

Workshop on Development and Poverty

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Workshop Description:

This workshop examines sustainable development and poverty in Panama. Development is defined as a process which center in goals related to collective human wellbeing. Achieving such development goals depends on the ethics of development and its resulting investment priorities. Sustainable development takes places as a result of a balanced investment in constructed, natural, human and social capital aimed at achieving human development goals. Social capital is examined within the context of sustainable development and the role it plays in achieving collective wellbeing.

Day 1 **Current Strategies on Development and Poverty in Panama**

1:30-2:30 Current Analysis on Development and Poverty in Panama
2:30-3:30 Current Strategy for Development and Poverty in Panama

Readings:

- Ministerio de Economía y Finanzas. 2005. *Visión Estratégica de Desarrollo Económico y de Empleo Hacia el 2009*. República de Panamá (English Version Available in World Bank, 2005, pp. 11-13)
- World Bank. 2005. *World Bank's Strategy 2006-2009 for the Republic of Panama* (Country Context, pp. 1-10); (Panama at a Glance, pp. 46-47); (Social and Economic Indicators, pp. 50-53) Washington, D.C.

Suggested additional readings:

- United Nations. 2003. *Indicators for Monitoring the Millennium Development Goals: definitions, rationale, concepts, and sources*. New York: United Nations, pp. 64-69 (Goal 7, Targets 10 and 11; Indicators 30-32).
- UN Millennium Project. 2005a. *Investing in Development: A Practical Plan to Achieve the Millennium Development Goals*. New York: Earthscan.
- United Nations. 2006. *The Millennium Development Goals Report 2006*. New York: United Nations.
- Varela, Olmedo J. 2004. *Las Agendas Nacionales de Desarrollo y los Objetivos de Desarrollo del Milenio: relación, justificación, seguimiento y evaluación*. Gabinete Social/Sistema de Naciones Unidas. República de Panamá.

Day 2 Spatial Dimension of Social Exclusion and Poverty in Panama

Readings:

- Ministerio de Economía y Finanzas, Dirección de Políticas Sociales. 2005. *La Pobreza en Panamá: Encuesta de Niveles de Vida – 2003: principales resultados*. República de Panamá.
- Programa de Naciones Unidas para el Desarrollo (2002) *Informe Nacional de Desarrollo Humano*. República de Panamá.

Suggested additional readings:

- Herrera, Ligia. 2003. *Regiones de Desarrollo Socioeconómico de Panamá*. Agenda del Centenario, Universidad de Panamá, Instituto de Estudios Nacionales, Panamá.
- Ministerio de Economía y Finanzas, Dirección de Políticas Sociales. (2004). *Jerarquización de Corregimientos según Niveles de Satisfacción de Necesidades Básicas de Vivienda, Salud y Educación*. República de Panamá.
- Varela, Olmedo J. 1998. The Panama Canal, Migration Streams, and the Changing Patterns of Human Settlement in the Republic of Panama. University of Wisconsin Joint Center for International Studies, Milwaukee, WI

Day 3 The Determinants of Poverty, Malnutrition and Inequality

Readings:

- World Bank. 2000. *Panama Poverty Assessment: Priorities and Strategies for Poverty Reduction*. Washington DC: The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development/THE WORLD BANK

Suggested additional readings:

- Ministerio de Economía y Finanzas, Dirección de Políticas Sociales. 2005a. *La Pobreza en Panamá: Encuesta de Niveles de Vida – 2003: principales resultados*. República de Panamá.
- Ministerio de Desarrollo Agropecuario. 2004. *Análisis y Cartografía de la Vulnerabilidad a la Inseguridad Alimentaria en Panamá*. República de Panamá.

Day 4 **Confronting Social Exclusion and Poverty through Social Capital Investment**

Readings:

- Durston, John, 2001. *Social capital – part of the problem, Part of the solution: Its role in the persistence and overcoming of poverty in Latin America and the Caribbean*. UN-Economic Commission for Latin America/Michigan State University. Santiago, Chile
- Ministerio de Economía y Finanzas, Dirección de Políticas Sociales. 2006. *Percepciones de la Comunidad: Encuesta de Niveles de Vida – 2003*. República de Panamá.
- Maria-Valeria Junho Pena and Hector Lindo-Fuentes “Community Organization, Values and Social Capital in Panama” The World Bank; *Economic Notes*, April 1998; Number 9.

Suggested additional readings:

- Anirudh Krishna and Elizabeth Shrader “Cross-Cultural Measures of Social Capital: A Tool and Results From India and Panama” The World Bank, *Social Capital Initiative Working Paper No. 21*, October 2000.
- Judy Hutchinson; Avis C. Vidal. “Using Social Capital to Help Integrate Planning Theory, Research, and Practice”. American Planning Association. *Journal of the American Planning Association*; Spring 2004; 70, 2; ABI/INFORM Global pg. 142.
- Kliksberg, Bernardo, “Social Capital and Culture: master keys to development”, UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC); December 1999; CEPAL Review 69, pg. 83.
- Michael Woolcock, “Chapter 7: Calling on Friends and Relatives: Social Capital” pp. 219-238 in Marianne Fay (editor) 2005, *The Urban Poor in Latin America*. Washington DC: The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development / The World Bank.