



Third World Bank Conference on Equity

Fiscal Policy for an Equitable Society

June 10, 2013

J B1-080, 701 18th Street, NW, Washington, D.C.

8:30 – 9:00 am Breakfast and Registration

9:00 – 9:15 am Welcome and Opening Remarks

Jaime Saavedra, Acting Vice President, Poverty Reduction and Economic Management Network, World Bank

9:15 – 10:00 am Assessing the Distributional Impact of Fiscal Policy

Chair: Jaime Saavedra

Nora Lustig, Samuel Z. Stone Professor of Latin American Economics, Tulane University
Stephen Younger, Scholar in Residence, Department of Economics, Ithaca College

10:00 – 10:15 am Break

10:15 – 11:30 am Identifying the Economic Incidence of Taxes

Chair: Jeffrey Lewis, Director, Economic Policy, Debt and Trade Department, World Bank

James Alm, Professor and Chair of Economics, Tulane University
David Philips, Senior Research Economist, Institute for Fiscal Studies, U.K.
Sally Wallace, Chair of Economics, Georgia State University

11:30 – 12:30 pm Incidence of Contributory Pensions and Other Benefits

Chair: Robert Palacios, Team Leader, Social Protection, Human Development Network, World Bank

Gary Burtless, Senior Fellow, Economic Studies, The Brookings Institution
Robert Gillingham, Independent Consultant
Carola Pessino, Professor of Economics, University of CEMA, Argentina

12:30 – 2:00 pm Lunch and Keynote Address: Fiscal Policy and Inequality

Kaushik Basu, Senior Vice President and Chief Economist, World Bank

Chair: Marcelo Giugale, Director, Poverty Reduction and Economic Management Network, Africa Region, World Bank

2:00 – 3:15 pm Who Benefits from Spending on Direct Transfers and Subsidies?

Chair: Ariel Fiszbein, Chief Economist, Human Development Network, World Bank

Benedict Clements, Division Chief, Expenditure Policy Division, Fiscal Affairs Department, IMF

Kathy Lindert, Sector Leader, Central American Countries, World Bank

Jacob Ricker-Gilbert, Assistant Professor of Agricultural Economics, Purdue University

3:15 – 3:30 pm Break

3:30 – 4:45 pm Who Benefits from Spending on in Kind Transfers: Health, Education, and Food?

Chair: Emmanuel Jimenez, Director Public Sector, Independent Evaluation Group, World Bank

John Scott, Professor-Researcher, Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE), Mexico

Ian Preston, Professor of Economics, University College London, U.K.

Adam Wagstaff, Research Manager, World Bank

4:45– 5:45 pm Who Benefits from Spending on Infrastructure and Public Order?

Chair: Marcelo Selowsky, Country, Corporate, and Global Evaluation, IEG, World Bank

Cormac O’Dea, Senior Research Economist, Institute for Fiscal Studies, U.K.

Dominique van de Walle, Lead Economist, Development Research Group, World Bank

Quentin Wodon, Adviser, Human Development Network, World Bank