

TC ABSTRACT

I. Basic project data

▪ Country/Region:	Regional
▪ TC Name:	Labor Markets and Social Security Network Regional Policy Dialogue
▪ TC Number:	RG-T2469
▪ Team Leader/Members:	Veronica Alaimo, team leader (SCL/LMK); David Kaplan (SCL/LMK); Ethel Muhlstein (SCL/LMK); Laura Casas (SCL/LMK); Vivian Indorf (SCL/LMK); and Bernardita Sáez (LEG/SGO).
▪ Type:	Client Support (CS)
▪ Reference to Request:	38665895
▪ Date of TC Abstract:	March 12, 2014
▪ Beneficiary:	Ministries of Labor of Latin American and Caribbean (LAC) countries
▪ Executing Agency and contact name:	IDB - Inter-American Development Bank, Social Sector Department, Labor Markets and Social Security Unit (SCL/LMK), Veronica Alaimo (valaimo@iadb.org).
▪ IDB Funding Requested:	US\$250,900
▪ Local counterpart funding, if any:	0
▪ Execution / Disbursement period:	12 months / 18 months
▪ Required start date:	May 2, 2014
▪ Types of consultants (firm or individual consultants):	Individual consultancies and firms
▪ Prepared by Unit:	SCL/LMK
▪ Unit of Disbursement Responsibility:	Social Sector, through SCL/LMK (HQ)
▪ Included in Country Strategy (y/n);	No
▪ TC included in CPD (y/n):	No
▪ GCI-9 Sector Priority:	Social Policy for Equity and Productivity – Labor Markets

II. Objective and Justification

- 2.1 The objective of the technical cooperation is to finance the technical, logistic and dissemination aspects of the Regional Policy Dialogue (RPD) of Labor Markets and Social Security Network to be held in Seoul, Korea in September/October of 2014.
- 2.2 The Labor Markets and Social Security Network is constituted by the Vice-ministers or public officials of equivalent status in charge of labor market and/or social security policy in Latin America and the Caribbean. The network's purpose is to promote dialogue and the exchange of experiences and lessons learned between countries of the region, in order to identify solutions to common challenges in terms of labor and social security policies. For 2014, LMK is planning to address employment insurance issues from an integrated view: income support, considered a social security issue, and training and employment services, considered a labor market issue.

- 2.3 Many countries in the region are considering reforms to existing programs and/or undertaking the designs of new programs. The IDB is providing technical assistance in this topic to the governments of Mexico, Ecuador, and Jamaica, and other countries are in the process of asking the IDB for technical assistance or advancing in the topic with other partners such as the International Labor Organization (ILO) or the World Bank (WB). In this context, it becomes evident the need for a regional dialogue where the IDB can share the knowledge gathered in the last four years of research and technical assistance in this area, as well as to allow for countries to learn from each other.
- 2.4 The Ninth Capital Increase in the resources of the IDB (GCI-9) was put in place to meet the needs of its member countries, to strengthen its position and fulfill its mission to reduce poverty and inequality and bring sustainable development to Latin America and the Caribbean. This objective frames, among others, increasing the performance of the labor markets. LAC countries need initiatives that contribute to increase the performance of labor markets by increasing the capacity to create better paid and more productive jobs, and to increase social security coverage in a sustainable way. Additionally, the Bank is engaged to the objective of “financing to support regional cooperation and integration”.

III. Description of activities and outputs

- 3.1 **Component 1: Exchange of regional practices and dialogue:** The main output will be an event where Latin American and Caribbean public officials will visit the Employment Insurance System in Seoul, Korea, and will engage in policy dialogue in this topic.
- 3.2 **Component 2: Studies and dissemination:** This component is to prepare documents of lessons learned, presentations and other resources to be used during the Dialogue.

IV. Budget

- 4.1 The total amount of funding needed is US\$250,900 from the Korea Poverty Reduction Fund (KPR). There will not be local counterpart funds. However, there will be other sources co-financing the project, as mentioned in the budget table.

Indicative Budget (US\$)

Activity/Component/Description	IDB/Fund Funding (KPR)	RG-T2436	Other sources TBD	Total Funding
Component 1. Exchange of regional expertise and innovative practices and dialogue				
Travel (air ticket, hotel, per-diem)	\$ 163,500.00	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 90,000.00	\$333,500.00
Intepreters and facilitator services	\$ 23,000.00			\$23,000.00
Logistics services (rooms, catering, audiovisual equipment, local transportation)	\$ 31,500.00			\$31,500.00
Subtotal	\$ 218,000.00	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 90,000.00	\$388,000.00
Component 2. Studies and dissemination				
Design and dissemination services	\$ 12,900.00			\$12,900.00
Consultancy support	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00		\$40,000.00
Subtotal	\$ 32,900.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	\$ 52,900.00
TOTAL IDB + COUNTERPART	\$ 250,900.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 440,900.00

V. Executing agency and execution structure

- 5.1 LMK will execute this technical cooperation, given the regional nature of the cooperation and the expected output, a regional event that will benefit all LAC countries.
- 5.2 The acquisitions included in this TC will be carried out in accordance with the “Policies for the Procurement of Goods and Works Financed by the Inter-American Development Bank” and “Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consultants Financed by the Inter-American Development Bank” (GN-2349-9 and GN-2350-9). The “Brief Reference Guide for the Bank Contracting of Consultants Firms for Project Related Activities” will also apply.

VI. Project Risks and issues

- 6.1 The main participants of the Dialogue are Viceministers from LAC. Due to the changing nature of the agenda, and the political cycles, there might be last minute changes in assistance and last minute cancellations. The LMK team will work to minimize this risk with continuous communication with counterparts.

VII. Environmental and Social Classification

- 7.1 There are no expected negative social and environmental impacts and this project received classification C. See safeguard reports at [38668164](#).