

III OECD Ministerial Summit on Social Inclusion

Bogotá, October 2024

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL GROWTH: INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

When: Thursday, October 24, 09:00h.

Venue: Agora Bogotá, 24 Street, No. 38-71, Bogotá

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Format: Hybrid

In order to promote the social inclusion of 14.7% of the population of Latin America and the Caribbean, 85 million persons with disabilities, and boost economic growth by up to 7% of GDP in the region, this event proposes some experiences in the public policies field along with innovative tools that will contribute to the objectives of the Ministerial Summit.

Context:

According to data from the World Bank Report¹ (2021), 85 million persons with disabilities live in Latin America and the Caribbean (14.7% of the region's population). Most do so in conditions of exclusion: 70% of households where persons with disabilities live are vulnerable to falling into poverty, while in the 20% of the families below the extreme poverty line lives a person with disability.

Illiteracy and economic inactivity in this sector of the population are 5 times higher than among the population without disabilities, while those persons with disabilities who enter the labor market do so with lower salaries for the same tasks (20% less) and are also overrepresented in the informal market (11% more than the population without disabilities).

¹ www.worldbank.org/en/region/lac/publication/rompiendo-barreras?_gl=1*8d3x64*_gcl_au*MTg3NzA1MTM1Ny4xNzI0MzEyMDMz

Change of focus:

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, ratified by all Latin American and Caribbean countries, establishes a paradigm shift in which the elimination of barriers, through public policies, promotes the participation of this population in societies. Likewise, the Sustainable Development Goals incorporate specific indicators on the inclusion of persons with disabilities in several of their objectives.

Other experiences at a regional level, such as the Disability Ibero-American Program² (PID), a pioneering intergovernmental initiative in South-South and triangular cooperation aimed at implementing inclusive public policies, or social impact measurement instruments such as the Disability DAC Marker³ developed by the OECD, show that the shift from passive to active policies towards this sector of the population has a positive impact on the growth and development of society as a whole.

Social and economic impact:

According to World Bank estimates, the participation of persons with disabilities can have an impact on growth of up to 7% of gross domestic product in Latin America and the Caribbean.

An exercise based on these assumptions conducted in Colombia⁴ has confirmed this forecast: the analysis revealed an estimated GDP growth of 2.6% for this country.

Objectives:

- To introduce an innovative perspective on the inclusion of persons with disabilities in the LAC public agenda.
- To offer concrete tools for the implementation and measurement of inclusive public policies.

² www.segib.org/en/program/programa-iberoamericano-sobre-los-derechos-de-las-personas-con-discapacidad/

³ [one.oecd.org/document/DCD/DAC/STAT\(2020\)48/en/pdf](http://one.oecd.org/document/DCD/DAC/STAT(2020)48/en/pdf)

⁴ biblioteca.fundaciononce.es/publicaciones/otras-editoriales/la-creacion-de-empleo-para-personas-con-discapacidad-en-colombia

Program:

09:00. Registration & welcome coffee

09:45. Opening.

- Ministry of Equality and Equity of Colombia.
- Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.
- ONCE Social Group.

10:15. Introduction and moderation by **Natalia Guala**, Deputy Director of International Affairs, ONCE Social Group.

10:25. Change of approach: Tools to ensure social inclusion.

- OECD Representative (TBC).
- **Anderson Henao**, Director for the Guarantee of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Equality and Equity of Colombia.
- **Martín Rivero**, Coordinator of Social Cohesion and South-South Cooperation, SEGIB.

11:00. Sustainability and impact: Strategic partnerships to ensure inclusive public policies.

- **José Luis Ortiz**, Senior Specialist, Social Protection and Health Division, IDB (TBC).
- **Miriam Preckler**, Director of Education, CAF.
- **María Elena García Mora**, Senior Social Development Specialist, World Bank.

11:35. Questions from the floor.

11:50. Closing remarks: Key strategies to enhance the inclusive development in the region.