



**Concept Note**  
**High Level Side Event during the United Nations General Assembly**  
*Using the MPI to guide innovative policies to eradicate poverty in all its dimensions*

September 25, 2018  
(Conference Room 2, UN Headquarters, 11:00 – 13:00 hours)

**Background**

Measurements of multidimensional poverty can be used to get a more comprehensive view of the deprivations being suffered by people who live in poverty. Measurements of this type reveal who is poor, in what way, and to what degree.

Panama officially adopted its Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) in June 2017, joining the governments of Armenia, Bhutan, Colombia, Chile, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Ecuador, Honduras, Mexico, Mozambique, Pakistan and Dominican Republic, who have also taken the initiative to develop an MPI. Many other countries recognize the need to implement a measurement of multidimensional poverty and are in the process of developing it.

The discussion that will be generated in the side event “*Using the MPI to guide innovative policies to eradicate poverty in all its dimensions*”, under the leadership of the Government of Panama, will help establish an empirical framework enabling participants, through the governments or institutions they represent, to substantiate and craft programs or policies beyond the conventional poverty measurement exercises, and foster collaboration among institutions and sectors to design sustainable solutions having a greater impact on people living in poverty.

**Objectives**

- Present the different ways in which governments have used the MPI to implement actions that have made an impact on the reduction of poverty.
- Discussion on how countries can replicate the initiatives of neighboring countries that have used the MPI as a tool to generate policies to eradicate poverty.
- Exchange ideas and good practices, incentivating cooperation among the countries.

**Format**

This high level event, hosted by the Government of Panama and supported by the Multidimensional Poverty Peer Network, will have the form of a dynamic discussion that will take place for a duration of two hours. The participants are expected to be high level representatives of governments and international organizations.