

EXPERTS MEETING

LATIN AMERICAN ECONOMIC OUTLOOK 2010

“MIGRATION & DEVELOPMENT IN LATIN AMERICA”

OECD Conference Centre

**2, rue André Pascal
75016 Paris, France
(Room CC7)**

Paris, 18 -19 May 2009

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I. Context: the OECD Development Centre and the Latin American Economic Outlook

The **OECD Development Centre** (www.oecd.org/dev) conducts comparative analysis and promotes informal policy dialogue on development issues of mutual interest to OECD member countries and emerging and developing economies, including those in Latin America. Six Latin American countries—Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Mexico and Peru—are full members of the OECD Development Centre, represented on its Governing Board. The Centre also has an extensive network of counterparts in Latin America, both in academic and policy making circles.

The **Latin American Economic Outlook (LEO)** is the annual flagship publication by the OECD Development Centre’s Latin America and Caribbean Desk. The first edition of the Latin American Economic Outlook (LEO) was presented in November 2007 in Santiago de Chile and the second edition in El Salvador, again at the occasion of the Ibero-American summit. The first edition (LEO 2008) explored some of the critical long-term challenges facing Latin America, and the most recent report (LEO 2009) analysed the channels by which fiscal policy serves, or fails, Latin American development. In its third edition, LEO 2010 will try to provide a better understanding of the linkages between migration and development in Latin America and on how migration contributes to growth and development in the region.

II. Migration and Development in Latin America: leading questions

More than 20 million Latin Americans live outside the country of their birth. International migration directly touches the lives of millions more in the region: the families, neighbours, regions and in some cases the macro economies of the migrants’ home countries. One of the most important economic dimensions of migration in Latin America is remittances, which began to slow down in 2008 after years of rapid growth. Both migration and remittances have multiple implications—positive and negative—for development. Innovative approaches to migration by governments, migrants, firms and others may provide powerful means, with which to weather the current economic crisis and promote economic development in the region.

The **Latin American Economic Outlook 2010 (LEO 2010)** builds on the work on migration already carried out by the OECD and the Development Centre, and other leading research institutions such as the Inter-American Development Bank and the World Bank. Its objective is to produce high-quality research evidence on how migration and remittances influence development in Latin America, drawing conclusions and practical recommendations for policymakers and other key actors on how they can maximise the potential of migration and remittances towards boosting well-being in the region. **The experts gathered at this meeting are invited to explore linkages between migration and different dimensions of development in Latin America.**

III. Structure of the meeting

The format of the event is very informal and we encourage all participants to enter into the discussion. For this purpose, the structure of the sessions will be quite open; more than half of each session will be dedicated to a roundtable debate.

Each session will be preceded by a presentation by its authors of a Latin American Economic Outlook 2010 draft chapter. A preliminary analysis on those presentations will be carried out by the panellists of each session and the discussion will then be opened to comments and reactions from the audience.

The meeting will begin with a first introduction to the Latin American Economic Outlook 2010 and this will be followed by 5 topical sessions as described in the agenda. The meeting will be held in English and Spanish and there will be simultaneous translation available for both languages.

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14h30 -16h

Latin American Outlook 2010: Introductory remarks

Javier Santiso, Director, OECD Development Centre

Jeff Dayton-Johnson, Head of the Latin America & Caribbean Desk, OECD Development Centre

16h00 -18h

Session I: Macro Overview :

Latin America in 2010 & the impact of the crisis on migrants and remittances

Chair: **Peter Jarrett**, Head of División , Country Studies, OECD Economics Department

Presentation (10 min)

Christian Daude, Economist, Latin America & Caribbean Desk, OECD Development Centre

Alejandro Neut, Economist, Latin America & Caribbean Desk, OECD Development Centre

Leading panelists:

Adriana Arreaza, Principal International Economist of the Office of Public Policies and Competitiveness, Cooperación Andina de Fomento, CAF

Pablo Fajnzylber, Senior Economist, Office of the Chief Economist for Latin America, The World Bank, WB

Alejandro Izquierdo, Principal Economist, Research Department, Inter-American Development Bank, IDB

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<p>9h -11h</p>	<p>Session II: Remittances and financial development</p> <p>Chair: Joaquim Oliveira Martins, Head, Structural Economic Statistics, OECD Statistics Directorate</p> <p>Presentation (10 min) Rolando Avendaño, Consultant, Latin America & Caribbean Desk, OECD Development Centre Sebastian Nieto, Consultant, Latin America & Caribbean Desk, OECD Development Centre</p> <p>Leading panelists:</p> <p>Sanket Mohapatra, Economist, Development Prospects Group, World Bank Enrique Alberola, Head, International Economy Division, Bank of Spain Robert W. Meins, Remittances Specialist, Multilateral Investment Fund (MIF), Inter-American Development Bank</p>
<p>11h– 11h30</p>	<p>Coffee Break</p>
<p>11h30- 13h30</p>	<p>Session III: Migration and labour markets</p> <p>Chair: Martine Durand, Deputy Director, OECD Directorate for Employment, Labour and social Affairs</p> <p>Presentation (10 min) Jeff Dayton-Johnson, Head of the Latin America & Caribbean Desk, OECD Development Centre</p> <p>Leading panelists:</p> <p>Francisco Alba, Researcher and Professor at the Center for Economic and Demographic Studies, Colegio de Mexico Sonia Plaza, Senior Economist, Development Economics Prospect Group, World Bank</p>
<p>13h30 -15h</p>	<p>Lunch</p>

<p>15h -16h</p>	<p>Session IV: Migration country notes (Latin America)</p> <p>Chair: José Luis Machinea, Professor, University of Alcalá & former Secretary General, The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)</p> <p>Presentation (10 min) Bárbara Castelletti, Consultant, Latin America & Caribbean Desk, OECD Development Centre Rita da Costa, Consultant, Latin America & Caribbean Desk, OECD Development Centre</p> <p>Leading panelists:</p> <p>Diego Beltrand, Senior Regional Adviser for Latin America and the Caribbean, International Organization for Migration (IOM) Sarah Barbara Gammage, Economic Affairs Officer, Economic Development Unit, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) Mexico Office</p>
<p>16h -18h</p>	<p>Session V: Policy discussion</p> <p>Chair: Etienne BRUMAUD des HOULIERES, Counsellor to the French Minister of the Interior, Integration and National Identity</p> <p>Presentation (10 min) Jeff Dayton-Johnson, Head of the Latin America & Caribbean Desk, OECD Development Centre</p> <p>Leading panelists:</p> <p>Adrián Armas, Head, Economic Studies Department, Central Bank of Peru Nancy Benitez, Former Director of Consular Affairs and Colombian Communities Abroad and current Minister Plenipotentiary, Colombian Embassy to France Rafael Fernández de Castro, Foreign Policy Advisor to the President, Mexico Luis Alonso Serrano Echeverría, Chief of Institutional Planning, Costa Rica's Department of Immigration (DGME)</p>
<p>18h-18h15</p>	<p>Wrap up</p> <p>Jeff Dayton-Johnson, Head of the Latin America & Caribbean Desk, OECD Development Centre</p>