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**Senior Policy Seminar on Health, Human Capital
and Economic Growth: Theory, Evidence and Policies**
3 - 4 October, 2002

AGENDA

Thursday, October 03:

9:00 -9:15 a.m.

Opening Session

- Enrique Iglesias , President, IDB
- George Alleyne, Director, PAHO

9:15 – 10:30 a.m.

Session I: Health, Human Capital and Economic Growth: Theory, Evidence and Policies

- Keynote Lecture: Human Capital and Development ; Nancy Birdsall, President, Center for Global Development

Chair: George Alleyne, Director, PAHO

11:00 - 12:30 p.m.

Session II: Nutrition, Health Human Evolution and Economic Growth: Theory and Evidence

- The Impact of Nutrition on Economic Growth; Robert Fogel, Professor, University of Chicago (Nobel Prize in Economics, 1993)

Discussant/Commentator

- Ginés Gonzáles Garcia; Minister of Health, Argentina

Chair: Marcelo Selowsky, Assistant Director, Office of External Evaluation, International Monetary Fund, IMF

2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Session III: Health, Human Capital and Economic Growth: Theory and Evidence from Developed and Developing Countries

- Health, Human Productivity and Long Term Economic Growth; Suchit Arora, Consultant, PAHO
- Health, Economic Growth and Poverty Trap; David Mayer, Professor of Economics, CIDE-Mexico

Discussants/Commentator

- Oded Galor, Professor, Brown University
- Gustavo Yamada, Acting Chief, Poverty Division, SDS, IDB

Chair: Pablo Guidotti, Director, Escuela de Gobierno, Universidad Torcuato di Tella (Argentina)

4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Session IV: Investing in Health for Economic Development: Evidence

- Report of the Commission on Macroeconomics and Health: Investing in Health for Economic Development; presented by Phillip Musgrove; Fogarty International Center –FIC.
- Sanjeev Gupta, Assistant Director, Fiscal Affairs Department and Erwin R. Tiongson, Senior Research Office, Fiscal Affairs Department; IMF

Discussant/Commentator:

- Alok Bhargava, University of Houston
- Eduardo Lora, Principal Economist, Research Department, IDB

Chair: Gary McMahon; Principal Economist, Global Development Network

Friday, October 04:

9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Session V: Endogenous Economic Growth Theory: Health, Human Capital and Economic Growth; Income Convergence and Poverty Traps (Session V)

- Peter Howitt; Professor, Brown University
- Health and Endogenous Growth; Adriaan van Zon, Professor Maastricht University, the Netherlands

Discussant/Commentator:

- Timothy Lane, Chief, Policy Review Division, IMF
- Luis Riveros, Dean, University of Chile

Chair: Peter Heller; Fiscal Affairs Department, International Monetary Fund

11:00 - 12:30 m.

Session VI: Panel on Investment in Human Capital, Economic Growth and Social Development: Policies and Research Agenda

- Sanjeev Gupta, Assistant Director, Fiscal Affairs Department, IMF
- Emmanuel Jimenez, The World Bank
- Rachel Nugent, The Fogarty International Center
- Omar Arias, Sustainable Development Department, IDB
- Juan Antonio Casas, Director, Health and Human Development, PAHO

- *Panel Chair:* George Alleyne, Director, PAHO

12:30 p.m.:

Closing Remarks

- George Alleyne, Director, PAHO