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Introduction

The work of the International Policy Centre for Inclusive Growth (IPC-IG) reflects its mission of promoting policy dialogue and facilitating learning between developing countries around social policies. Since 2009, the partnership between the United Nation Development Programme (UNDP) and the Government of Brazil (represented by the Brazilian Ministry of Planning) has been strengthened. More recently, the Centre has benefited from operational support and guidance from the UNDP Brazil Country Office while being hosted by the Brazilian Institute for Applied Economic Research (Ipea). It also receives substantive contributions in the form of participation of Ipea researchers in the activities of the Centre.

The IPC-IG has been providing services and tools to strengthen institutional capacities of governments of the South; this includes working with issues of social protection, as well as the monitoring and evaluation of public policies. The innovative approaches to South-South Cooperation carried out by the IPC-IG revolve around three pillars:

Knowledge sharing: facilitating the exchange of innovative experiences and initiatives among countries of the South;

Knowledge production: carrying out research and studies, such as policy analysis and evaluations; and

Capacity building: providing and facilitating the collaborative construction of capacity-building activities and flows of knowledge between countries of the South.

For over 10 years, the Centre has been working to meet the requests of countries of the South, as well as developing and providing country- and context-specific solutions framed around the aforementioned pillars. Solutions have been developed together with policymakers and experts, empowering and strengthening both human and institutional capacities and resources.

The IPC-IG 2015 Activity Report provides an overview of the main activities and achievements of the Centre over the past year. It also highlights the impressive increase in the outreach capacity of the IPC-IG to crucial audiences as well as the production of knowledge materials aiming at creating informed debates around development policies.

In many ways, the results speak for themselves. Some figures may be helpful in understanding the extent of the global reach of the knowledge produced by the Centre; for instance, the total number of IPC-IG publication downloads grew from a little over 20,000 in 2005 to more than 1.2 million in 2015. Over the past decade, the IPC-IG has made available a total of 586 publications in English and 677 translated versions in several languages, such as Portuguese, Spanish, Arabic, Chinese, Turkish, Bahasa and Italian.

During 2015, the IPC-IG undertook 11 projects, supported by several institutions such as the UNDP Brazil, UNDP Cape Verde, the UNDP Independent Evaluation Office, the World Food Programme (WFP), the WFP Centre of Excellence Against Hunger, UNICEF MENARO, the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), the World Bank (WB), the British Department for International Development (DFID), the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Australian Government (DFAT) and the German Development Cooperation.

This report showcases the diverse partnerships, vital to the operations of the Centre, and—more than ever—a focus on collaboration that taps into the experiences of low- and middle-income countries, providing insight for others. Each research activity and project within each of these areas implemented throughout 2015 is presented in the format of an ‘overview table’ that displays information about the partners, objectives, outcomes and the operational summary of each project. Accompanying each overview table is an output report, which provides a snapshot of the outputs and tangible results of a project or activity.
Knowledge sharing

The IPC-IG has promoted debates and disseminated knowledge throughout a diverse range of channels, such as participation in Communities of Practice, social media and multiple communication outreach activities—including maintaining the IPC-IG website, preparation of press releases, articles and monthly newsletters, interviews, media relations, translations of knowledge materials and the organisation of policy-related and academic events. A global audience of experts, policymakers, practitioners and civil society at large, as well as partner organisations and UN agencies has been connected through such knowledge sharing activities. All of these activities, in addition to the social media presence on Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, YouTube and Flickr, have played an increasing role in supporting the dissemination of the Centre’s work.

Facts and figures

- **LinkedIn**: 225 followers (since March)
- **Facebook**: 5,658 likes (1,475 new likes)
- **Twitter**: Total number of followers: 30.2K

**IPC-IG website traffic report**

- Number of visits in 2015: 546,421
- Average visitors per month: 45,535
- Total IPC-IG publication downloads in 2015 (PDF): 1,269,447

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Total number of publications downloaded: 2004-2015

Total number of publications downloaded in 2015

IPC-IG website (English) traffic 2004-2015—number of visits
Activities to support the Centre’s development and management of strategic partnerships were also undertaken in the form of inputs for institutional documents and project briefings. In particular this was carried out:

- in collaboration with the Brazilian Government (Ipea/SAE and the Ministry of Social Development and Fight Against Hunger—MDS);
- in support of UNDP Brazil’s relationship with national partners;
- in the development of inputs to partnership proposals for the UNDP;
- in collaboration with other Institutions to provide inputs for the development of books and book chapters about poverty and inequality in Brazil, inputs on thematic reports, preparation of talking points, among others.

At the global level, the IPC-IG supported a number of projects by strengthening partnerships with leading institutions in the field of social protection, including the World Bank, UNICEF, UNDP, the International Labour Organization (ILO), and regional centres.

### Projects

#### 1. Social Protection Knowledge Sharing Gateway

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<td>Partner</td>
<td>SPIAC-B (Social Protection Inter-Agency Cooperation Board)</td>
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<td>Main Outcome</td>
<td>The Gateway facilitates knowledge sharing, capacity building and collaboration on Social Protection policies among Governments, Research Centres, International Organisations, NGOs and other interested parties.</td>
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<td>Main Outputs</td>
<td>1. Partnerships have been built and users are engaged;</td>
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<td>2. The Social Protection Gateway (an online platform) is available;</td>
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<td>3. Virtual South-South experience exchange has been implemented;</td>
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<td>4. Face-to-face South-South knowledge sharing has been supported.</td>
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<td>Team in 2015</td>
<td>Amélie Courau; Ashleigh Slingsby; Cecilia Amaral; Cristina Cirillo; Denise Marinho dos Santos; Raquel Tebaldi; Arianne Alvarenga; Ricardo de Lacerda Ferreira; Yannick Roule; Mario Györi; Interns: Isabela Coelho; Maria Fernanda Villari; João Hernani Vasconcellos; Aaron Athias. Coordination: Alicia Spengler.</td>
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The Social Protection Knowledge Sharing Gateway is an initiative hosted by the IPC-IG, supported by the Development Working Group of the G20 and endorsed by the SPIAC-B. The online social protection hub aims to facilitate South-South learning on social protection policies, particularly across middle- and low-income countries. The site socialprotection.org is unbranded, aimed at sharing innovative research on social protection and promoting impartial discussions.

Following a prototype of the platform developed in 2012, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) of the Australian Government approved the project at the end of 2013. As a result, an official agreement between the IPC-IG/UNDP and DFAT was signed in January 2014. The project-associated activities officially started on 1 April 2014.

