

Regional Human Development Report for Latin America and the Caribbean

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The issues

- Motivation
 - Equality of what?
 - Equality of opportunity, mobility, chronic poverty
 - Value added of the HD report
 - Measurement issues
- The microeconomics of inequality persistence at the household level
 - Supply versus demand constraints

Approach

- This is a Human Development Report
 - Capabilities approach
 - Equity, freedom, agency
 - Equality of Opportunity
 - Mobility (Economic, social, labor)

Clearly, there has to be an analytical connection between the first two

There is no normative foundation for the third issues, though it can be framed into the HD

Literature

- Vast literature on inequality and its persistence
 - Examples in terms of institutional reports
 - ECLAC, long tradition in measurement, recent work on stratification
 - World Bank, 2003 flagship, 2006 WDR
 - CAF, recent RED on mobility and opportunity
 - IDB, most recent report, focus on employment dynamics

Value added

- New issues in terms of
 - Measurement
 - Identification of supply versus demand constraints
 - Narrowing down policy implications

A word on measurement

- Given the nature of the Report, we need to advance in terms of
 - HDI and inequality, static
 - HDI and its dimensions, dynamics
 - Dynamics of income, health, education at the household level (special case: relative positions, mobility)
- Understanding the process behind such dynamics