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**Pensions and Labor Markets: Challenges for the Americas**  
LACEA Labor Network  
March 3-4, 2016

The Executive Committee of The Latin American and Caribbean Association has approved the establishment of a network focused on labor markets in Latin America. The Network is envisaged as a way of sharing learning in the region, articulating new agendas for research, and creating consensus around necessary policy interventions.

**This conference.** The sixth conference of the network will be devoted to “Pensions and Labor Markets: Challenges for the Americas”, and will be organized by the Network jointly with the Labor Market Unit of the IDB and the Maryland Center for Economics and Policy of the University of Maryland. The conference will be held in Washington, DC on March 3 and 4, 2016.

**Background.** In recent years, there has been a proliferation of studies that propose reforms to public and private pension systems. The literature on this topic has been dominated by studies examining the pension systems of high income countries. The pension systems of developing countries have been much less studied and there is a great deal we do not know about their coverage, benefit adequacy, re-distributional impacts, efficiency and sustainability and about their institutional issues that may affect system performance. We welcome papers on these topics, including papers that address the share of older persons receiving pensions and their benefit levels, pension system coverage and projected benefits among current workers, within-system inequalities, the labor market incentives created by pension systems, the anticipated effects of population aging, the role of information and skills on projected benefits, the sustainability of existing pension systems, emerging social pension schemes, among others.

Extended abstracts should be sent by December 15, 2015 to [thelabornetwork@gmail.com](mailto:thelabornetwork@gmail.com). To allow time for a careful vetting of papers, this deadline is firm. Submitted papers will be reviewed by the conference program committee. Selection will be based on academic merit. Authors of the selected papers will be notified by e-mail. Every accepted paper will be included in the program and will have a discussant. We expect to communicate our decisions by January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

A session of the conference will be devoted to papers by new and promising researchers. Reflecting the commitment of the network to furthering the development of new researchers in the areas of pensions and social security, PhD students are encouraged to submit their papers even in preliminary form.

The Network will offer partial funding for travel expenses (hotel and airfare) for those participants who are not able to obtain full financial support from their institutions or other sources. For authors traveling within the US the conference maximum allowance will be US\$1250, while for those traveling from elsewhere the amount will be US\$2500. If authors require financial support, they should so indicate when submitting their paper.

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