



Workshop “Towards a Stronger Coordination between Education and Labor in the Americas”

May 4 and 5, 2023

Buenos Aires, Argentina (Hybrid)

In-person & Virtual

AGENDA

General objective: Increase knowledge and strengthen the capacities of the Ministries of Labor and Education to move towards greater intersectoral coordination, especially around national and regional qualifications frameworks.

Specific objectives:

- Exchange and analyze concrete experiences of collaboration and/or coordination between Ministries of Labor and Education in the region.
- Exchange information on the state of progress, the successes, and challenges in the development of national qualifications frameworks in the different countries of the region.
- Discuss and explore possible steps to follow to design a regional qualifications framework.
- Identify lessons learned and policy recommendations to strengthen the coordination between Ministries of Labor and Ministries of Education and the development of national qualifications frameworks.

Thursday, May 4

8:20 – 9:00 On-site registration and opening of Zoom virtual room for soundchecks (Buenos Aires time, *please check local time*)

9:00 – 9:30 **Welcome and opening remarks**

- Jesús Schucry Giacomán, Director of the Department of Human Development, Education and Employment of the Organization of American States (OAS)
- Andrea García, Secretary of Education Cooperation and Priority Actions, Ministry of Education of Argentina
- Minister Raquel Cecilia Kismer de Olmos, Minister of Labor, Employment and Social Security of Argentina

9:30 – 9:50 **Introductory session**

- Intervention of the Chair of the Inter-American Conference of Ministers of Labor (IACML), by Edith Byk, National Director of Continuing Training, Ministry of Labor, Employment and Social Security of Argentina
- Intervention of the Chair of the Inter-American Committee on Education (CIE), by Marina Larrea, National Director of International Cooperation, Ministry of Education of Argentina

9:50 – 10:00 Coffee break

10:00 – 12:50 **1st Session – Institutional coordination: Concrete experiences of coordination between Ministries of Labor and Education in the region**

Moderator: Marina Larrea, National Director for International Cooperation, Ministry of Education of Argentina

National experiences (20 minutes each):

- **Jamaica** - Dameon Black, Executive Director of the Tertiary Education Commission; Marcia Rowe-Amonde, Director of Curriculum and Learning for the vocational training agency (HEART TRUST/NSTA); and Roy Taylor, Senior Education Officer for Vocational and Technical Education
- **Peru** - Violeta Leyva, Vice-Minister of Employment Promotion and Labor Training, Ministry of Labor and Employment Promotion
- **Mexico** - Rodrigo Ramírez Quintana, Head of the National Employment Service Unit, Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare
- **Suriname** - Daniela Rosario, Deputy Director of Education, Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, and Naomi Esajas-Friperson, Deputy Director of Labor Market, Ministry of Labor, Employment and Youth Affairs.

Social actors' perspective (10 minutes each):

- **Workers' representative.** Marta Pujadas, Chair of the Trade Union Technical Advisory Council (COSATE)
- **Employers' representative.** Laura Giménez of the Industrial Union of Argentina, on behalf of the Chair of the Business Technical Advisory Committee on Labor Matters (CEATAL)

Open dialogue among all delegations (1 hour and 10 minutes)

Guiding questions for the presentations and the dialogue of the 1st session:

- *What are the main areas and actions of coordination between the Ministries of Education and Labor in your country? We suggest considering actions in the field of teacher training, the link between education and professional training, actions to facilitate the school-to-work transition, among others.*
- *What are the main successes and lessons learned from the actions indicated in the previous question?*

12:50 – 14:00 **Break. Lunch offered by the Ministry of Labor, Employment and Social Security of Argentina**

14:00 – 17:00 **2nd Session – The National Qualifications Frameworks as a concrete tool for education-labor coordination**

Moderator: Carmen Lemos Ibarra, Director of Skills Standardization and Quality Certification, Ministry of Labor, Employment and Social Security of Argentina

Introductory presentation:

- Presentation by ILO/CINTERFOR with an overview of the development of national qualifications frameworks in the region, by Fernando Vargas, Lead Specialist (20 minutes)

National experiences (20 minutes each):

- **Chile** - Catalina Estévez, Head of the Area of Articulation with the Technical Vocational Training of Chile Valora, Anita Melo Lagos, Professional of the Department of Training of People of SENCE, and Cristian Lincovil, Executive Secretary of Technical Professional Secondary Education, Ministry of Education
- **Colombia** - Judy Caldas, Director of Mobility and Training of the Ministry of Labor and Eliana Mendieta, Deputy Director of Support to Higher Education Institutions of the Ministry of Education
- **Costa Rica** - Juan Ricardo Wong, Executive Director of the National Council for Higher Education (CONASUP), Ministry of Education

The experience of the Regional Qualifications Framework of the Pacific Alliance

- Presentation by Igor Dedic on behalf of the Alliance's Technical Labor Group (20 minutes)

Open dialogue among all delegations (1 hour and 20 minutes)

Guiding questions for the presentations and the dialogue of the 2nd session:

- *At what stage is the development of the qualifications framework in your country?*
- *What aspects favor and what aspects hinder the formulation of a national qualifications framework?*
- *What lessons learned can be synthesized to further advance in national qualifications frameworks?*

17:15

Transportation from the Ministry of Education to the Hotel Regal Pacific

Friday, May 5

9:00 – 10:00 2nd Session – Continuation of day 1 discussion

10:00 – 12:00 **3rd Session – Activity in subgroups**

Moderator: María Claudia Camacho, Chief of the Labor and Employment Section, Department of Human Development, Education and Employment of the OAS

Guiding questions for subgroups:

- *What are the main successes and lessons learned from the actions of coordination between the Ministries of Education and Labor? [Question comes from the 1st Session]*
- *What lessons learned can be synthesized to further advance in national qualifications frameworks? [Question comes from the 2nd Session]*
- *What public policy recommendations can be made to promote and improve the coordination between the Ministries of Labor and Education? What should be the priority areas for such coordination?*

12:00 – 13:00 **Break/Lunch and space for rapporteurs of subgroups to refine conclusions.** Lunch offered by the Ministry of Labor, Employment and Social Security of Argentina

13:00 – 14:00 **Presentation of subgroup conclusions**

14:00 – 14:30 **Closing remarks**

- Jesús Schucry Giacomán, Director of the Department of Human Development, Education and Employment of the Organization of American States (OAS)
- Marina Larrea, National Director for International Cooperation, Ministry of Education of Argentina
- Leonardo Julio Di Pietro Paolo, Secretary of Employment, Ministry of Labor, Employment and Social Security of Argentina

14:30 – 15:30 **Guided visit to the National Teachers Library and the Sarmiento Palace, focusing on architectural heritage and the works of the Art Gallery of the Ministry of Education of Argentina**

15:40 **Transportation from the Ministry of Education to the Hotel Regal Pacific**