The member-based platform was launched on 12 September 2015. Since then, the platform welcomed 570 members from around 100 countries, affiliated with more than 60 institutions. The platform features a ‘Publications Search’ that provides users with direct access to nearly 1,400 of the latest and most relevant publications related to social protection.

The Gateway seeks to be the premier online destination to promote key themes on social protection policies, programmes and systems. Visitors and members are encouraged to engage and build common know-how among policymakers, researchers and practitioners. Furthermore, it hosts a comprehensive, complete and updated repository of documents, news and events based on an extensive classification of social protection programmes, topics and cross-cutting areas.

From September to December 2015, the most outstanding results of the platform were the following:

- 12 interactive features aiming at knowledge sharing and interactive engagement available to the social protection community;
- 570 professionals working in the field of Social Protection affiliated with 63 institutions registered as members of the platform;
- 1,386 publications from a broad range of institutional authors included in the ‘Publication Database’;
- 10 active ‘Online Communities’ administered by diverse stakeholders;
- 122 events included and disseminated in the ‘Events Search’ database of the platform;
- 64 Learning Tools and 11 ‘Virtual Campus’ items compiled in the ‘Learn’ section of the platform; and
- 273 social protection related pieces of news aggregated in 2015 in the consistently updated ‘News Section’ focusing on local, national and regional social protection related information.

The Social Protection Knowledge Sharing Gateway has formed diverse partnerships with regional bodies, multilateral agencies, research centres, UN agencies, bilateral agencies and consulting firms resulting in diverse activities within and outside the platform, including:

- the creation and administration of the Online Community “Working Group: Food Security and Nutrition-Specific Inter-Agency Social Protection Assessment Tool (FSN-ISPA)” together with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO);
Evaluation in development plays a central role in the UNDP’s approach to provide objective evidence on the impact of policy measures to achieve inclusive development and reduce inequalities as well as exclusion. Three international conferences have been held in order to facilitate development of National Evaluation Capacities (NEC): in Morocco (2009), South Africa (2011) and Brazil (2013). During the latest conference, which focused on “Solutions to Challenges Related to Independence, Credibility and Use of Evaluations”, more than 160 participants from 63 countries declared 2015 as the International Year of Evaluation (EvalYear), to advocate and promote evaluation and evidence-based policymaking at all levels. The participants also defined “18 NEC commitments” to promote this process.

After the 2013 conference in São Paulo, the IPC-IG took on the role of facilitator of knowledge exchange among the countries and partners interested in promoting National Evaluation Capacities throughout the 2015 International Year of Evaluation. The IPC-IG created a NEC Community on the UN Teamworks platform, to support the monitoring and follow-up to the ‘18 NEC’ commitments. The Centre has published and disseminated publications, newsletters, and information about evaluation events through the main website <www.unteamworks.org/NEC> and its social media presence (Twitter and Facebook). Furthermore, the IPC-IG has promoted the Community of Practice’s dialogues on the NEC commitments and other evaluation-related topics.

The following COP e-discussions were promoted in 2015: “How to incorporate gender perspectives in the Monitoring and Evaluation National Systems” regarding Gender and Evaluation, moderated by Eval Partners, the United Nations Evaluation Group and UN Women; and “How the 2015 NEC Conference in Bangkok ‘Blending Evaluation Principles with Development Practices’ can enhance national evaluation capacities and help to develop and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals” (SDGs), moderated by UNDP IEO and UNDP Brazil.

Closing each e-discussion, publications were produced summarising the main discussion points. During 2015 the following were published:

- One Pager No. 283: “Challenges to Integrating Gender Equality Approaches” (summarising the COP e-discussion on the same subject). Published in English and Portuguese (April 2015);
- One Pager Series on SDGs and National Evaluation Capacities (summarising the COP e-discussion on the same subject). Due to the number of comments, three publications were produced:
  - One Pager No. 299: “The 2015 NEC Conference in Bangkok: Enhancing National Evaluation Capacities and Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals”. Published in English, Spanish, French and Portuguese (August 2015);

### 2. National Evaluation Capacities (NEC)

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<td>Partners</td>
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<td>Main Outcome</td>
<td>The implementation and monitoring of the 18 NEC commitments, under the scope of South-South Cooperation, have been supported.</td>
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<td>Main Outputs</td>
<td>1. A strategy to follow-up/monitor the 18 NEC commitments has been developed and implemented; 2. Knowledge sharing on evaluation related to NEC topics has been promoted; 3. The exchanges of knowledge and monitoring outputs have been published/communicated.</td>
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A United Nations Volunteers (UNV) Online assignment has united 32 Ambassadors from all over the world, to help maintain an up-to-date platform and reach out to all regions and local stakeholders.

Since December 2015 the German Government, through its Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ) has also been funding socialprotection.org, along with the Australian Government’s Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT).
One Pager No. 304: “Supporting the Sustainable Development Goals: Priorities for a Global Evaluation Agenda”. Published in English, Spanish, French and Portuguese (September 2015);

One Pager No. 306: “Strengthening National Evaluation Capacities to Evaluate Sustainable Human Development”. Published in English, Spanish, French and Portuguese (October 2015).

During 2015 the IPC-IG also organised the “Consultation with Latin American Parliamentarians in Strengthening Evaluation Functions in a Post Development Agenda” in Panama, in partnership with UNICEF, CLEAR, UN Women, UNFPA and EvalPartners.

A study documenting the current state of national evaluation capacities and existing institutional set-ups in the 43 UNDP programme countries, also signatories to the “18 NEC commitments”, was produced. “Towards a Baseline Study: Insights on National Evaluation Capacities in 43 Countries” was published in December 2015.

3. Support to the Brazil learning initiative for a World Without Poverty—WWP

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| Main Outcome| 1. Increase the impact of successful public policy approaches implemented in Brazil;  
| | 2. Support the discussion on innovative approaches to tackle core issues related to poverty reduction through a network of practitioners;  
| | 3. Apply a rigorous approach to the development, implementation, monitoring, evaluation and dissemination of innovative policies;  
| | 4. Facilitate the scaling up and delivery of innovative policies and the dissemination of their results;  
| | 5. Facilitate knowledge-sharing and learning between Brazil and other countries, including through international technical cooperation initiatives;  
| | 6. Make use of and leverage existing resources and facilities to mutual advantage and benefit. |

| Main Outputs| 1. Consolidation and systematisation of knowledge about the Brazilian experience of implementing social welfare and poverty reduction policies;  
| | 2. Knowledge exchange within Brazil—among professionals and policymakers at national and subnational levels—and with other countries;  
| | 3. Monitoring and evaluating the implementation of the initiative. |


The Brazil Learning Initiative for a World Without Poverty (WWP) aims to be a platform <www.wwp.org.br> for the systematisation, promotion and exchange of skills and knowledge in the area of social protection policies, both at national and international levels.

