World Bank-MOF-Hitotsubashi Workshop on
Closing the Coverage Gap: The Role of Social Pensions
MITA Kaigisho, Tokyo, February 20, 21 and 22, 2008

Agenda

12th February 2008

Day 1: Wednesday 20th

16:00-16:20 Registration

16:20-16:40 Welcome Speech

Robert Holzmann (World Bank)
Tatsuo Yamasaki (Deputy Director-General of the International Bureau, Ministry of Finance, Japan)
Chair: Yukinobu Kitamura (Hitotsubashi University)

16:40-17:10 Keynote Speech

Speaker: Noriyuki Takayama (Hitotsubashi University)
Chair: Yukinobu Kitamura (Hitotsubashi University)

17:10-17:20 Group Photo

17:30-19:00 Dinner Reception (MITA Kaigisho)

Day 2: Thursday 21st

PART I: Assessing the Need for Non-contributory Systems and Social Pensions

09:00-09:45 Measuring the coverage of formal old-age income protection systems around the world

Speakers: Montserrat Pallares (15) and Leonardo Lucchetti (10)
Discussant: Alvaro Forteza (10)
Chair: David Robalino

09:45-10:45 Socio-economic status of the elderly around the world

Speaker: Edward Whitehouse (15) and Nanak Kakwani (15)
Discussant: Sarmistha Pal (10) and Stephen Kidd (10)
Chair: David Robalino

*** Break ***

11:00-11:40 Social pensions in the context of an integrated strategy to expand coverage

Speaker: Robert Palacios (20)
Discussant: Krzysztof Hagemeyer (10)
Chair: David Robalino
**Part II: Taking Stock of International Experiences with Social Pensions**

**11:40-12:15** Experiences in low income countries  
**Speaker:** Armando Barrientos (15)  
**Discussant:** Margaret Grosh (10)  
**Chair:** Richard Hinz

**12:15-13:00** Experiences in middle income countries  
**Speaker:** Mukul Asher (15)  
**Discussant:** Andy Mason (10) and Nanak Kakwani (10)  
**Chair:** Richard Hinz  

***Lunch***

**14:00-14:50** Experiences in high income countries  
**Speaker:** Mark Pearson (20)  
**Discussant:** Dalmer Hoskins (15)  
**Chair:** Richard Hinz

**Part III: Key Issues in the Design and Implementation for Better Allocative and Technical Efficiency**

**14:50-15:50** Defining the mandate of social pensions: benefit levels, eligibility conditions and interactions with other elements of a multi-pillar system  
**Speaker:** Edward Whitehouse (20)  
**Discussant:** Michal Rutkowski (15)  
**Chair:** Helena Ribe  

***Break***

**16:05-16:50** Efficient use of public finances: the cost of social pensions and the crowding-out of other social programs  
**Speaker:** Alain Jousten (20)  
**Discussant:** Mukul Asher (10) and Hideaki Tanaka (5)  
**Chair:** Helena Ribe

**16:50-17:30** Characterizing and reaching the elderly population eligible for social pensions  
**Speaker:** Margaret Grosh (20)  
**Discussant:** Armando Barrientos (10)  
**Chair:** Helena Ribe

**18:30- Dinner (invited persons only)**
09:00-09:50 Social pensions and their effects on labor supply and savings decisions
Speaker: John Piggott (15) and David Robalino (10)
Discussant: Sergi Jimenez-Martin (10) and Yoshibumi Aso (5)
Chair: Agnieszka Chlon-Dominczak

09:50-10:30 Administering the system and delivering benefits
Speaker: Oleksiy Sluchynsky and Margaret Grosh (20)
Discussant: Larry Thompson (10)
Chair: Agnieszka Chlon-Dominczak

*** Break ***

PART IV: Role and Scope of (Subsidized) Contributory Schemes for Special Groups

10:45-11:30 The policy problem and a typology of instruments
Speaker: David Robalino (15) and Robert Palacios (10)
Discussant: Helena Ribe (10)
Chair: Michal Rutkowski

11:30-12:15 What are the factors that determine enrollment in the contributory social security system
Speaker: Alvaro Forteza (15) & Andrew Mason (10)
Discussant: Dmitry Konshin (10)
Chair: Michal Rutkowski

12:15-13:00 Experiences in high income countries
Speakers: Dalmer Hoskins (15) and Hyungpyo Moon (10)
Discussant: Larry Thompson (10)
Chair: Michal Rutkowski

*** Lunch ***

14:00-14:50 Experiences in middle and low income countries
Speakers: Ravi Rannan-Eliya (15) & Cai Fang (15)
Discussant: Nanak Kakwani (10)
Chair: Alain Jousten

PART V: Agenda for the Future

14:50-15:00 Experiences in Russia and Eastern Europe
Speakers: Dmitry Konshin (15) and Agnieszka Chlon-Dominczak (15)
Discussant: Oleksiy Sluchnisky (10)
Chair: Alain Jousten

*** Break ***
PART V: Agenda for the Future

15:55-16:25 Main Issues, Arguments, and Messages from the Discussions

Reporter: Landis MacKellar (25)
Chair: Robert Holzmann

16:25-17:20 Key areas for future research and coordination mechanisms

Round Table: Noriyuki Takayama (5), Mukul Asher (5), Armando Barrientos (5), Krzysztof Hagemeyer (5), Stephen Kidd (5), and Michal Rutkowski (5)

Chair: Robert Holzmann

17:20-17:30 Closing Session

18:30-20:00 Dinner (invited persons only)