



AMERICAN BENEFITS COUNCIL

Benefits Passport Webinar

A Review of Retirement Systems around the World and Lessons Learned:

The Melbourne Mercer Global Pension Index

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The American Benefits Council will host a **Benefits Passport Briefing webinar** on **Thursday, January 15 at 4 p.m. Eastern Time.**

Pension plans around the world, whether private employer-sponsored programs or public social insurance arrangements, are under more pressure than ever before. Increasing life spans, rising government debt in many countries, and a global shift to defined contribution plans are creating a new landscape and raising concerns about the future of retirement income systems.

With this in mind, the American Benefits Council will host a Benefits Passport Webinar to discuss the 2014 edition of the Melbourne Mercer Global Pension Index. The Index compares retirement income systems in 25 countries that encompass a diversity of pension policies and practices. It also benchmarks each country's retirement income system using more than 50 questions while highlighting shortcomings in each country's system and suggesting possible reforms.

Lynn Dudley, senior vice president, global retirement and compensation policy, will moderate the webinar. She will be joined by **Dr. David Knox**, a Mercer senior partner based in Melbourne and lead author of the Index, who will share his global insights on how various countries are coping with the retirement challenge, and **Arthur Noonan**, a

senior partner and intellectual capital leader for Mercer's US retirement business, who will discuss the Index's relevance for the US as well as reforms various countries have made over the five-year history of the Index and how they've affected the rankings.

We will take questions from webinar participants throughout the session and attempt to answer as many as possible. Members are encouraged to [submit questions for the webinar in advance](#).

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