
 - Open dialogue among participants, based on the Guiding Questions
- 10:45 - 11:15** Coffee Break
- 11:15 - 1:00** National experiences (Part 2) and open dialogue:
- The experience of **Panama**, by Ernesto Fuentes, Director General of Employment, Ministry of Labor
 - The experience of **Peru** and its Program "Building Peru", by Javier Barreda, Vice-Minister of Employment Promotion, Ministry of Labor and Employment Promotion
 - Open dialogue among participants, based on the Guiding Questions
- 1:00 - 3:00** LUNCH

Summary of discussions and lessons learned - Closing session

- 3.00 - 4:45** Presentation of Summary of discussions and lessons learned, by the moderators:
- Presentation of Panel 1
 - Presentation of Panel 2
 - Presentation of Panel 3
 - Dialogue among participants to complement the summaries presented and propose steps to follow.
- 4:45 - 5:00** Coffee Break
- 5:00 - 5:30** Closing Session:
- Remarks by Francisco Pilotti, Director DDSE, OEA
 - Remarks by Enrique Deibe, Secretary of Employment, Ministry of Labor, Employment and Social Security of Argentina
 - Remarks by Patrick Venier, Executive Secretary of WAPES
 - Remarks by Vice-Minister Felipe Cano, Vice-Minister of Labor and Labor Development of Panama
 - Closing Remarks by Minister Edwin Salamín, Minister of Labor and Labor Development of Panama