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ISSA Webinar: Unemployment insurance in the CARICOM region

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09:00–10:30 in Belmopan (UTC -6)

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12:00–13:30 in Hamilton (UTC -3)

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This webinar is organized in collaboration with the ISSA Focal Point for the English-speaking Caribbean countries.

The lack of income protection in the case of unemployment is a major social protection gap in the Caribbean, and unemployment insurance remains the least developed social security branch. Boosted by the experience of the pandemic, several countries are now considering implementing unemployment benefits.

Policy discussions concerning unemployment insurance revolve around methods of implementation, the amount and types of benefits, the length of time during which it should be granted, qualifying conditions and the possible implementation



insurance will be financed by contributions, taxes or a mix of both.

Join us for this ISSA webinar on unemployment insurance that will provide valuable experiences, lessons learnt and good practices from other jurisdictions. It will bring key takeaways for the CARICOM region and the institutions that are participating in the establishment or are already implementing unemployment insurance.

Keynote speaker



Ariel Pino, *Social Protection Specialist, Port of Spain, Trinidad & Tobago, International Labour Organization (ILO)*

Speakers



George Cremona, *Director of Income Support and Investigations, Ministry for Social Policy and Children's Rights (MSPCR), Malta*



Pierre Biren, *Deputy Director of Finance, Employment Agency (ADEM), Luxembourg*

Panellists



Tami Francis, *Deputy Director, Core Operations & Actuarial Services, The National Insurance Board, Bahamas*



Sue Ann Charlery-Payne, *Group Financial Controller, Finance Department, National Insurance Corporation, Saint Lucia*



Deidra Coy, *Director, Human & Community Development Unit, Social Policy Planning & Research Division, Planning Institute of Jamaica (PIOJ), Jamaica*

This webinar will examine the following questions:

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- *What are the key parameters in the establishment and implementation of unemployment insurance?*
 - *How to decide the length of the unemployment insurance benefits?*
 - *Should the insurance be managed by the same institutions that already provide other benefits?*
 - *What is the relationship with active employment policies?*
 - *How to measure the results of the implementation?*

Agenda

- Welcome by Marcelo Abi-Ramia Caetano, Secretary General, International Social Security Association (ISSA)
- Technical introduction by the ILO
- Case experience of MSPCR, Malta
- Case experience of ADEM, Luxembourg
- Opinion from panellists
- Q&A – Discussion
- Conclusions



Moderated by Mariano Brener, Regional Coordinator for the Americas, ISSA

Practical information

The webinar is open to delegates of ISSA member organizations and invited institutions without registration fee.