Launched in 2014, the initiative arose from the relationship between the Government of Brazil (Ipea and MDS), UNDP (IPC-IG) and the World Bank. Its genuinely inter-institutional character enabled the creation of important know-how in terms of management, procurement and operational coordination between the aforementioned institutions and has enabled the development of individual and institutional capacities of the members directly and indirectly involved with the project. The WWP team helped with the planning, organisation and implementation of:

1. WWP Webinar: sharing the Brazilian experience in poverty reduction (Portuguese);

The IPC-IG shares knowledge among Brazil and African countries

2. Webinar on the Brazilian Unified Registry for Social Programmes (English);

3. Webinar on Tools for Inter-sectoral Coordination - How to integrate Social Policies in Conditional Cash Transfer Programmes (English and Spanish);
4. Communication Action using social media tools to raise awareness about issues related to poverty reduction on World Health Day, on the International Day of Families, on World Environment Day and on Nelson Mandela Day. Also, a thematic month to raise awareness about the Eradication of Poverty was created via social media (resulting in an increase of over 200 per cent in the downloads of WWP technical products);

5. Development of the first series of “WWP Questions,” featuring short, dynamic video responses from national and international experts to relevant questions about poverty and social protection themes;

6. Launch of the 4th, 5th and 6th issues of the WWP Newsletter, featuring regular content on the Brazilian and international experiences in social protection and poverty reduction policies and programmes;


8. Production of 24 exclusive technical products on social protection, following the WWP’s editorial criteria, made available in Portuguese, English, Spanish and French on the project’s website;

9. In addition, the WWP team worked on new dissemination channels, such as the publication of an article in the Colombian magazine “Revista Semana” and a presentation on the “WWP Project within the framework of South-South cooperation” to International Relations students of the University of Brasilia (UnB);

10. As a milestone for the WWP, the Initiative is revamping its website to provide a better experience for its users, with a new design and efficient search options of its content as well as the inclusion of the French language to the list of official languages of the WWP. Thus, all technical content already produced and to be produced will also be available in French.

These and other activities developed by the project seek to contribute to the promotion of dialogue on social protection policies, seeking to encourage good practices and enhance South-South cooperation. The wide range of project partners were and are fundamental to collectively influence the improvement of social policy management and to structure more inclusive social protection systems, to contribute to raising standards of development and quality of life in the world.

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4. Brazil & Africa: fighting poverty and empowering women via South-South Cooperation—Outcome 1

| Name | Brazil & Africa: fighting poverty and empowering women via South-South Cooperation—Outcome 1: Increased and improved knowledge-sharing and learning in African Low Income Countries (LICs) on the design and implementation of social development/social protection programmes inspired by relevant Brazilian public policies, experiences and practices contributing to the overarching goal of poverty eradication. |
| Donor | British Department for International Development (DFID) |
| Started | February 2015 |
| Closing | March 2017 |
| Partners | MDS, Ipea, UNICEF, UN WOMEN, UNFPA and UNDP |
| Main Outcome | To promote knowledge-sharing and learning regarding Social Protection among Brazil and African Low Income Countries, contributing to reduce poverty in Africa. |
| Main Outputs | 1. Compilation of lessons learnt from the experiences of the Community of Practice on Cash transfer programmes in Africa (CoPs); 2. Knowledge products on Brazilian Social Protection programmes; 3. Mapping Study of African policies/programmes inspired by Brazilian Social Protection experiences, as an exercise to follow-up on how knowledge exchange has impacted on Social Protection in Africa; 4. Seminar on Social Protection held in Africa; 5. Reports/Studies about Social Protection programmes in Africa produced to inform Brazilian policymakers and practitioners (in Portuguese); 6. South-South knowledge exchange visits and other forms of knowledge sharing between Brazil and Africa on Social Protection have been supported; 7. Compiled list of lessons learned and policy needs, with a focus on the empowerment of women and girls benefiting from the experiences of the African Community of Practice on Cash transfer programmes (CoP); 8. Knowledge products on the gender analysis of Brazilian social protection experiences. |
As part of the project “Brazil & Africa: fighting poverty and empowering women via South-South Cooperation”, supported by DFID, “Outcome 1” enables knowledge-sharing of Brazil’s successful experiences of poverty reduction, and women’s empowerment with low-income countries in Africa. It seeks to support the design and implementation of relevant national programmes and public policies and to promote the scaling-up of existing initiatives.

Since the early 2000s, unconditional and conditional cash transfer programmes have gained significant importance as key elements of social safety nets throughout Africa. In order to improve and expand these programmes through knowledge exchanges, the IPC-IG is developing an innovative approach to share knowledge among Brazil and African countries. IPC-IG’s activities are built upon previous experiences with South-South and triangular cooperation activities, working in partnership with the socialprotection.org platform, which provides a structure for Online Communities—mainly “The Brazil-Africa Social Protection Online Community”, Webinars and dissemination of knowledge products.

The following project associated activities have been implemented:

- The e-Discussion “The impact of the Brazil-Africa knowledge sharing in Social Protection and Food Security” (only with participants from Africa) started on 29 June and ended on 19 August 2015. Of a total of 287 invitees, 36 joined the Online Community (OC) from English/Portuguese/French-speaking countries, representing 8 different countries (Rwanda, Zimbabwe, Ghana, Mauritania, Madagascar, Benin, the Republic of the Congo, and South Africa). The e-Discussion’s objective was to analyse the impact of the Brazil-Africa knowledge sharing on Social Protection, as well as on food security and nutrition. Lawrence Ofori-Addo, Former Deputy Director, Social Protection, Department of Social Welfare (Ghana) served as moderator of the discussion;

- The IPC-IG team attended face-to-face meetings and conferences in order to support the Online Community;

- Studies were undertaken; for instance, a “Review of existing African policies/programmes” and an “Interactive mapping tool”. Studies were carried out by the IPC-IG and will be published on <www.socialprotection.org>;

