

## TC Abstract

### I. Basic project data

• Country/Region :	REGIONAL/IDB
• TC Name :	SIMS Consolidation and Expansion
• TC Number :	RG-T2782
• Team Leader/Members :	BOSCH MOSSI, MARIANO - Team Leader MUHLSTEIN, ETHEL ROSA - Project Assistant MCTIGUE, KEVIN - Attorney ALAIMO, VERONICA - Alternate Team Leader
• Indicate if : Operational Support, Client Support, or Research & Dissemination.	Research and Dissemination
• If Operational Support TC, give number and name of Operation Supported by the TC:	
• Reference to Request :(IDB docs #)	
• Date of TC Abstract :	10 May 2016
• Beneficiary (countries or entities which are the recipient of the technical assistance):	Governments, Research Centers, and Universities in the region
• Executing Agency and contact name (Organization or entity responsible for executing the TC Program) {if Bank: Contracting entity} { if the same as Beneficiary, please indicate}	US-IDB - Verónica Alaimo
• IDB Funding Requested :	\$ 295,000.00
• Local counterpart funding, if any :	\$ 0.00
• Disbursement period (which includes execution period):	30 months
• Required start date :	
• Types of consultants (firm or individual consultants):	Individuals Firms
• Prepared by Unit :	Labor Markets
• Unit of Disbursement Responsibility :	SOCIAL SECTOR DEPARTMENT
• Included in Country Strategy (y/n): TC included in CPD (y/n):	No No
• GCI-9 Sector Priority	Social policy for equity and productivity

### II. Objective and Justification

The objectives are: (i) to continue to update, broaden and improve quality of the information available at the SIMS platform; (ii) to make the platform available to the general public by following the required IDB publication protocols; (iii) to implement a dissemination plan to position the SIMS among a wide audience, including policy-makers, sectorial experts, faculty members, and students.

The IDB Labor Markets and Social Security Division (LMK) created in 2013 the Information System on Labor Markets and Social Security (SIMS) and recently launched a platform as an open space database for internal IDB users <http://sims.iadb.org/>. It contains comparable statistics, institutional information and academic publications on the labor market and social security of more than 20 Bank's member countries. This was made possible through a combination of resources (BK-C1115 and RG-T2477). In the field of knowledge and research, the SIMS has provided distinct publications with data and technical inputs, such as the flagships publications Better Pensions, Better Jobs (2013), Jobs for Growth (2015), and Pensions at a Glance in Latin America and the Caribbean (2015). Moreover, it has also been used to furnish with data joint-initiatives in which the LMK Division participates: 2016 and 2017 DIA publications, Enhancing Productivity for Larger Per-capita Incomes (RES), Sociómetro (SCL), Taxing Wages (FMM & OECD) and various technical notes produced by the division. In the field of policy dialogue, the SIMS has been used to prepare presentations on labor markets for high level meetings (e.g. Regional Policy Dialogues 2014 and 2015; Korea-LAC Knowledge Sharing Forum, Bussan, 2015; Building Competency for Employment Services, Seoul, 2015; FIAP – ASOFONDOS Congress, Cartagena, 2015), bilateral meetings with incoming government authorities (e.g. Jamaica, 2016; Colombia, 2014, Bolivia, 2014), and the preparation of sector notes for country strategies (e.g. Argentina, Bolivia, El Salvador, Paraguay and Uruguay, among others). Finally, in the area of operations, the SIMS was recently used for project preparation in Barbados (BA-L1032), Peru (PE-L1152), as well as project supervision in Bolivia (BO-L1051), Mexico (ME-L1114) and Paraguay (PR-L1066).

The SIMS aims at becoming the main source of information on labor markets and social security in Latin America and the Caribbean. The general objective of this technical cooperation is to contribute to achieve this goal.

### III. Description of activities and outputs

Component 1 - Content Development and Data Update. The component will finance the following activities: (i) update the databases of the repository; (ii) harmonize indicators of new household surveys and incorporate new harmonized indicators from labor force surveys, review existing indicators as needed and explore new variables that could be incorporated in the process; (iii) construct and update an Employment Conditions Index, an innovative tool which will allow the user to rank LAC countries based on different criteria and will be the most visible product of the SIMS online platform; (iv) update the methodological document as needed; and (v) collaborate with other units and sectors of the bank to improve indicators quality.

Component 2 - Dissemination and Visibility. This component aims at making information stored in the SIMS useful, visible and accessible for internal and external users. The component will finance: (i) launch the platform to the general public and continue its maintenance and update and (ii) the implementation of the communications strategy to disseminate the platform to the external audience in the region. Such initiative may include the organization of a launching event (e.g. Hackathon), the organization of online discussions (e.g. Hangouts) and the production of promotion materials.

#### Outcomes

Name: Outcome 1- Governments, research centers and general public use knowledge produced for policy design, implementation, monitoring and dissemination.

Outcome 2 - IDB members use knowledge produced by the SIMS for publications, presentations, operations, policy dialogue, ESWs and CIPs.

#### Components

Name: Content Development and Data Update

Description: This component uses Household and Labor Force Surveys to produce labor market and social security indicators, including the Employment Conditions Index

- New surveys from countries updated in the Bank database repository
- Indicators database updated (new years and variables)
- Employment Conditions Index created
- Methodological document updated

Name: Dissemination and Visibility

Description: This component aims at making information stored in the SIMS useful, visible and widely accessible for internal and external users

External platform updated and available to the public  
Dissemination strategy implemented

#### IV. Budget

##### Indicative Budget

Activity/Component	IDB/Fund Funding	Counterpart Funding	Total Funding
Content Development and Data Update	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 200,000.00
Dissemination and Visibility	\$ 95,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 95,000.00

#### V. Executing agency and execution structure

LMK will execute this technical cooperation.

LMK will execute the TC given the regional nature of the cooperation and the expected output (a regional database and regional events).

#### VI. Project Risks and issues

Since the project involves presenting statistics of country and government performance, it will be particularly important to validate data and provide a clear methodology on how each indicator is constructed, to assure transparency and consistency. The information will be published, in accordance with Access to Information Policy GN-1831-28 and Implementation Guidelines GN-1831-33.

#### VII. Environmental and Social Classification

The ESG classification for this operation is [ C ]