

TWELFTH MEETING

Strengthening community long-term care

Date: November 11, 2025

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Washington, D.C. (ET)

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Barbados (AST)

Meeting hosted by the government of Barbados through Zoom

CONCEPTUAL NOTE

The Long-Term Care Policy Network in Latin America and the Caribbean (RedCUIDAR+) was created in 2020 to increase the institutional and technical capacity of the countries of the Latin America and Caribbean region in the area of long-term care. This initiative is supported by the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), the French Development Agency (AFD) and the Inclusive Societies program of the European Union.

The RedCUIDAR+ has more than 250 members from 25 countries and encourages the region's active participation in discussions on key aspects of long-term care. So far, it has held eleven meetings.

The government of Barbados is hosting the twelfth meeting of the RedCUIDAR+, that will focus on community-based long-term care, including the delivery of different types of services, funding schemes and innovative ways in which to engage civil society.

Countries in Latin America and the Caribbean have shown a genuine interest in developing long-term care policies, placing the issue firmly on the public agenda. However, implementing these policies poses significant challenges. Among them is the need to design and implement community-based services with a territorial approach—considering the specific characteristics, resources, and needs of each locality—and to strengthen the sustainability of care systems by incorporating a broader range of actors, including local governments, community organizations, and the private sector.

As part of its twelfth meeting, RedCUIDAR+ proposes a reflection on these challenges. The objective is to exchange experiences, best practices, and lessons learned among participants.

The meeting, which will be held virtually, will include a series of presentations. In the first part, we will hear from Colleen Walcott, Director of the National Assistance Board of Barbados; Shintaro Nakamura, Senior Advisor at the Japan International Cooperation Agency; Francisca Gallegos, Undersecretary of Social Services at the Ministry of Social Development and Family of Chile, and Paola Fernández Gálvez, Head of the Division of Social and Human Development, Regional Government Service of Magallanes and Chilean Antarctica. Additional speakers will include Franca Maino from the University of Milan and Professor Denise Eldemire-Shearer from the University of the West Indies in Jamaica. Each of them will share their perspectives and lessons learned on how to strengthen community-based care—from the role of local governments and municipalities to the participation of families and communities in care provision—.

After the presentations, the floor will open to interventions from other RedCUIDAR+ member countries, focusing on how they have successfully engaged communities in care initiatives,

secured their long-term commitment, and ensured the sustainability of services. Participants will also be invited to share how they collect and use feedback from communities and beneficiaries to evaluate and improve their care programs. This exchange will provide valuable insights into participatory and evidence-based approaches to strengthening community-based care across the region. A Q&A segment will follow, to encourage further reflection and dialogue among participants. The meeting will conclude with recommendations and the identification of new areas of collaboration within the RedCUIDAR+ network.

You can find the detailed agenda below:

AGENDA	
10:00 a.m.	Start Moderator Marco Stampini – Social Protection Lead Specialist at the Social Protection and Labor Markets Division, Inter-American Development Bank.
	Welcoming remarks by the European Union Fiona Ramsey – Ambassador of the European Union to Barbados and to the Eastern Caribbean States.
	Welcoming remarks by the Government of Barbados The Hon, Kirk D.M. Humphrey, Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs of Barbados.
10:10 a.m.	Barbados: Long-term care services and the need to increase community participation Colleen Walcott – Director of the National Assistance Board.
10:25 a.m.	Japan: Long-term care insurance, and the role of municipalities for community-based interventions Shintaro Nakamura – Senior Advisor, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).
10:40 a.m.	Chile: Community Care Centers Francisca Gallegos – Undersecretary of Social Services at the Ministry of Social Development and Family of Chile.
10:50 a.m.	Chile: Community Care in Magallanes Paola Fernández Gálvez, Head of the Division of Social and Human Development, Regional Government Service of Magallanes and Chilean Antarctica.
10:55 a.m.	Italy: The case of Abitar Villa Mater, a community hub for active longevity in Italy Prof. Franca Maino – Scientific Director of the Secondo Welfare Observatory, Associate Professor at the Department of Social and Political Sciences, University of Milan and President of the Ufficio Pio Foundation.
11:05 a.m.	Jamaica: Community care in Jamaica

	Prof. Denise Eldemire-Shearer – Director, Mona Ageing and Wellness Centre of the University of West Indies.
	Other countries' interventions (focus on engaging, sustaining and evaluating)
11:10 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How did your country manage to significantly engage the communities (getting their buy-in) and make them contribute to the sustainability of care services? - How do you collect feedback from communities and beneficiaries (and use this information to evaluate your care services)?
11:30 a.m.	Q&A
11:50 a.m.	Closing remarks by Expertise France on behalf of the French Development Agency Alfonso Martínez Sáenz – Project Manager of the TEI Inclusive Societies at Expertise France.
	Closing remarks by the Government of Barbados The Hon. Cynthia Forde, Special Advisor on Elder Affairs.
11:58 a.m.	Technical closing by the Inter-American Development Bank
12:00 p.m.	End of the meeting