

Implications of Macroeconomic Policy, External Shocks and Social Protection Systems for Poverty, Inequality, and Social Vulnerability in Latin America and the Caribbean"

Agenda for regional workshop

**November 26-28, 2008
San Jose, Costa Rica**

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

	Moderator/Presenter	Time
Registration		9:00 – 9:15 a.m.
Inauguration and event description	Keiji Inoue Matthew Hammill	9:15 – 9:45 a.m.
Status of the project	Pablo Sauma and country teams	9:45 – 10:45 a.m.
<i>Coffee break</i>		10:45 – 11:00 a.m.
Presentation of social accountability matrix	Country teams (Moderator: Matthew Hammill)	11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
<i>Lunch</i>		12:30 – 2:00 p.m.
Theoretical training – CGE I	Martín Cicowiez / Marco V. Sánchez	2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
<i>Coffee break</i>		3:30 – 3:45 p.m.
Theoretical training – CGE II	Marco V. Sánchez / Martín Cicowiez	3:45 – 5:15 p.m.
Logistics	Pablo O’Farrill	5:15 – 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 27

	Moderator/Presenter	Time
Theoretical training – CGE III	Martín Cicowiez / Marco V. Sánchez	9:00 – 10:45 a.m.
<i>Coffee break</i>		10:45 – 11:00 a.m.
Introduction to GAMS (installation, files, and basic syntax)	Martín Cicowiez	11:00 – 11:45 a.m.
CGE model in GAMS I: launching files and defining closures	Marco V. Sánchez	11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
<i>Lunch</i>		12:30 – 2:00 p.m.
CGE model in GAMS II: simulations and results in Excel	Martín Cicowiez	2:00 – 2:45 p.m.
CGE model in GAMS III: 1st hands-on session	National teams (support: Marco V. Sánchez / Martín Cicowiez)	2:45 – 3:30 p.m.
<i>Coffee break</i>		3:30 – 3:45 p.m.
Data I: requirements	Marco V. Sánchez	3:45 – 5:15 p.m.
Logistics	Pablo O’Farrill	5:15 – 5:30 p.m.

Friday, November 28

	Moderator/Presenter	Time
Data II: compiling and estimating	Martín Cicowiez / Marco V. Sánchez	9:00 – 10:45 a.m.
<i>Coffee break</i>		10:45 – 11:00 a.m.
Working clinics *	Coordinating and country teams	11:00 – 12:30 a.m.
<i>Lunch</i>		12:30 – 2:00 p.m.
CGE model in GAMS IV: 2nd hands-on session	National teams (support: Marco V. Sánchez / Martín Cicowiez)	2:00 – 2:45 p.m.
Adjustments to the CGE model and additional simulations: discussion	Moderator: Keiji Inoue	2:45 – 3:30 p.m.
<i>Coffee break</i>		3:30 – 3:45 p.m.
Next steps and work timeline	Pablo Sauma Marco V. Sánchez	3:45 – 4:30 p.m.
Reception		4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

* The coordinating team will meet with the country teams to discuss: (i) how to include comments to the narratives and (ii) how to compile the information and make estimations to run the model.