



WORLD BANK GROUP
Social Protection & Labor

World Bank Core Course on Pensions
Washington, D.C. – April 27-May 8, 2015
Room I-2-220

COURSE AGENDA

May 4, 2015

This course aims to provide policymakers and other stakeholders in developing countries with an overview of the approaches for analyzing pension systems and policy and institutional reform options. The course reviews lessons from pension reforms around the world and uses team exercises for participants to explore reform options for developing country examples. Speakers include recognized experts in Pensions from the World Bank as well as from other international organizations.

The agenda includes the application of different pedagogical methods including:

- instructional presentations on the key approaches to the design and reform of public and private pension systems and institutional development challenges;
- presentations and applied cases using a diagnostic methodology and modeling techniques;
- presentations from select case studies illustrating the challenges and lessons learned from different reform measures employed; and
- hands-on participatory workshop sessions in which course participants will work in groups to design reform programs for country cases which apply the instructional content.

Pensions Core Course – April 2015 – Preliminary Agenda - Week 1

	Day 1 – Monday April 27	Day 2 – Tuesday April 28	Day 3 – Wednesday April 29	Day 4 – Thursday April 30	Day 5 – Friday May 1
8:00-9:00	Registration	Coffee	Coffee	Coffee	Coffee
9:00-10:30	The World Bank's Conceptual Framework and Work in Social Protection and Labor	Non-contributory elderly assistance - Social pensions and social assistance	Supplementary Occupational and Personal Pensions Arrangements	Pensions and Social Insurance in Sub-Saharan Africa –	Introduction to PROST
	Laura Rawlings (World Bank)	Margaret Grosh, Robert Palacios (World Bank)	Richard Hinz (World Bank, retired)	Mark Dorfman (World Bank)	Tatyana Bogomolova (World Bank)
10:30-11:00	Coffee	Coffee	Coffee	Coffee	Coffee
11:00-12:30	Pensions conceptual framework and diagnostic toolkit	Public mandatory contributory schemes – Defined-contribution and Defined-Benefit	Introduction to Pensions Indicators, the ASPIRE & Pensions databases	The Role of Unique Identification in Pensions and Social Protection	Introduction to APEX
	Mark Dorfman (World Bank)	Edward Whitehouse (Consultant)	Edward Whitehouse (Consultant)	Robert Palacios (World Bank)	Sergei Biletsky (World Bank)
12:30-2:00	Lunch (provided) Introduction – Learning Objectives of Participants, Member Introductions (World Bank)	Lunch (not provided)	Group Photo 12:30 – 1:00 MC Wolfensohn Atrium Lunch (not provided)	Lunch (not provided)	Lunch (not provided)
2:00-3:30	International trends: demographic, labor markets, pension design, financing and institutional reform –	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enabling conditions & adm. requirements for DC & NDC Pension Schemes; Causes and effects of the reversals of Funded DC schemes. 	Spot Exercise - Parametric reform options in OECD countries	Administrative Systems and Institutional infrastructure - Identity, data management, payment systems, targeting infrastructure	PROST Exercise
	Robert Palacios (World Bank)	Agnieszka Chłoń-Domińczak (Warsaw School of Economics)	Edward Whitehouse (Consultant)	Oleksiy Sluchynsky (World Bank)	Tatyana Bogomolova, Sergei Biletsky, (World Bank)
3:00-3:30	Coffee	Coffee	Coffee	Coffee	Coffee
4:00-5:30	Introduction to group projects	Pensions Glossary Quiz & Instruction	Spot Exercise (continued) Parametric reform options in OECD countries	Illinois Pension System Case Study	PROST Exercise (continued) Group Exercise
	Mark Dorfman (World Bank)	Mark Dorfman (World Bank)	Edward Whitehouse (Consultant); Carolina Romero, Robert Palacios (World Bank)	Mark Dorfman (World Bank)	Tatyana Bogomolova, Sergei Biletsky (World Bank)
		Reception: 6:00-8:00 MC East Dining Room			

Pensions Core Course – April 2015 – Preliminary Agenda - Week 2

	Day 6 – Monday May 4	Day 7 – Tuesday May 5	Day 8 – Wednesday May 6	Day 9 – Thursday May 7	Day 10 – Friday May 8
8:00 – 9:00	Coffee	Coffee	Coffee	Coffee	Coffee
9:00-10:30	Introduction to the ADePT analytical tool	Pension Investment Management	Closing the Coverage Gap	Voluntary private pension initiatives including aspects of individual account recordkeeping	Group Project Presentations and Discussion
	Ruslan Yemstov, Brooks Evans, Claudia Rodriguez (World Bank)	Sudhir Rajkumar (World Bank Treasury)	Robert Palacios, Gonzalo Reyes Mark Dorfman (World Bank)	Ernesto Brodersohn (Mexican Pension Supervisory Agency)	Groups D, E
10:30-11:00	Coffee	Coffee	Coffee	Coffee	Coffee
11:00-12:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interpretation of ADePT results • Introduction to the ASPIRE database 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pension Investment Management (cont.) • Linking Pension Investment Management to Market Development 	Civil service pension schemes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summing Up – Insights from country data, conceptual framework & reform experiences • Completion of Group Projects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group Project Presentations and Discussion F, G. • Course evaluations • Presentation of course certificates
	Brooks Evans, Claudia Rodriguez, Maddalena Honorati (World Bank)	Sudhir Rajkumar (World Bank Treasury) Fiona Stewart (World Bank)	Edward Whitehouse (Consultant)	Mark Dorfman (World Bank)	
12:30-2:00	Lunch (provided) Informal participant exchange of experience on pertinent pension issues.	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	1:00 dismissal
2:00-3:30	ADePT exercise	Pension Regulation and Supervision	Case Example of Civil Service Reform: The US Thrift Savings Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group Projects – Completion • Presentation 	
	Ruslan Yemstov, Brooks Evans, Claudia Rodriguez (World Bank)	Richard Hinz (World Bank, retired)	James Petrick (Thrift Savings Plan)	Group A	
3:30-4:00	Coffee	Coffee	Coffee	Coffee	
4:00-5:30	Prost Exercise (Conclusions)	Development and Implementation of a Regulatory Framework	Group Projects Preparation	Group Projects – Presentations and Discussion	Groups B, C
	Tatyana Bogomolova, Sergei Biletsky (World Bank)	Fiona Stewart, Anthony Randle (World Bank)			

Course Dinner
 6:30-9:00
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 Pennsylvania Ave, NW

