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PANEL TITLE:

**URBAN INFORMALITY, PRECARIOUSNESS, AND INEQUALITY IN THE
LABOUR MARKET IN LATIN AMERICA: IMPLICATIONS OF COVID-19
ON DEVELOPMENT**

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ABSTRACT

The large international and regional organizations (World Bank, ILO, ECLAC and IDB) at the beginning of 2020 indicated, the prevalence of imbalances that continued to affect general labour in Latin America and Mexico. The main market indicators had not completely recovered from the negative effects caused by the economic crisis of 2008, and this continued to adversely impact the urban labour market and general mass of workers. Consequently, recovery of the promotion of employment, urban labour participation, the reclamation of wages was not able to reach the levels that existed before the crisis. The prospects for recovery and progress were not positive in the short and medium term in this scenario, when suddenly COVID-19 pandemic hit these struggling economies. This caused major disruptions in the positive scenarios that were projected resulting in increase in informality, precariousness, and inequality in most of the countries of the region. At the beginning of 2023, these circumstances continue, since the recovery of the indicators is highly heterogeneous (context of each country), and in certain cases the markets have not managed to recover the levels registered before the pandemic.

In this context, the panel aims to address the following issues impacting Latin America and Mexico:

- 1.- Emerging problems in the urban labour market before and after COVID-19
- 2.- Implications of the economic and labour strategies of the governments in the structure of the labour markets
- 3.- Perspectives on precariousness and inequality in the urban labour market, long-term visions
- 4.- Participation and employment gaps for the young people and women, and implications for development
- 5.- Informality and impact on economic and urban labour development

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