

On the Occasion of the 57th  
Commission for Social Development



# 100 YEARS OF SOCIAL PROTECTION WITH THE ILO: The road to universal social protection systems and floors

Tuesday, 12 February 2019

1:15 - 2:30 pm

Conference Room 7, UNHQ, New York

*Followed by the opening of the "ILO Exhibition on 100 years of social protection at the IB-Neck Corridor"*

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

Over the past 100 years many countries have developed progressively more comprehensive social protection systems embedded in law. Despite significant progress in the extension of social protection, the large majority of the global population, notably workers in the informal economy, enjoys only limited protection, if any at all. The ILO estimates that today more than half of the world's population (or 4 billion people) live without any form of social protection. 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 provide an overview of the historical development of social protection in countries and will launch a call for action to achieve universal social protection for all.



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