- The survey “Brazil-Africa Knowledge Sharing in Social Protection and Food Security” was carried out by the IPC-IG from 28 July to 18 August, with the aim to analyse the impact of the knowledge sharing initiatives between Brazil and a number of African countries. The survey was prepared in three languages (English, French, and Portuguese) and sent to 308 representatives from 36 African countries, representatives from the African Union and the New Partnership for Africa’s Development (NEPAD). 43 members from 21 African countries took part in the survey;

- A survey with Brazilian policymakers and practitioners “Consulta—Cooperação Sul-Sul em Proteção Social e Segurança Alimentar” was carried out from 28 July to 18 August. Moreover, 19 respondents from 8 Brazilian institutions and international organisations based in Brazil responded to this survey;

- The Work Meeting: “Sharing knowledge on social protection and food and nutrition security between Brazil and Africa” took place on 10 March, 2015 at the IPC-IG;

- 3 One Pagers regarding African experiences (Kenya, Zambia and Ethiopia) were produced and disseminated. Three more One Pagers are being produced (Kenya, Tanzania and Mozambique).
The organisation of study visits, policy sessions, seminars, missions, and technical meetings is essential for the IPC-IG’s knowledge sharing strategy. The Centre’s staff participated in or contributed to several activities:

1. Participation of IPC-IG staff in national and international events


SOCIAL PROTECTION INTER-AGENCY COOPERATION BOARD (SPIAC-B). Sixth SPIAC-B Meeting, New York, 3 February, 2015. Alicia Spengler and Cristina Cirillo attended the meeting where the SPIAC-B members analysed the positioning of bilateral and multilateral agencies with regards to social protection goals and indicators of the Sustainable Development Goals and the 2030 agenda.

BRAZIL’S MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND FIGHT AGAINST HUNGER (MDS). Workshop for Specialists on the Quality of Unified Registry, Brasília, 5-6 March, 2015. Diana Sawyer and Rafael Osório participated in the workshop.


Sawyer, Diana. “Provisional Measure 664 of 30 December, 2014: Considerations on Pensions due to Death.” Presented at the Public Hearing of the Coordination of the Joint Committees of the Brazilian Senate, Brasília, 27 April, 2015.


PURCHASE FROM AFRICANS FOR AFRICA (PAA). PAA Africa Forum, Senegal, 26 June, 2015. Fábio Veras attended the meeting to discuss the expansion of the programme.

Osório, Rafael. “Las Investigaciones sobre la Desigualdad Racial en Brasil.” Presented at the Workshop on Racial Inequality at the Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences, Havana, 30 June, 2015.

Osório, Rafael. “Mediciones de Desigualdad Racial en Brasil.” Presented at the international meeting celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Casa de Altos Estudios Don Fernando Ortiz, Havana, 1 July, 2015.


Osório, Rafael. “International Cooperation and the Brazil Learning Initiative for a World without Poverty (WWP).” Presented at the University of Brasilia (UnB), Brasilia, 7 July, 2015.


OECD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE AND THE FINNISH NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE. Kick-off Meeting of the EU Social Protection Systems Programme, Paris, 16 September, 2015. Fábio Veras, Alicia Spengler, Mario Györi and Michael MacLennan attended the meeting, which brought together key stakeholders and partners for a discussion on how best to support countries in the development and reform of national social protection systems.

Knowledge sharing activities


INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT (IFAD). Second meeting of the Country Programme Management Group, Brasília, 23 October, 2015. Diana Sawyer attended the meeting aimed at the preparation of the new Program of Strategic Opportunities of the country, which will serve as a guide for the operation of IFAD in Brazil for the years 2016-2021.


THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS (FAO). Twitter Chat Session on Social Protection, 30 October, 2015. The teams of IPC-IG and socialprotection.org attended the online event posting content related to the topic.


BRAZILIAN SCHOOL OF FISCAL ADMINISTRATION (ESAF). XX National Treasury Award 2015, Brasília, 13 November, 2015. Sergio Gobetti, and Rodrigo Orair received the award in the category of Special Topics for the study entitled “Progressive Taxation: a Forgotten Agenda.”


BRAZILIAN INSTITUTE OF GEOGRAPHY AND STATISTICS (IBGE). First Meeting of the Steering Committee on Demographic Statistics, Rio de Janeiro, 19 November, 2015. Diana Sawyer attended the meeting.


Osório, Rafael. “Microsimulation as a tool for integrated SDG-based development planning.” Presented at the Inter-Regional Workshop Experiences and Lessons Learned from UN’s Economic and Social Council’s National Voluntary Presentations, Kingston, Jamaica, 2-4 December, 2015.

2. Events organised by the IPC-IG

IPC-IG/UNDP. Official Visit to IPC-IG of the Assistant Administrator and Director of the Bureau of Management at the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Jens Wandel, Brasilia, 10 February, 2015.

IPC-IG/UNDP. Technical Meeting Sharing Knowledge on Social Protection and Food and Nutritional Security between Brazil and Africa, Brasilia, 10 March, 2015. The technical meeting gathered representatives from
Brazil’s Ministries of Social Development and Fight against Hunger, and Social Security, the World Bank, Brazil’s General Coordination for International Actions against Hunger (CGFome), DFID, Embrapa, FAO, IPC-IG, and Ipea, PMA/WFP and UNICEF. This initiative is part of the project “Brazil & Africa: fighting poverty and empowering women through South-South Cooperation”, financed partly by the British Department for International Development (DFID).

IPC-IG/UNDP. Official Visit to the IPC-IG of the Regional Team Leader for Gender in UNDP’s Bureau for Policy and Programme Support in Panama, Eugenia Piza Lopez, Brasília, 26 March, 2015.

IPC-IG/UNDP AND UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC (ESCAP). Seminar Brazil-Asia: Perspectives for Cooperation and Inclusion and official launch of Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific, Brasília, 14 May, 2015. The event panel gathered the UN Resident Coordinator, UNDP Resident Representative in Brazil and IPC-IG Director, Jorge Chediek; the President of Brazil’s Institute for Applied Economic Research (Ipea), Jessé Souza; Director of International Economic and Political Studies and Relations of the Institute for Applied Economic Research (Ipea), Renato Baumann; and the Director of the Economic and Social Commission for Latin America and Caribbean (ECLAC) Office in Brazil, Carlos Mussi.

IPC-IG/UNDP. IPC-IG Seminar Series on the Macroeconomic Challenges to Sustainable Development, Brasília, 17 June, 2015. The seminar was hosted by Eduardo Zepeda, Inter-Regional Policy Coordinator of the Development Policy Analysis Division of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) and former IPC-IG researcher.


