



With two years remaining to accomplish the goals set by the Millennium Declaration, Latin American and Caribbean countries must hasten efforts to close gaps, especially at the sub-regional level where great territorial disparities continue between municipalities within each country.

Because of this predicament, the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning (ILPES), a part of ECLAC, established the **Long distance Course on the Municipalization of the Millennium Development Goals**. These courses look to deliver policy instruments and to strengthen the technical capacity of sub-national governments to incorporate MDGs in local development policies.

The course is directed towards professionals from the public sector, municipalities, NGOs, universities, and private sector, who are dedicated to local development. A distance-learning model (e-learning) is utilized, with the goal to:

- Facilitate the access to different agents involved in local development, who are interested in strengthening their skills towards the involvement in their municipality's process to reach the MDGs.
- Create favorable collaborative working conditions in the community, particularly in local regions which need to accelerate their achievement of the MDGs.

The **Workshops on the Municipalization of the Millennium Development Goals** looks to strengthen local governments in Latin America in their realization of reaching the Millennium Development Goals. Each workshop seeks to strengthen the technical capacity of sub-regional government officials, through appropriate training, so that they may incorporate the objectives of MDGs in their local development plans. The training strategy centers on facilitating and encouraging agent participation and endogenous planning of local development through the application of public policies, programs, projects and activities oriented to deepen the achievement of the MDGs at the municipal level.

SIXTH SUMMIT MANDATE:

To reaffirm our commitment to advance towards the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and promote the financing of projects and programs to disseminate best practices in the communities that are most behind. (Poverty and Inequality)

ACTIVITIES:

The **Long distance Course on the Municipalization of the Millennium Development Goals**, undertakes the following activities in each module:

- Module 1: The Millennium Development Goals
- Module 2: Evaluation of the MDGs at the country/municipality level
- Module 3: Mapping of agents and development of an action plan for the advancement of the MDGs
- Module 4: Analysis of the institutions dealing with the MDGs
- Module 5: Formulation of an action plan and agenda relating to municipal MDGs

Professionals from the following countries have carried out the process: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panamá, Paraguay, Peru, Dominican Republic, Uruguay and Venezuela. More than 711 individuals participated, mostly public employees, 342 female and 369 male.

The **Workshops on the Municipalization of the Millennium Development Goals**, divided in the following manner:

- 1. Dialogues about the relevance of the MDGs**
- 2. Prioritization of a lagging MDG**
- 3. Matrix of potential actions and follow-up of the lagging MDG**

Among the anticipated results of the workshop are:

- Recognize the impact of the MDGs and utilize this recognition strategically for the advancement towards territorial development
- Bring up to date the state of the MDGs in the country and its municipalities
- Understand the ILPES methodology for the municipilization of the MDGs
- Identify strategic lines and actions to advance towards reaching the prioritized MDG objectives of the region
- Identify areas within municipal institutions, responsible for managing the work toward reaching the MDGs, that require strengthening
- Establish a Management Plan, Agenda of Commitments, and a Follow-Up Program to strengthen local capacities and to advance towards reaching the national MDGs

The workshop has taken place in a variety of Latin American countries: Quirihue (Chile), Antigua (Guatemala), Ayacucho (Peru), Rocha (Uruguay) and Chiapas (Mexico). In June 2013, 4 workshops took place in Mexico, in the cities Ecatepec, Naucalpan, Toluca and Tejupilco, with the assistance of social development directors from more than 100 municipalities of the State of Mexico.

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