



Forum on Pension and Social Security

Singapore
December 14-15, 2013

Venue and Accommodation:

Pan Pacific Orchard Hotel
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Background:

PSI is working towards achieving Quality Public Services and Decent Work for all workers through intervention and influencing global policies. Pension and social security is integral in the context of QPS and Decent work. We believe that all workers in all services must have access to pension schemes enabling them to retire from work and receive an income adequate for their needs. Unions are increasingly aware that the pension fund investments are unethically made to promote privateers and multinational companies rather than provisioning for the public services and developmental activities. This absolutely denies the right to workers to have a say in their savings. The recent events show that International Financial Institutions are also trying to lay their hands on the pension funds of the workers and mobilizing the countries for the investments.

This forum is timely and important for the workers and public sectors unions to be part of the development and be involved in the pension fund governance that can play a major role in ensuring that workers' retirement funds are invested for progressive and socially responsible purposes.

Objectives:

- To share the diversities of public pension funds and a deeper understanding about pension at the global context
- To provide a regional perspective and what mechanisms or interventions that can be employed and useful for workers actions
- To come up with recommendations and action point on how PSI at the global level can articulate the local concerns and how the unions at national level can play a bigger role with regard to pension funds.

Participants:

Trade union representatives, government officials, and experts on pension funds from the Asia-Pacific region will participate in the forum.

Programme:

December 13 – Arrival and Check-in

December 14 – Day 1 (*Saturday*)

8:30 am – 9:00 am Registration

9:00 am – 9:45 am Opening/ Welcome

Opening Remarks

Mr. Lukas Bauer
Programme Manager,
*(on behalf of Ms. Julia
Mueller, Director, FES Office
for Regional Cooperation in
Asia)*

Workshop Objectives & brief

Ms. Lakshmi Vaidhiyanathan
Regional Secretary, PSI-AP

9:45 am – 10:30 am	Session 1: Paper Presentation on Pension UK Experience Meech Colin- Video Presentation UNISON
10:30 am – 11:00 am	<i>Tea Break (plus Group Photograph)</i>
11:00 am – 12:30 pm	Session 2: Panel Discussion: Strengthening Pension Safety Nets
Panelists:	
	Mr. Agus Toniman Vice President KSPI Indonesia
	Hon. Mario Aguja Member, Board of Trustee Government Services Insurance System Philippines
	R. Srinivasan General Secretary Indian National Defense Workers Federation
Reactor(s):	Mr. Hiroo Aoba Sub Regional Secretary, PSI East Asia Sub region
	Ms. Anna Claude Director Campaign Strategy New South Wales Nurses and Midwives Association Australia
12:30 pm – 2:00 pm	<i>Lunch Break</i>
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Session 3: Panel Discussion: Ensuring Ethical Investment and addressing IFI influences

Panelists:

Mr. Rajeshwar Singh
 General Secretary
 Fiji Public Services Association

Hon. Mario Aguja
 Member, Board of Trustee
 Government Services Insurance System
 Philippines

Reactor(s):

Ms. Esperanza Ocampo
 National President
 Philippine Government Employees Association
 Philippines

Mr. Victor Chiong
 National President
 Alliance of Government Workers in Water Sector
 Philippines

3:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Tea Break

3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

**Session 4: Panel Discussion: Trade Union Interventions
 And Influence**

Panelists:

Ms. Anna Claude
 Director
 Campaign Strategy
 New South Wales Nurses and Midwives Association
 Australia

Mr. Abdurahman Irsyadi
 General Secretary
 JAMSOSTEK Employees Union
 Indonesia

Mr. R. Srinivansan
 General Secretary
 Indian National Defense Workers Federation
 Chennai, India

Reactors:

Mr. J.B. Madai
Secretary
Nepal Civil Services Employees Union
Nepal

December 15 – Day 2 (*Sunday*)

9:00 am – 9:15 am	Reflections for the Day
9:15 am – 10:15 am	Session 5: Group Work on the discussions of the panel 1-3
10:15 am – 10:30 am	<i>Tea Break</i>
10:30 am – 11:30 pm	Session 6: Presentation of the Group Output
11:30 pm – 12:30 pm	<i>summarizing the outcomes and drafting follow ups</i>
1:00 pm	Lunch & Farewell

Main Facilitator and Moderator: Mr. Glenn Barclay, NZPSA