

CONCEPT NOTE

Side event for the 57th Commission for Social Development



EVENT 100 years of social protection with the ILO: the road to universal social protection systems and floors

PARTNERS International Labour Organization (ILO), Permanent Mission of France to the UN, Permanent Mission of China to the UN, Permanent Mission of El Salvador to the UN

LOCATION Conference room 7, UN Headquarters, New York

DATE/TIME 12 February – 1:15pm to 2:30pm

OVERVIEW ILO 100th anniversary is a unique opportunity for ILO, Member States and partners to reaffirm a shared commitment to achieving social justice, notably through social protection.

The side event on “100 years of social protection with the ILO: the road to universal social protection” will look at 100 years of social protection development since 1919, the date of the creation of the ILO.

The side event will last 1:15 hour and will include:

- 1- A presentation of the [ILO Centenary initiative](#) on *100 years of social protection with the ILO: the road to universal social protection*.
- 2- The launch by the ILO of a Compendium of 100 country stories “*100 years of social protection: the road to universal social protection systems and floors*” (edited by Ortiz I., Schmitt V. and De L.).
- 3- A panel discussion with policy makers from countries that have made significant progress in the expansion of universal social protection for all, developed comprehensive social protection systems including floors, increased fiscal space for social protection, or developed innovative solutions to expand coverage to those left behind.
- 4- Workers and employers representatives will highlight the role of workers and employers organizations in shaping social protection systems and floors, and achieving USP.
- 5- Participants will be invited to visit an [ILO exhibition](#) on 100 years of social protection, and to sign a Call for Action on Universal social Protection by 2030 (#USP2030).
- 6- They will also have the possibility to participate in the campaign “[I support #USP2030](#)” by taking pictures and posting them on the social networks.

The side event will provide an overview of the historical development of social protection in countries, showing that building social protection systems is a progressive process relying on national dialogues. It will also show how international social security standards and the development of comprehensive legal frameworks can contribute to creating coherent social security systems that leave no one behind. It will highlight that national ownership - enhanced through dialogue and the creation of a culture for social protection – is key to develop sustainable systems and floors.

It will show practical examples of how countries have significantly extended coverage or even achieved universal coverage, through cash transfers for children, maternity benefits, unemployment benefits, employment injury insurance, old age and disability pensions, and universal health protection systems. It will share also practical solutions to the challenges of raising fiscal space for social protection, reaching out to workers in the informal economy, rural workers, migrants, victims of climate related events, and workers in new forms of employment.

Finally the side event will recall that despite these positive developments, still 4 billion people live without social protection at all. It will recall that this massive social protection gap is not acceptable from a human rights perspective. It is also a missed opportunity from a developmental point of view. The side event will launch a call for action to achieve universal social protection for all, giving to participants a possibility to take concrete action.

AUDIENCE Permanent Missions to the UN, UN officials, civil society, businesses, workers organizations and other key stakeholders

SPEAKERS

Moderator: Mr. Vinicius Pinheiro, Director of the International Labour Organization New York Office

Panelists:

- H.E. Ambassador Mr. Rubén Hasbún, Permanent Representative of El Salvador to the United Nations
- Mr. Hao Bin, Director General of Ministry of Human Resources and Social Security, China
- Mrs. Valerie Schmitt, Deputy Director Social Protection Department, ILO
- Mrs. Sandra Vermuyten, Head of Campaigns, Public Services International
- Mrs. Wenyan Yang, Chief, Social Perspective on Development Branch, UN DESA
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