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**INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR**

**INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCES AND PROPOSALS FOR CONSOLIDATING  
THE NATIONAL CARE NETWORK FOR OLDER PERSONS IN COSTA RICA**

San José, 22 and 23 November 2010  
Auditorium, Teatro de la Aduana

*Provisional programme*

**Day 1**

- 8 a.m. – 8.30 a.m. Registration
- 8.30 a.m. – 9 a.m. **OPENING CEREMONY**
- 8.30 a.m. – 8.40 a.m. *Antonio Prado*, Deputy Executive Secretary of ECLAC
- 8.40 a.m. – 8.50 a.m. *Fernando Marín*, Minister of Social Welfare and Family of the Republic of Costa Rica
- 8.50 a.m. – 9 a.m. Ernst Martens, Ambassador in Costa Rica of the Federal Republic of Germany

**OPENING SPEECH**

- 9 a.m. – 9.30 a.m. Challenges of comprehensive care for old people in Costa Rica in the context of the national care network  
*Laura Chinchilla Miranda*, President of the Republic of Costa Rica

## **LECTURE**

9.30 a.m. – 10 a.m. Care: an essential public policy lens  
*María Ángeles Durán*, Higher Council for Scientific Research, Spain

10 a.m. – 10.30 a.m. **Coffee break**

## **PANEL 1**

### **INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCES OF CARE FOR OLD PEOPLE**

10.30 a.m. – 10.50 a.m. Swedish old-age care: traditions, challenges, and experiences, *Gerd Sundström*, Institute of Gerontology, University of Jönköping, Sweden

10.50 a.m. – 11.10 a.m. Formal care for old people: advances in the developed countries, *Teresa Martínez Rodríguez*, Consejería de Bienestar Social del Principado de Asturias, España

11.10 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. Latin American experiences of care for older persons, *Karina Batthyány*, University of the Republic of Uruguay

11.30 a.m. – 11.50 a.m. The role of the family in care for older persons: some examples, *Vicente Rodríguez*, Centre of Human and Social Sciences, Higher Council for Scientific Research, Spain

11.50 a.m. – 12.10 p.m. Policies in the United Kingdom, *Emily Grundy*, Professor of Demographic Gerontology, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine

12.10 p.m. – 2 p.m. **Lunch for all participants, Teatro de la Aduana**

## **PANEL 1 (CONTINUED)**

2 p.m. – 2.20 p.m. Commentary by Luis Rosero, Central American Population Center, University of Costa Rica

2.20 p.m. – 2.40 p.m. Comments and questions

2.40 p.m. – 3 p.m. Responses by speakers

## **FRAMEWORK PRESENTATION ON COSTA RICA**

3 p.m. – 3.30 p.m. Overview of the situation of old people in Costa Rica: important elements of the national care network, *Pablo Sauma*, ECLAC consultant.

3.30 p.m. – 3.50 p.m. Commentary by *Emiliana Rivera*, National Council for Older Persons (CONAPAM)

3.30 p.m. – 4.10 p.m. Commentary by *Marisol Rapso*, Director, Older Adult Programme, University of Costa Rica

4.10 p.m. – 4.30 p.m. **Coffee break**

## **PANEL 2**

### **CARE OF OLD PEOPLE IN COSTA RICA: OBJETIVES AND INSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURE**

4.30 p.m. – 4.50 p.m. Health care: situation and proposals, *Fernando Morales Martínez*, Director of Blanco Cervantes Hospital

4.50 p.m. – 5.10 p.m. Leisure activities: current availability and challenges, *Marianita Dormond Sáenz*, Director of Social Benefits of the Costa Rican Social Security Fund (CCSS)

5.10 p.m. – 5.30 p.m. Accreditation, oversight and inspection of care establishments: existing problems and proposed solutions, *Ana Morice*, Deputy Minister for Health and Vice President of the National Council for Older Persons (CONAPAM)

5.30 p.m. – 5.50 p.m. Commentary by *Arodys Robles*, Director, Central American Population Center, University of Costa Rica

5.50 p.m. – 6.10 p.m. Comments and questions

6.10 p.m. – 6.30 p.m. Responses by speakers

## **Day 2**

### **LECTURE**

8.30 a.m. – 9 a.m. Ageing and the paths of social protection in Europe and North America, *John Myles*, University of Toronto

### **PANEL 3**

#### **THE PENSION SYSTEM AND THE WELL-BEING OF OLDER PERSONS IN COSTA RICA**

9 a.m. – 9.20 a.m. Landmarks of a heterodox pension reform: the case of Costa Rica  
*Edgar Robles*, Superintendent of Pensions

9.20 a.m. – 9.40 a.m. Costa Rica on the regional stage: replacement rates of defined contribution pension systems in Latin America  
*Hernán Pena*, ECLAC consultant and *Fabio Durán*, International Labour Organization (ILO), Geneva

9.40 a.m. – 10 a.m. Non-contributory pensions in Costa Rica: prospects for a sustainable expansion of coverage  
*Juan Diego Trejos*, Economic Science Research Institute (IICE), University of Costa Rica

10 a.m. – 10.20 a.m. Commentary by Oscar Cetrángolo, ECLAC office in Buenos Aires

10.20 a.m. – 10.40 a.m. **Coffee break**

10.40 a.m. – 11.10 a.m. Comments and questions

11.10 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. Responses by speakers

### **CONCLUSIONS**

11.30 a.m. – 11.45 a.m. *Ana Sojo*, Social Development Division of ECLAC

### **CLOSING CEREMONY**

11.45 a.m. – 12 noon *Fernando Marín*, Minister of Social Welfare and Family of the Republic of Costa Rica