

Rural Economies and Local Development

Friday May 11th



Summary of Panel Discussion and Workshop:

Characteristics of local development:

1) *Multidimensional*: the economic dimension is important but is not the only thing to look at 2) *Multicultural*: 4 actors that are crucial: local governments, state governments, civil society organizations and the private sector.

Principal Points of Agreement and Recurring Themes:

- The key is to have all actors that contribute to local development participate fully. Migrants amongst themselves, migrant communities, private businesses, and the government at all levels, federal, state, and municipal.
- Work on the development of the economy needs to be combined with human development.
- Structure development around the capacity to open savings accounts and make investment
- Encourage invest in the organizations that are helping development

Points of Disagreement:

There was a discussion of the role that the government programs should play in economic development. Should the programs developed come from the government or from the communities?

Measures Proposed:

- The cooperation of the government in the programs. In order to achieve successful results the government needs to be more involved not just give out capital.
- Have more opportunities opened for migrants and locals to create development for their communities.