



IPC-IG is attending the Summit of South American and Arab Countries (ASPA)

Brasilia, 2 March 2010 – The International Policy Centre for Inclusive Growth (IPC-IG) is participating in the ASPA summit on the March 1st and 2nd at the Ministry of Foreign Relations, at Brasilia. There, Social Affairs Ministers from 22 Arab and 12 South American countries, along with the General Secretariat from the League of Arab States and from the União das Nações Sul-Americanas (UNASUL) will discuss and share methods to reduce poverty and hunger, improve social integration and accelerate progress towards the implementation of the Millennium Development Goal (MDGs).

IPC-IG intends to strengthen partnerships with each country, and connect them on our soon to be released web-site on South-South cooperation. There, they will be able to log in and share social-economic initiatives and practices.

IPC-IG's Director, Mr. Rathin Roy will be attending the summit and will make welcome remarks to the participating delegations.

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About IPC-IG:

The International Policy Centre for Inclusive Growth (IPC-IG) is a partnership between the Poverty Practice of the UNDP Bureau for Development Policy and the Government of Brazil. Located in Brasilia, IPC-IG facilitates South-South learning with the aim of expanding developing countries' knowledge and capacities to design, implement and evaluate effective policies towards the attainment of high inclusive growth. IPC-IG is a hub for South-South dialogue on applied research and training on development policy. <http://www.ipc-undp.org>

About ASPA:

ASPA is a bi-regional mechanism for cooperation and political coordination that aims to approach two developing regions with affinities and complementarities: South America and the Arab countries. It was proposed by President Lula in 2003, and its first meeting happened May of 2005, at Brasilia. This year, we are expecting a participation ranging from 80 to 90 people representing both governments and international organisms at the event.