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INTRODUCTION

One of the most powerful tools of the RIAL is Bilateral Cooperation, which promotes the institutional strengthening of the Ministries of Labor through direct cooperation and technical assistance among them. Through open calls for proposals, Ministries of Labor submit to the Technical Secretariat (DSDE/OAS) cooperation proposals that they have previously negotiated. These proposals may consist of on-site advising or expert visits, depending on where they are carried out – whether at the Ministry that has requested assistance or at the one providing it. To this date 68 activities of technical bilateral cooperation have been carried out, all with excellent results.

The RIAL Sixth Call for Proposals for bilateral cooperation opened between December 18th, 2012 and February 28th, 2013 and 63 proposals involving 21 Ministries of Labor were received (see Table 2).

SELECTED PROPOSALS

Eight (8) cooperation proposals were selected during the Sixth Call for Proposals.

Table No. 1 – Selected proposals

Ministerio solicitante/ <i>Requesting Ministry</i>	Ministerio proveedor / <i>Providing Ministry</i>	Tema / <i>Theme</i>	Tipo de actividad / <i>Type of Activity</i>
Guatemala	Ecuador	Erradicación de Trabajo Infantil / Eradication of Child Labor	In situ / On-site
México	Argentina	Regímenes de seguro de desempleo / Unemployment benefit schemes	In situ / On-site
Barbados	Jamaica	Legislación laboral / Labor Legislation	In situ / On-site
Colombia	Brazil	Diálogo social / Social dialogue Funcionamiento de la Comisión Tripartita de Rel. Internacionales / Operation of Tripartite Commission on Intnat. Relations	In situ / On-site
Peru	Brazil	Protección de los derechos de las personas con discapacidad / Protection of the rights of People with Disabilities	In situ / On-site
Ecuador	Argentina	Administración de Recursos Humanos con enfoque de competencias / Human resources Administration, skills emphasis	In situ / On-site
Suriname	Trinidad & Tobago	Servicios de empleo / Employment services	In situ / On-site
Honduras	Mexico	Registro sindical / Trade union registration	In situ / On-site

These proposals were evaluated and selected using the following criteria:

- Pertinence and timeliness of the cooperation - the justification/rationale for the activity shows why cooperation is required at the time
- Clarity of objectives
- Clarity and relevance of the participants' profiles
- Explicit commitment of the involved parties
- Degree of relevance of the topic for the IACML
- Priority will be given to proposals arising from activities of the RIAL and the IACML, and to those that are receiving co-financing from the requesting institution

In a first round of evaluation, each of the received proposals was graded based on these criteria and from a strictly technical standpoint. Subsequently, the most solid proposals were taken into consideration; it was verified that as many countries as possible were selected and that the less developed countries received support.

It is important to mention that the number of proposals increased considerably (During the 5th Call 39 were received) and their quality improved resulting from more solid justifications, clearer objectives, and better communication between the ministries involved. During the months the Call remained open, we were able to observe that communication and collaboration among various ministries has been strengthened.

RECEIVED PROPOSALS

Sixty-three proposals were received involving 21 Ministries of Labor: 7 as requesting institutions, 8 as providers and 6 that participated as requesting and providing institutions simultaneously.

Table No. 2 – Proposals received by country

Propuestas recibidas por país / Proposals received by country			
	Min.Trabajo / Labor Min.	Solicitante	Proveedor
1	Argentina		20
2	Bahamas	1	
3	Barbados	1	
4	Bolivia	3	
5	Brasil		9
6	Canadá		2
7	Chile		7
8	Colombia	3	4
9	Costa Rica		1
10	Ecuador	18	2
11	EE.UU. / USA		3
12	Guatemala	6	1
13	Honduras	1	
14	Jamaica		1
15	México	6	7
16	Panamá	4	1
17	Perú	15	4
18	Rep.Dominicana / Dom.Republic	3	
19	Suriname	1	
20	St. Kitts & Nevis	1	
21	Trinidad & Tobago		1
TOTAL		63	63

Of the 63 proposals received, 57 complied with the 3 requirements: 1) Request form, 2) Letter from the requesting institution and 3) Letter from the providing institution, as such, they entered into the selection process. The topics of the proposals received and selected can be found on Table 3.

Table No. 3 – Proposals received and selected by topic

Area y Tema / Area and Theme	Propuestas recibidas / Proposals received	Propuestas seleccionadas / Proposals selected
Empleo / Employment	19	2
Servicios de empleo / <i>Employment services</i>	6	1
Formación prof. y certificación de competencias / <i>Vocational training and skills certification</i>	6	
Política y programas de empleo / <i>Employment policy and programmes</i>	4	
Regímenes de seguro de desempleo / <i>Unemployment benefit schemes</i>	3	1
Trabajo / Labor	17	3
Seguridad y salud en el trabajo / <i>Occupational safety and health</i>	6	
Legislación laboral / <i>Labor Legislation</i>	2	1
Aplicación de los derechos fundamentales / <i>Application of fundamental rights</i>	7	2
Derechos laborales de los trabajadores migrantes / <i>Labor rights of migrant workers</i>	1	
Inspección del trabajo / <i>Labor inspection</i>	1	
Fortalecimiento institucional / Institutional strengthening	13	1
Organización y funcionamiento / <i>Organization and operation</i>	9	
Recursos Humanos / <i>Human resources</i>	4	1
Información e investigación / Information and research	6	0
Recopilación de informaciones / <i>Data collection</i>	6	
Relaciones de trabajo / Labor relations	7	2
Diálogo social / <i>Social dialogue</i>	2	1
Registro sindical / <i>Trade union registration</i>	2	1
Solución de los conflictos individuales y colectivos / <i>Individual and collective dispute settlement</i>	3	
Seguridad Social / Social Security	1	0
Mejoramiento del sistema de seguridad social / <i>Improvement of the social security system</i>	1	
TOTAL	63	8

FUNDING

The selected proposals will be funded by the RIAL Voluntary Contribution Fund.

The government of Argentina will co-finance the activities that take place in its territory, covering the costs for accommodations and meals.

For the activities that will take place in Brazil, the participating Ministries will define the need of having simultaneous interpretation. If that the case, the corresponding expenses will be covered by such institutions.

According with the Guidelines of the Call for Proposals, the RIAL only covers the travel expenses of officers of the Ministries of Labor. This said, the participation of other actors in the activities, where applicable, must be covered by their organizations or Ministries involved.

NEXT STEPS

The activities of this fifth call for proposals must take place between May and December, 2013; and those that are not completed at the end of this period will be canceled.

The Technical Secretariat (DSDE/OAS) will send formal letters to the selected Ministries and their counterparts in order to start planning each activity, jointly set the dates, draft the agendas and coordinate the logistical and technical aspects.

Each activity's agenda should respond to the interests and needs of the requesting institution and to the strengths of the providing institution; therefore, it should be drafted jointly by the officers that will participate in the cooperation activity from both institutions, in coordination with the RIAL focal point of each Ministry and the DSDE/OAS.

All information on this Call for proposals is available in the RIAL's webpage: www.rialnet.org, which is permanently updated.

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