IPC-IG/UNDP. Technical Meeting with Tanzania’s Policy Research for Development (REPOA) and Tanzania Social Action Fund (TASAF), Brasília, 23 October, 2015. The Director of Research in Social Protection of REPOA, Dr. Flora Myamba, presented the work of the independent research institution which creates and utilises knowledge to facilitate socio-economic development in Tanzania; and TASAF’s Research and Development Officer, Dr. Tumpe Lukongo explained the methodology and challenges of targeting beneficiaries for TASAF.


IPC-IG/UNDP. IPC-IG Seminar Series on Adapting Fomento to Sub-Saharan Africa: Evidence from a Pilot Project in Senegal and Malawi, Brasília, 9 December, 2015. The researchers of the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) Alan de Brauw and Kate Ambler presented the preliminary results of their ongoing research on adapting Brazil’s Fomento strategy in both African countries.

3. Missions and technical meetings

IPC-IG/UNDP. Mission to Morocco. Fábio Veras, and Mario Györi traveled to Rabat, during 16-18 March, 2015 as part of an agreement between UNICEF and the Centre to share international experience on social protection programmes with the Ministry of General Affairs and Governance of Morocco.

IPC-IG/UNDP. Mission to Cape Verde. Rafael Osório and Pedro Arruda traveled to Praia, during 24-30 April, 2015, to present the final version of the report on the country’s Cash Transfer Programme, prepared by the IPC-IG, together with researchers from the Institute for Applied Economic Research (Ipea). The study is the result of a partnership between the Government of Cape Verde, UNDP Cape Verde and the IPC-IG. Over the past year, the IPC-IG’s research team worked closely together with leading
institutions of social protection in Cape Verde, notably with the Ministry of Youth, Employment, Development and Human Resources (MJEDRH), the National Statistics Institute (INE) and the National Centre for Social Pensions (CNPS).

IPC-IG/UNDP. Mission to Tunisia. Sergei Soares, with the Director of the Single Registry of Brazil’s Ministry of Social Development and Fight against Hunger, Joana Mostafa, travelled to Tunis, during 29 June - 3 July, 2015, to work with researchers from the Centre de Recherches et d’Etudes Sociales (CRES), exchanging experiences on social protection and discussing the proposed reforms in the country, under the umbrella of a trilateral cooperation agreement to be signed by the governments of Brazil and Tunisia, as well as UNICEF.

IPC-IG/UNDP. Mission to Tunisia. Fábio Veras, and Mario Györi traveled to Tunis, during 8-10 July, 2015, to present a detailed policy option paper on alternatives for the reform of the social protection system in the country. During their mission they held discussions with representatives from CRES, from the Ministry of Development, Investment and International Cooperation (MDCI) and from the Ministry of Social Affairs (MAS). This mission is part of an agreement between the IPC-IG and UNICEF’s Regional Office for the Middle East and North Africa.

IPC-IG/UNDP. Technical Meeting on socialprotection.org, Brasília, 5 August, 2015. Alicia Spengler presented the new online platform dedicated to social protection, socialprotection.org, during a meeting with Minister Milton Rondó Filho, Coordinator-General of International Actions for the Fight against Hunger (CGFome), from the Brazilian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and representatives from UNICEF Brazil.

IPC-IG/UNDP. Technical Meeting on South-South Cooperation with Representatives from China’s Fudan University, Brasília, 11 August, 2015. Diana Sawyer and Alicia Spengler presented the work of the Centre and the socialprotection.org platform, respectively, to the vice-president of Institutes for International Studies, Wu Xinbo, and professor and vice-director of the US Studies Centre, Song Guoyou, both from Fudan University, officials from the Government of China, the Director of the International Studies, Political and Economic Relations Department of the Institute for Applied Economic Research (Ipea), Brand Arenari, and the researcher with Ipea’s Regional, Urban and Environmental Policies and Studies Department, Gustavo Luedemann.

IPC-IG/UNDP. Technical Meeting with German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ), Brasília, 30 November, 2015. Diana Sawyer and Alicia Spengler presented the work of the IPC-IG and the online platform socialprotection.org, respectively.


4. Interviews and opinion articles


The IPC-IG has undertaken several collaborative research projects in order to analyse and evaluate public policies according to demands received from countries of the South. Such demands were addressed via project and research development and, as main deliverables, publications were produced, consolidating knowledge. IPC-IG publications also serve to share newly produced as well as existing knowledge with a global audience to improve international debate in the South-South arena.

Projects

1. Scale of institutional food procurement in Brazil: analysis of the scale of institutional food procurement from smallholder farmers in Brazil

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<td>Study published jointly by WFP Centre of Excellence and the IPC-IG on Brazil’s Scale of Institutional Food Procurement; in English and Portuguese.</td>
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The WFP Centre of Excellence against Hunger and the IPC-IG celebrated a new agreement in 2014 to promote knowledge exchange on the rural development agenda by developing a study focusing on the estimation of the scale of Brazilian institutional public food procurement. The report describes two important programmes, namely the Food Acquisition Programme (PAA) and the National School Feeding Programme (PNAE), which utilise institutional procurement targeting family farmers. Both programmes are interesting innovations in the effort to put together a structured demand for family farmers in Brazil. In addition, the report estimates the scale of government procurement of agricultural produce, exploring its direct and indirect effects. As government institutions require semi or whole processed foods, it also estimates purchases from the food industry.
Therefore, the report presented to the Steering Committee in December 2014, and the report published in 2015 comprised 4 sections:

- one, characterising family farmers in Brazil;
- a second, presenting the scale of institutional food procurement from family farmers through the PAA and PNAE—the design of the PAA and the recent PNAE reforms, which established a quota to be spent exclusively with family farmers, are critical tools to understand the contemporary Brazilian experience of combating hunger, reducing poverty and promoting rural development;
- a third, estimating the scale of government food procurement at the national level—based on National Accounts from Brazil and measuring the direct and indirect purchases of agricultural produce on the food industry; and
- a final section including a discussion on policy implications.

The IPC-IG research team concluded that sustained institutional procurement from family farmers has not reached its full potential in spite of the expansion of food purchases since 2003. There are mechanisms in place to boost the flow of resources—through PAA—and performance improvements—through PNAE, to widen the market access of structured demand from family farmers.

