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MDS Executive Secretary Romulo Paes, participates in Brasilia from the book "Social Policies for Development: overcoming poverty and promoting inclusion." Luziele Tapajós, with Mônica Rodrigues and Maria Francisca Pinheiro Coelho, coordinators of the publication.

In a ceremony attended by about sixty guests, the Ministry of Social Development and Fight against Hunger of Brazil (MDS) in Brasilia, the book "Social Policies for Development: overcoming poverty and promoting inclusion" was launched on Wednesday. The publication a documentation of the International Symposium on Social Development, held in 2009, which discussed the social policy in different international contexts.

During the meeting, one of the managers of the work, Maria Francisca Pinheiro Coelho, a professor at the University of Brasilia (UnB) and former officer of MDS, stressed the importance of the publication: "The recording and dissemination of this debate can contribute to building a repertoire of social development policies in various contexts and to overcome challenges in the design and implementation of programs."

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The representative of Unesco, Marlova Jovchelovitch Noleto defended the importance of the partnership of UNESCO with the MDS in the realization of this project: "The book represents a break of paradigms. For UNESCO, is a material that motivates a specific audience for specific reasons."

Another major publisher involved in this project is the United Nations in Brazil. Resident Coordinator, Jorge Chediek, gave a presentation pointing entertaining important questions about the paradigms of poverty in the country: "Years ago there was great skepticism about social development in Brazil. Today that skepticism turns joy and the Brazilian reality becomes an example for other countries."

To close the event, the executive secretary of MDS, Romulo Paes, welcomed the presence of the former secretary Luziele Tapajos and the director Mônica Rodrigues, both coordinators of the book, along with Pinheiro Coelho.

The book includes fifteen articles of the following authors: Rebeca Grynspan, Guy

Standing, Marcelo Neri, Joan Subiratis, Márcio Pochmann, Francisco Menezes, Harjit Anand, Ricardo Paes de Barros, Santosh Mehrotra, Pungky Sumadi, Arlete Sampaio, Armando Barrientos, Pierre Salama, Patrus Ananias and Laís Abramo.

The Secretary highlighted the support of former ministers of MDS Patrus Ananias and Márcia Lopes. And he said that the book is essential "to perceive where we were and where we will focus our goals from here on out."

The book is in Portuguese and can be downloaded free of charge entering the Unesco page Brasilia.

