The next meeting of the LACEA/IDB/WB/UNDP Network on Inequality and Poverty (NIP) will be held in Medellin, Colombia on November 10th, 2010 at Universidad EAFIT.

The NIP is an initiative that aims to advance the state of knowledge and expertise regarding the causes and consequences of poverty, inequality, and social exclusion, as well as on the whole range of policies, institutions, and social structures that influence their dynamics. For more information on the NIP, go to www.lacea.org/nip.

Next meeting will have its main focus on the theme of education and will prioritize papers on the following (non exclusive) topics:

- Returns to education;
- Education and socioeconomic inequalities;
- Education and social mobility.

We also will welcome all papers on inequality and poverty, including:

- Multi-dimensional poverty: measurement and analysis;
- Dynamics of inequality;
- Evaluation of program impacts on poverty and inequality measures;
- Market structures, regulation, poverty and inequality;

The program will feature a keynote address by Miguel Urquiola (Associate Professor/ SIPA and Department of Economics, Columbia University) based on his work on the relationship between the incentive structure implicit in educational systems and the resulting performance outcomes.

Papers (in Word and PDF) should be sent to: Miguel Jaramillo (mjaramillo@grade.org.pe) and Elia Carrasco (elia.carrasco@undp.org) by August 27, 2010. Strict compliance with this deadline is required.

Papers will be selected on the basis of academic merit. Submitted papers will be reviewed by a program committee, which includes members of the Executive Committee of the Network. Authors of the selected papers will be notified by e-mail. Every accepted paper will be included in the program and will have a discussant.

The NIP may offer partial funding for travel expenses for those participants who are not able to obtain full financial support from their institutions or other sources. If authors require financial support, they should indicate it at the time of submission of the paper. In order to receive funding from NIP, authors whose papers were accepted must be members of LACEA and current on their membership dues by the time of the meeting.

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