The Potential for Matching Defined Contribution (MDC) Design Features In Pension Systems to Increase Coverage in Low and Middle Income Countries

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Monday, June 6	DAY ONE
9.00 – 10:00 a.m.	Registration and Coffee
10:00 – 10:15 a.m.	Welcome and Overview of Workshop Objectives Richard Hinz, World Bank
10:15 – 12:30 p.m.	Session 1: Introduction and Defining Conceptual Issues Chair: Noriyuku Takayama, RIPPA
	Why should governments or employers consider using the MDC approach to improve pension coverage? Robert Holzmann, Consultant, World Bank
	Rethinking social benefit design in a globalizing world Santiago Levy, IADB Discussant: Sylvester Schieber, Consultant
	Social benefit design and labor market outcomes with matching contributions lan Walker, World Bank Discussant: Gary Burtless, Brookings Institution
	Evidence on factors associated with complementary pension coverage in OECD countries Edward Whitehouse, OECD Discussant: Edward Palmer, Swedish Pension Fund
12:30 - 1:30 p.m.	Buffet Lunch at Conference Venue
1:30 - 5:00 p.m.	Session 2: High Income Country Experience Chair: Robert Palacios, World Bank
	United States 401(k) plans Dallas Salisbury and Jack Van Der Hei, EBRI Discussant: Richard Hinz, World Bank
	Germany and the Riester pension Axel Boersch-Supan, MEA (by video) Discussant: Frank Eich, IMF

1:30 - 5:00 p.m. Session 2: High Income Country Experience (cont'd)

Chair: Robert Palacios, World Bank

New Zealand and the KIWI saver scheme

Peter Whiteford, UNSW

Discussant: Mike Orszag, Towers Watson

Japan and matching pension schemes

Noriyuki Takayama, Hitotsubashi University and RIPPA

Discussant: Anita Schwarz, World Bank

Tuesday, June 7

DAY TWO

8:00 - 9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast at Conference Venue

9:00 - 12:30 p.m. Session 3: Middle Income and Developing Country Experience

Chair: Robert Holzmann, Consultant, World Bank

Part I: Middle Income and Moderate Coverage Settings

Korea and matching pension schemes

Hyung Po Moon, KDI

Chile's new complementary occupational system

Hermann von Gersdorff, Ministry of Finance, Chile

Mexico, Columbia and Peru Korea and matched pension schemes

David Tuesta, BBVA

Discussant Panel: John Piggott, UNSW; Gonzalo Reyes, World Bank;

Mauricio Soto. IMF

Part II: Low Income and Low Coverage Settings

China's rural pension

Mark Dorfman, World Bank

India's experiences with MDC

Robert Palacios, World Bank

Cape Verde and Tunisia

Antoine Delarue, SERVAC

Thailand's New Pension System

Mitchell Weiner, World Bank

Discussant Panel: Lawrence Thompson, May Wazzan, World Bank;

David Kaplan, IADB

12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Buffet Lunch at Conference Venue

1:30 - 4:15 p.m. Session 4: Behavioral and Design Lessons

Chair: Richard Hinz, World Bank

Lessons from Behavioral Economics

Brigitte Madrian, Harvard Kennedy School Discussant: Annamaria Lusardi, GWU

Role of the Enabling Environment

Michael Orzag, Towers Watson

Discussant: Miguel Angel Caballero, BBVA

Parameter Selection

Robert Palacios, World Bank Discussant: John Piggott, UNSW

The Challenge of Targeting

Tarsicio Castaneda, Social Protection Expert Discussant: Veronica Silva, World Bank

4:15 - 4:30 p.m. Closing Remarks

Robert Holzmann, World Bank and Noriyuku Takayama, RIPPA