

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 Leonarado 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)

Day 3: Friday 22nd

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)