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## **DIALOGUE ON EMPLOYMENT AND PRODUCTIVITY INAUGURATED**

**SAN SALVADOR-** The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), through its Promoting Economic Opportunities Program, jointly with the National Foundation for Development (FUNDE) and the Spanish Agency for International Cooperation and Development (AECID) inaugurated today the “Dialogue on Employment and Productivity.”

This initiative is part of the USAID’s “Economic Dialogues” activity, which originated from the adverse economic situation and the challenges the country faces to reach its integral development. The main purpose of “Economic Dialogues” is to generate the necessary conditions to establish a pact on employment and productivity, through which national sectors achieve consensus on strategic measures for economic and social affairs.

Through the creation of “Economic Dialogues,” USAID’s support has allowed labor and business sectors to reach understandings and plan common actions for the establishment of public policies that promote decent work and increased productivity. As a result, steps toward social harmony and development with equity could be achieved.

As part of this initiative, business and labor sector representatives have met to exchange ideas, positions and experiences. Moreover, representatives are working on a document containing their recommendations to government authorities and civil society on policies that should be implemented in the short to medium term.

“A pact on productivity and employment demands a permanent social dialogue to reach basic understandings within the productive sector, keeping decent work, productivity and social harmony as national goals,” said USAID Director Larry Brady.

The “Dialogue on Employment and Productivity” inauguration ceremony was presided over by Mr. Brady; the Executive Director of FUNDE, Roberto Rubio Fabián; the Director of AECID, Juan Pita; the President of the National Private Business Association, Federico Colorado; the Ambassador of Chile in El Salvador, Manuel Mata Garay; the Vice President of the Economic and Social Council of Spain, Julián Ariza; and a representative of the Salvadoran labor sector, Sarahí Molina.

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