

Health, Education and Marginalized Populations in Latin America and the Caribbean: An Initial Review of Policy

Monday, June 9, 2008

Ottawa, Canada

Carleton University – Azrieli Theatre 102

Purpose: This conference will convene development officials and experts with experience in working with marginalized populations. The conference is designed to initiate an exploration of themes, policy interventions and building blocks from Canada and the LAC Region, as well as share knowledge and develop new public policies for improving access to health and education services by marginalized populations in the LAC Region.

Registration 8:15 – 8:45am

Opening Words

8:45 – 9:00am

Carlo Dade – Executive Director, Canadian Foundation for the Americas (FOCAL)

Linda Kolko – Vice President for Operations, Inter-American Foundation (IAF)

Susan McCoy – Director Policy, Planning and Management, Americas Branch, Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA)

Panel One

IDENTITY, ETHICS AND DEFICIENCIES: DATA COLLECTION AND OTHER ISSUES FOR DEVELOPMENT OFFICIALS AND POLICY MAKERS

9:00 – 10:30am

Moderator

Racquel Smith – Project Manager, Afro-Latinos and Economic Development, Canadian Foundation for the Americas (FOCAL)

Speakers

Marcelo Paixao – General Coordinator, Laboratório de Análises Econômicas, Sociais e Estatísticas das Relações Raciais (LAESER), Brazil
“Afro-Latino Population”

Harry Patrinos – Lead Education Economist, World Bank
“Indigenous Population”

Dayana Gisell Martinez-Burke – Congresswoman, Honduras
“Disabled Population”

Discussants

Kim Bulger – Consultant, Health Canada

Luis Eduardo Vides Lozano – Consultant, National Aboriginal Health Organization (NAHO)

Break 10:30 – 11:00am

Panel Two

EDUCATION: MAJOR ISSUES AND BEST PRACTICES IN THE REGION

11:00 – 12:30pm

Moderator

Maria Garasa – Analyst, Policy and Planning Division, Americas Branch, Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA)

Speakers

Romero Rodríguez – Advisor to the President of Uruguay, Oficinas Regionales de Análisis de Políticas de Equidad Racial (ORAPER)
“Afro-Latino Population”

German Flores – Director Provincial, Ministry of Social and Economic Integration (MIES-IMBABURA), Ecuador
“Indigenous Population”

Dayana Gisell Martinez-Burke – Congresswoman, Honduras
“Disabled Population”

Discussants

Peter Garrow – Director of Education, Governance & Jurisdiction, Assembly of First Nations (AFN)

Carl Ruano, Consultant, Ottawa

Working Lunch

CASE STUDY OF BREAKWATER RESOURCES AND THE EL MOCHITO MINE IN HONDURAS

12:30 – 1:30pm

Moderator

Jean Pierre Chabot – Manager of Research and Policy Analysis, Mining Industry Human Resource Council

Speaker

Aaron Steeghs – Corporate Social Responsibility Advisor, Breakwater Resources

Panel Three

HEALTH: MAJOR ISSUES & BEST PRACTICES IN THE REGION

1:30 – 3:00pm

Moderator

Janet Hatcher Roberts – Executive Director, Canadian Society for International Health (CSIH)

SpeakersJose Guillermo Guevara Torres, Consultant, Peru
*“Afro-Latino Population”*Dr. Jose Luis Di Fabio – Regional Advisor, Pan-American Health Organization (PAHO)
*“Indigenous Population”*Javier Diez Canseco – Former Member of Congress, Republic of Peru
*“Disabled Population”***Discussants**

Dayana Gisell Martinez-Burke – Congresswoman, Honduras

Alta Hooker, Director, Universidad de las Regiones del Caribe Nicaragüenses, Nicaragua

Break

3:00 – 3:30pm

Panel Four

CANADIAN PRACTICES & EXPERIENCE

3:30 – 5:00pm

Moderator

Michelle Reis-Amores – Executive Director, Learning Disabilities Association of Ottawa – Carleton (LDAO-C)

SpeakersKen Fells – Principal, Halifax Regional School Board
*“Cultural Competencies and Africentric Schools”*Conrad Saulis – Senior Program Officer, Aboriginal Head Start On Reserve Program Children and Youth Division First Nations and Inuit Health Branch
*“Aboriginal Head Start on Reserve Program (AHSOR)”*Steve Estey – Human Rights Officer, Disabled Peoples International (DPI)
“Disabled Peoples: Education”



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Discussants

Marcelo Paixao – General Coordinator, Laboratório de Análises Econômicas, Sociais e Estatísticas das Relações Raciais (LAESER)

Sylvia Fanjoy – Director of National Programs, Canadian Public Health Association

Closing Remarks 5:00 – 5:30pm