The IPC-IG highlights that the scope of structured demand for farmers reaches beyond direct purchases of produce. In fact, in Brazil, a much greater impact of government procurement on agriculture occurs indirectly, through the demand for processed foods. This effect could be larger if farmers, through cooperatives, would participate in basic food processing—such as rice peeling, bean extraction and packing. What caught the attention of researchers was the capability of family farmers to reach the food industry, which could be a channel towards generating more sustainable income. If only large and medium farmers supply the food industry, a very significant opportunity for structured demand to reach small farmers is missed.

2. Increasing literacy rates in Maceió -AL Brazil

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<td>Providing support for the city of Maceió to adopt a strategy based on evidence to increase literacy.</td>
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<td>Preparation of a final analytical report encompassing the following dimensions: 1. Definition of the educational context of Maceió (Intermediate 1); 2. Study of the potential demand for literacy in Maceió (Intermediate 2); 3. Study of the effective supply of literacy courses in Maceió (Intermediate 3); 4. Publication of the results.</td>
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This project is the result of an extensive collaboration between the IPC-IG, UNDP Brazil, Ipea and the Government of Maceió to identify the possibility to undertake research with the goal of diagnosing the current educational scenario of Maceió, focusing on illiteracy, and providing evidence-based policy recommendations. The study will provide inputs that will guide the decisions of the local government and the adoption of strategies aimed at increasing literacy.

The final product of this project is an analytical report which will include the following studies: the definition of the educational context of Maceió; estimates of the potential demand for literacy, an analysis aimed at understanding the potential demand, estimation of the effective supply and analysis of group characteristics attending literacy courses; and an estimate of the additional demand for adult education and professional training courses.

**The elaboration of the four working papers aims at laying the groundwork for IFAD’s investment portfolio.**
3. Country strategic position papers for Brazil

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<td>To diagnose and evaluate the main determinants of rural poverty, the state of fiscal policies and rural development, as well as the consequences of climate change in Brazil, focusing on rural growth in the North and Northeast regions of Brazil.</td>
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<td>Main Outputs</td>
<td>To elaborate four working papers on: 1. Mapping rural poverty in the North and Northeast regions of Brazil; 2. Fiscal policies in the North and Northeast regions of Brazil; 3. Government policies for rural development in the North and Northeast regions of Brazil; 4. Climate change in Brazil, focusing on the North and Northeast regions of the country.</td>
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The elaboration of the aforementioned four working papers aims at laying the groundwork for IFAD’s investment portfolio over the next few years. The poverty map, which draws on spatial information, serves to identify the demand for social policies. The study on existing social policies analyses the quality of policies on offer that strive to meet this demand, and the study on fiscal policies strives to predict the sustainability of new projects to be implemented in partnership with local governments. The study on climate change, in turn, seeks to identify the climate-related challenges facing the North and Northeast regions of Brazil so that these might be addressed by potential forthcoming policies, or even by altering the design of pre-existing policies for these areas.

4. Promoting local food purchases for food assistance on the African continent — Purchase from Africans for Africa (PAA Africa)

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<td>Implement the monitoring and support the evaluation of the project: ‘Promoting local food purchases for food assistance on the African continent—Purchase from Africans for Africa’.</td>
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<td>1. PAA Africa Monitoring &amp; Evaluation (M&amp;E) strategy; 2. PAA Africa evaluation supported.</td>
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The overall purpose of PAA Africa’s M&E activities is to provide evidence on the challenges and benefits of local food purchases useful for the programme as well as national and international related discussions. This technical collaboration seeks to:

- support evaluation activities, particularly through the identification of country evaluations to be carried out, proposal of an evaluation framework and methodology, support to and follow up on all evaluation activities, and liaison with leading African research institutions, to be selected by the WFP in collaboration with PAA Africa partners; 
- liaise with the WFP and FAO for overall programme coherence, technical inputs and the validation of material produced.
Following up on the work started in 2013, the IPC-IG and Ipea developed an analysis of the socio-economic vulnerabilities, as well as the fiscal and institutional capacities in order to support the design of a national Cash Transfer Programme (CTP) in Cape Verde.

The project activities were extended until April 2015 to reflect the new agenda of activities that was affected by the collection of data, the review of documents sent by the IPC-IG to the UN Cape Verde Office and the impossibility of continuing the activities during the eruption of the volcano at Ilha do Fogo in November 2014.

The implementation of a pilot programme proposed by the IPC-IG is under discussion with the project partners.

Missions to Cape Verde and meetings with stakeholders afforded access to confidential data that allowed for the assessment of socio-economic vulnerabilities, fiscal and institutional capacities of social protection in the country.

The report delivered by the IPC-IG in December 2014 consolidated all expected outputs of the project’s work plan. The main objective of the study was to investigate Cape Verde’s options regarding five key aspects of a CTP: the programme’s target population; the value of the transfers to be made to its beneficiaries; the programme’s targeting tools; eventual conditionalities that the programme could adopt; and means to engage national and subnational Social Protection institutions and people’s organisations for the implementation of the programme.

### Publications

Part of the IPC-IG’s mission includes producing evidence-based research on policies, which the Centre provides through several different publication formats, from the popular One Pagers to its flagship magazine, Policy in Focus, to the more technical Working Papers and Policy Research Briefs. The IPC-IG’s publications are produced originally in English but translated versions are also produced in Spanish, French, Portuguese, Chinese, Arabic, Italian, Turkish and Bahasa (Indonesia).

In 2015, a total of 167 publications were made available online, including:

- 3 Working Papers;
- 42 One Pagers;
- 2 Policy Research Briefs;
- 4 editions of Policy in Focus;
- 5 Technical Papers;
- 2 One Pager Collection Books;
- 109 translations (35 in Portuguese, 31 in Spanish, 23 in French, 13 in Arabic, 3 in Italian, 3 in Chinese and 1 in Bahasa).

### An assessment of cash transfer programme options for Cape Verde

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<td>1. An analysis of socio-economic vulnerabilities, fiscal and institutional frameworks in order to define the basic parameters of the Cash Transfer Programme, as well as assessing its potential fiscal sustainability; 2. Design of the Unified Social Protection Registry; 3. Design of the Cash Transfer Programme.</td>
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With the increase in mobile traffic, publications were made available for different devices, such as smartphones, tablets and e-readers on the ISSUU platform. Moreover, the IPC-IG maintains an International Standard Serial Number (ISSN), which identifies periodicals worldwide.

Policy in Focus is a magazine that seeks to synthesise policy debates and discussions, increasing awareness around specific development themes via a collection of articles from specialist contributors, featuring a diverse range of perspectives and opinions.

