



XXIII RIDGE FORUM 19th MEETING LACEA IMPACT EVALUATION NETWORK (IEN)

2026 RIDGE MAY FORUM

The University of the West Indies, Cave Hill, Barbados, 20-21 May, 2026

The IMPACT EVALUATION NETWORK (IEN) of the Latin American and the Caribbean Economic Association (LACEA) is an initiative that aims to advance the state of knowledge and expertise regarding impact evaluation of different policies in the Latin America and the Caribbean region. The Network, which has been active since 2007, aims to promote impact evaluation methodologies, increase capacity building, and bridge research and policy in the region.

The IEN will hold its 19th annual meeting, in person, at The University of West Indies as part of the **2026 RIDGE May Forum**, on May 20-21, 2026. The program will include a keynote address, Manuela Angelucci, University of Texas at Austin and the presentation of invited and contributed academic papers. The meeting is organized with the support of RIDGE, The University of West Indies, LACEA, and the Inter-American Development Bank.

Organizing Committee:

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Carlos Schmidt-Padilla - UC Berkeley

Keynote Speaker:

Manuela Angelucci - University of Texas at Austin

The Network is seeking papers that use impact evaluation techniques applied to programs or policies, with priority given to evaluations in countries in the Latin America and the Caribbean region. We also welcome methodological papers advancing the state of knowledge of program evaluation techniques. A scientific committee will review submitted papers and select up to twelve papers for presentation.

Interested researchers, practitioners and advanced graduate students are welcome to attend and participate in the meeting even if they are not presenting papers. Registration is required (see link below).

Important Dates

Last day to submit papers

January 22, 2026

Notification of paper acceptance

February 16, 2026

Full papers, written in English, must be submitted for consideration for the meeting. The cover page should include: the title of the paper, institutional affiliation and email of each author and an abstract with the appropriate JEL classification. Each author can submit and present at most one paper. Full papers, in PDF format, should be submitted online [here](#). Should you have any questions please contact: secretariat@ridge.org.uy

Registration information can be found [here](#). All participants need to register, starting March 15, 2026. Accommodation expenses will be covered for paper presenters. We have a limited amount of budget available to partially cover travel expenses of those presenting. Please, indicate in your application whether you will require funding from the IEN for travel expenses.

For the program of prior IEN meetings see: <http://www.impact-evaluation-network.org>.



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