



**EUROPEAN UNION (EU) - LATIN AMERICA AND THE
CARIBBEAN (LAC)
FORUM ON SOCIAL COHESION
Santiago, Chile
23-24-25 September 2007**

AGENDA

SUNDAY 23 SEPTEMBER

17.00hrs Place: Palacio de La Moneda

OPENING SESSION*

- Minister of Labour and Social Solidarity of Portugal, Jose Vieira da Silva (Presidency of the EU)
- President of the Republic of Chile, Michelle Bachelet.

Reception offered by Michelle Bachelet, President of the Republic of Chile

** participation by invitation*

MONDAY 24 SEPTEMBER

Place: Casa Piedra (**)

8.00 - 8.30 REGISTRATION

9.00 - 10.00 PLENARY SESSION

“Integrated strategies to generate social protection and fight against poverty and inequalities”

- **Director of Employment of Directorate-General Employment of the European Commission, Xavier Prats, on behalf of the Commissioner of Employment and Social Affairs of the European Commission, Vladimír Špidla.**
- **Minister of External Relations, Chile, Alejandro Foxley**

10.00 - 10.15 Press Meeting

10.30 – 13.00 SESSION 1

Education and Employment to create opportunities and investment in training

- **Chair:** Jesús Caldera, Minister of Labour and Social Affairs of Spain.
- **Speaker LAC:** Noel Aguirre, Vice-Minister of Planning and Development, Bolivia.
- **Speaker EU:** Kajo Wasserhövel, Federal Vice-minister of Labour of Germany.
- **Discussant:** Rixxi Moncada, Minister of Labour and Social Security of Honduras.
- **Discussant:** María Helena André, European Trade Union Confederation
- **Discussant:** Lenard Montoute, Minister for Social Transformation, Human Services, Family Affairs and Sport, St. Lucia.
- **Rapporteur:** Xavier Prats, Director of Employment of Directorate-General Employment of the European Commission

Debate

13.00 – 14.30 **Lunch (offered by the Government of Chile to the participants to Forum on Social Cohesion)**

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14.30 – 16.30 **SESSION 2**

Social Protection to reduce risks and promote solidarity (Health and Social Security included)

- **Chair:** Martin Hirsch, Minister, High Commissioner for Active Solidarity against poverty, France.
- **Speaker LAC:** Patrus Ananias, Minister of Social Development of Brasil.
- **Speaker EU:** Liisa Hyssala, Minister of Social Affairs and Health of Finland.
- **Discussant:** Kazimierz Kuberski, Undersecretary of Ministry of Labour and Social Policy of Poland
- **Discussant:** Yliana Rey Vichot, Vice-minister of Economy and Planning of Cuba
- **Discussant:** Fintan Farrell, European Social Platform
- **Rapporteur EU:** Jaime Perez-Vidal, Ambassador. Head of EC Delegation in Santiago.

Debate

16.30 – 17.00 **Coffee Break**

17.00 – 19.00 **SESSION 3**

Financing of Public Policies

- **Chair:** José Vieira da Silva, Minister of Labour and Social Solidarity of Portugal
- **Speaker LAC:** Daniel Arroyo, Vice-minister of Social Policy and Human Development of Argentina
- **Speaker LAC:** Juan Carlos Niño, Vice-Minister of Participation and Social Protection, Venezuela.
- **Speaker LAC:** Carolina Rentería, Minister of National Planning of Colombia
- **Discussant EU:** Ingus Alliks, Vice-secretary of State, Ministry of Labour, Latvia.

- **Speaker IO:** Ernesto Ottone, Deputy Executive Secretary of ECLAC.
 - **Discussant:** Mónica Bonnefoy, NGO “ACCIÓN”, Chile
 - **Rapporteur:** Ambassador Raúl Patiño, Director General of Directorate-General of Europe, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Chile.
- Debate**

TUESDAY 25 SEPTEMBRE

Place: Casa Piedra

9.00 – 11.00 SESSION 4

Governance and Institutional Capacity

- **Chair:** Virginia Borra, Minister of Woman and Social Development of Peru.
 - **Speaker UE:** Marjeta Cotman, Minister of Labour, Family and Social Affairs, Slovenia.
 - **Speaker LAC:** Nathalie Cely, Minister of Coordination of Social Development of Ecuador.
 - **Speaker LAC:** Jorge Arturo Coarasa Bustamante, Director General of Foreign Affairs and Special Projects, Secretary for Social Development, Mexico.
 - **Discussant:** Donato Di Santo, Sub-secretary of External Relations of Italy.
 - **Discussant:** José Isaías Rodríguez García Caro, President of the Latin America Follow-up Group of the Economic and Social Committee of the EU.
 - **Discussant:** Patricio Meller, President of Council for Equality of Chile
 - **Rapporteur:** Ambassador Angel Flisfisch, Director of Planning of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Chile
- Debate**

11.00 – 11.20 Coffee Break

11:30 – 12:15 ROUND TABLE

Collaboration Experience in the field of Social Cohesion

- **Speaker EU:** Alexandra Cas Granje: Latin America Director of EuropeAid
- **Speaker LAC:** Rixxi Moncada, Minister of Labour of Honduras
- **Speaker EU:** Donato Di Santo, Sub-Secretary of External Relations of Italy
- **Speaker LAC:** Miguel Lifschitz, Mayor of Rosario, Argentina.

12:15 - 13:45 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMENDATIONS TO THE LIMA SUMMIT

- **Rapporteur Session 1**
- **Rapporteur Session 2**
- **Rapporteur Session 3**
- **Rapporteur Session 4**

CLOSING SESSION

- **José Vieira da Silva, Minister of Labour and Social Solidarity of Portugal**
- **Marjeta Cotman, Minister of Labour, Family and Social Affairs of Slovenia**
- **Virginia Borra, Minister of Woman and Social Development of Peru**
- **Clarisa Hardy, Minister of Planning of Chile**

**13.45 Buffet Lunch
(offered by the European Commission)**

Place: Casa Piedra

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