Issues launched in 2015:

**Volume 12, Issue No. 1.**
**The impact of cash transfers on local economies**

In this edition, leading authors and practitioners present their research on how cash transfers can impact the local economy when implemented in a developing country. Made in collaboration with the Department of International Development of the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), this publication offers a review of empirical methodologies and findings that can help economists and policymakers, in the hopes of stimulating a better-informed debate around the economic impact of social transfers, backed up by empirical, rigorous and sometimes contradictory evidence on market impacts.

**Volume 12, Issue No. 2.**
**Social Protection, entrepreneurship and labour market activation**

This issue was developed in partnership with Canada’s International Development Research Centre (IDRC) following a seminar (held in Brasília from 10-11 September 2014) organised by the IPC-IG to discuss social protection and its linkages to jobs, entrepreneurship and women’s economic empowerment. This issue introduces readers to research-based evidence on diverse social protection programmes in various countries, as well as current debates on how best to improve social grants. The contributing authors demonstrate the importance of evaluation results to better inform programme reforms and design changes to ensure that beneficiaries exit poverty and reduce their chances of slipping back into it.

**Volume 12, Issue No. 3.**
**Is there a Brazilian model of development?**

While the Brazilian development experience is the product of a unique set of circumstances, it contains many lessons that should inspire debate and critical appraisal in other developing countries. This issue highlights the outcomes of the British Department for International Development (DFID) funded International Research Initiative on Brazil and Africa (IRIBA) project, hosted by the University of Manchester, exploring whether there is a Brazilian Model of development. This edition is essential reading for anyone grappling with how to reduce poverty and inequality while promoting sustainable and inclusive growth.

**Volume No. 12, Issue No. 4.**
**Public policies for the strengthening of family farming in the Global South**

This special edition aims to follow up on discussions and debates instigated by the International Year of Family Farming (IYFF 2014) by drawing attention to specific cases as well as more general policy recommendations related to family farming in countries of the Global South. It was developed in partnership with the Ministry of Agrarian Development of Brazil (MDA) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) exploring unique perspectives of and experiences with family farming.
Institutional/Project-associated series of One Pagers:

IPC-IG and ECLAC

As a joint initiative between the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) and the IPC-IG, a series of One Pagers was launched over the span of 2014 and 2015. The series aimed at disseminating knowledge on the current status of social protection systems in Latin American and Caribbean countries, and discussing their main challenges in terms of realising the economic and social rights of their populations, as well as achieving key development goals, such as combating poverty and hunger.


IPC-IG and FAO

The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) From Protection to Production (PtoP)’s series of One Pagers shares insights on impact evaluations of cash transfers in Sub-Saharan Africa.


IPC-IG and IDRC

A partnership between the IPC-IG and the Canadian International Development Research Centre (IDRC) sought to discuss social protection and its linkages to jobs, entrepreneurship and women’s economic empowerment.


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IPC-IG and NEC

As facilitator of knowledge exchange among the countries and partners interested in promoting National Evaluation Capacities (NEC) throughout the 2015 International Year of Evaluation, the IPC-IG produced a series of One Pagers summarising e-discussions on the themes of monitoring and evaluation.


IPC-IG and OPM

The Oxford Policy Management (OPM) series of One Pagers produced in collaboration with the IPC-IG highlights the work of OPM exploring different social protection and development themes in a variety of contexts.


Select publications about the Brazilian development experience

The Brazilian experience in the design and implementation of social policies inspired the publication of a number of One Pagers, Policy Briefs, Working Papers and Technical Reports in 2015:


Select publications on lessons, innovations and perspectives from the Global South

A number of 2015 IPC-IG publications have introduced readers to a series of lessons, innovations and diverse perspectives of development from the Global South:

Our efforts in capacity development target policymakers and experts at institutions at both national and local levels. The following projects were tailored to meet each country’s demands for enhanced institutional capacity in different areas, such as the design and implementation of monitoring & evaluation projects as well as technical assistance in the impact evaluation of social protection programmes.

**Projects**

1. **Technical support to child sensitive social protection reforms in MENA and facilitation of South-South Cooperation**

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<td>Technical cooperation to support 3 UNICEF Country Offices in the MENA region in their assistance to partner Governments on social protection reform and, in particular, to help use evidence and analysis for child-sensitive policy changes; and to strengthen South-South dialogue and cooperation as additional support to social protection reforms.</td>
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| Main Outputs | 1. Compilation of the best child-sensitive policy changes in national social protection and technical support to advise the 3 countries (Tunisia, Morocco, and Algeria), in different policy scenarios; 2. Coaching support and capacity building to the UNICEF Country Office Staff in all 3 countries to provide inputs for annual work plan development; 3. Support the coordination of SSC between Algeria, Tunisia and Morocco and other regions (especially LAC). |

| Team in 2015 | Fábio Veras Soares and Mario Györi. |

The technical support activities involved a review of best practices with regard to child-sensitive policy reforms to influence policymaking, the design of new programmes or corrective measures being discussed in the three countries. The IPC-IG team was engaged in the discussion with UNICEF Country Offices in the three countries (and the Regional Office) to advise on these different policy scenarios and has prepared short notes to detail the implications in terms of (but not limited to) capacity needs, timelines and costs.
As part of the “Brazil & Africa: fighting poverty and empowering women via South-South Cooperation”, supported by DFID, “Outcome 2” aims to support and strengthen national capacities in M&E. The IPC-IG is working in partnership with the Centro de Análise de Políticas (CAP), from the Mozambican university Universidade Eduardo Mondlane (UEM), in order to design and implement a course in Monitoring and Evaluation increasing capacities of both the university and policymakers.
The 2015 IPC-IG team
Niky Fabiancic

Niky is the Resident Coordinator of the United Nations System and the Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Brazil since October 2015, and the Director of the IPC-IG. An Argentinian national, Niky Fabiancic holds a Master’s Degree in Computer Science and Telecommunications from Brooklyn Polytechnic University, New York, and a Bachelor’s Degree in Electrical and Electronic Engineering from the University of Mendonza, Argentina. During his 30-year career with the United Nations, Niky Fabiancic has held such positions as: Resident Coordinator of the United Nations System and Resident Representative of the UNDP in Venezuela; Deputy Administrative Assistant and Deputy Regional Director for the Latin America and Caribbean region of the UNDP in New York; Resident Coordinator of the United Nations System and Resident Representative of the UNDP in the Dominican Republic; Deputy Resident Representative of the UNDP in Venezuela; Chief of Staff to the Director of the Development Group in New York; and Information Management Director for the UNDP Information Management Service Department.

Diana Oya Sawyer

Diana holds a Doctor of Science degree in Population Sciences from Harvard University, USA (1980). She has been working as a Senior Researcher and Research Coordinator at the IPC-IG since 2009 after she left her position of Director of the Department of Evaluation and Monitoring of the Ministry of Social Development and Fight against Hunger (SAGI-MDS). Some highlights of her academic career: Adjunct Professor at the Center for Latin American Studies, University of Florida, Gainesville (1981); Visiting Researcher at the Yale University School of Medicine (1990-91) and at the Office of Population Studies, Princeton University, USA (1995-1996). Diana joined the Federal University of Minas Gerais (UFMG), Brazil, as an Associate Professor in 1978 where she spent the majority of her career, until retiring as a Full Professor in 2007. She now holds the title of Professor Emeritus from the same institution. Her areas of expertise are: demographic analysis, population and public policies, design and implementation of integrated monitoring and evaluation systems for social programmes, as well as methodologies for quantitative impact evaluation, poverty and vulnerability studies.

Fábio Veras Soares

Fábio holds a PhD from University College London—UCL (2004), as well as a Master’s degree in Economics from the University of São Paulo (1999) and a B.A. degree in Economics from the University of Brasilia (1993). He is currently the Communications, Publication and Research Coordinator of the IPC-IG (UNDP). He is on leave from the Institute for Applied Economic Research (Ipea), Brasilia. He has worked with impact evaluation of cash transfers and other social programmes in countries such as Brazil, Paraguay, Mozambique and Yemen. He has had his work published in the Journal of Development Effectiveness and the Latin American Research Review, and has written book chapters on the comparative analysis of cash transfer programmes. He has numerous publications on impact evaluation of cash transfers and social protection programmes, public policies and labour economics.
Jorge Chediek (until October 2015)

Jorge was the Resident Coordinator of the United Nations System and the Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Brazil until October 2015. He is the former Director of the IPC-IG. He has had a storied, 20-year history within the UN System, throughout which he performed such functions as: Resident Coordinator of the United Nations System and Resident Representative of the UNDP in Peru and Nicaragua; UNDP Deputy Resident Representative in Cuba and Uruguay; Programme Management Officer at the UNDP Regional Bureau for Europe and the CIS in New York; and Programme Officer and Assistant Resident Representative at UNDP Turkey. He holds a Master’s degree in Science in Foreign Service from Georgetown University (USA) and a B.A. in Political Science from the Pontifical Catholic University of Argentina.

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Clarissa holds a Ph.D. in Demography (2009) and a B.A. degree in Economics (2002), both from the Federal University of Minas Gerais (UFMG), Belo Horizonte, Brazil. Her dissertation received an honourable mention at the UFMG Dissertation Award (2010) and the CAPES Dissertation Award (2010). In October 2012, she joined the International Policy Centre for Inclusive Growth (IPCG-IG) to work as a research associate after a one-year fellowship at the Wittgenstein Centre for Demography and Global Human Capital in Vienna, Austria. Rodrigues’ current research interests include demographic analysis, education policy and applied statistics in education. She has been published in relevant national and international academic journals.

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Cristina is an Italian national. Her main research interests lie in development economics with a focus on social policies. She was a Technical Research Advisor in the Social Protection division of the IPC-IG. She has experience in the analysis of social protection programmes and policies, in particular in Latin America and Sub-Saharan Africa. Her main research focus has been on targeting and on the synergies between social protection and agriculture interventions. Currently, she is working on South-South cooperation and learning initiatives, in particular the Brazil-Africa cooperation in Social Protection. Prior to joining the Centre she worked at the European University Institute and Middlebury College. She holds a Master’s degree in Development Economics from the University of Florence.

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Marianna holds a B.A. in Journalism from the Instituto de Educação Superior de Brasília (IESB) and is currently studying Languages and Literature at the University of Brasília (UnB). She has been a communications assistant for the World Without Poverty Learning Initiative (WWP) at the IPC-IG since December 2014. She has previous editorial/newsroom work experience—both press and online—as a multimedia reporter, project coordinator and columnist. She worked at Correio Braziliense from 2011 to 2014. She was the winner of the 2013 Engenho de Comunicação Award under the news portal category, for the ‘CorreioWeb’ project.

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The IPC-IG Internship Programme

The IPC-IG Internship Programme offers a selected group of outstanding graduate-level students the opportunity to acquire direct exposure to the IPC-IG’s work as a global forum for research, policy dialogue and South-South learning on development innovations. It is designed to provide support to the IPC-IG’s applied research and policy advisory services and to complement the interns’ practical experience in various issues related to Social Protection and South-South Cooperation.

Internships take place at the IPC-IG office in Brasília, Brazil, and we offer internship opportunities in 3 general areas:

1. Support to Communications, Outreach and Advocacy Unit or Programme Management;
2. Research Assistance to the Social Protection and Cash Transfer team; and
3. Research Assistance to Population Studies and other ongoing research streams.

Participants in the IPC-IG Internship Programme who have contributed to the activities carried out by the IPC-IG in 2015 were:

- Andrea Serrano, Brazil
- Aaron Athias, Brazil / UK
- Ariadne Santiago, Brazil
- David Backer, Australia
- Gabriela de Almeida, Brazil
- João Hernani Vasconcelos, Brazil
- Luisa Schalck, France
- Isabela Coelho, Brazil
- Raquel Tebaldi, Brazil
- Stefan Trifunovic, Republic of Serbia
- Sylvia Romanelli, Brazil
- Matheus A. Soares, Brazil
- Matheus Magalhães, Brazil
- Tamiris Diversi, Brazil
- João Hernani Vasconcelos, Brazil
- Luisa Schalck, France
- Isabela Coelho, Brazil

The IPC-IG Fellowship Programme

The IPC-IG Fellowship Programme is designed to support mid-career professionals in advancing the institution’s goal of promoting research in the areas of social development. Fellowship applications are accepted from academics holding Fellowship Programme Scholarships to develop their research at the IPC-IG office in conjunction with the work of the Centre.

Participants in the 2015 IPC-IG Fellowship Programme who have contributed to the activities carried out by the IPC-IG were:

- Gianna Sanchez, Venezuela / Italy
- Godwin Awuah, Ghana