TOGETHER TO ACHIEVE UNIVERSAL SOCIAL PROTECTION BY 2030

HIGH-LEVEL CONFERENCE
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CONFEREEAGENDA
International Labour Organization (ILO), Room 2 (level R3)
4 route des Morillons, Geneva

8:00 – 9:00  REGISTRATION

9:00 – 10:00  OPENING SESSION

With the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG 1.3), all UN Member States have committed to “implement nationally appropriate social protection systems and measures for all, including floors, and by 2030 achieve substantial coverage of the poor and the vulnerable”. Now is the time to move toward universal social protection goal. The opening session will set the ground for a high-level exchange on universal social protection, focusing on sharing evidence and good practices on universal social protection systems, and identifying challenges and solutions to achieve universality.

Ms Michelle Bachelet, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)
Ms Marjeta Jager, Deputy Director-General, International Cooperation and Development, European Commission (EC)
Ms Gabriela Ramos, Chief of Staff and Sherpa to the G20, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
Ms Sharan Burrow, General Secretary, International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) (video message)
Mr Roberto Suárez Santos, Secretary-General, International Organisation of Employers (IOE)

Co-chairs:
Ms Deborah Greenfield, Deputy Director-General, International Labour Organization (ILO)
Mr Michal Rutkowski, Senior Director, Social Protection and Jobs Global Practice, World Bank

10:00 – 11:15  SESSION 1. MAKING THE CASE FOR UNIVERSAL SOCIAL PROTECTION

Universal social protection (USP) is a human right and key to sustained inclusive economic and social development. It prevents poverty and reduces inequality; it promotes social inclusion and strengthens social cohesion; it facilitates human development and enhances access to decent working and living conditions. USP also increases productivity and employability by enhancing human capital and allowing investment in productive assets, raising household incomes, consumption and savings, boosting aggregate demand, and enhancing people’s resilience in the face of shocks and structural transformations. This session will introduce the rationale for universal social protection from a human rights and an investment perspective and feature experiences of countries that have come a long way towards building universal social protection systems.

Ms Cecilia Mbaka, Head of National Social Protection Secretariat, State Department of Social Protection, Kenya
Ms Susan Shabangu, Minister of Social Development, South Africa
Mr Mohamed Trabelsi, Minister of Social Affairs, Tunisia
Mr Gombosuren Unurbayar, State Secretary, Ministry of Labour and Social Protection, Mongolia

Moderator: Mr Benjamin Davis, Strategic Programme Leader, Reducing Rural Poverty, Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN (FAO)

11:15 – 11:45  COFFEE BREAK
**SESSION 2. BUILDING UNIVERSAL SOCIAL PROTECTION SYSTEMS**

Achieving the goal of USP requires a systems approach integrating policies and programs designed to provide support to all people in need across the life cycle. Only a system, in which different programs are coordinated and harmonized within and across sectors and policies, can provide comprehensive and universal coverage to all. A range of processes, governance and management structures as well as operational mechanisms are involved in the development and continuous adjustment of such systems. This session will focus on those aspects that appear critical for attaining universal social protection coverage, such as governance and legal framework, integrated information management or the harmonization of procedures and integrated service delivery.

Ms Erica Maganga, Principal Secretary, Ministry of Gender, Children, Disability and Social Welfare, Malawi

Ms. MaryAnne E.R. Darauay, Ceso III, Director IV, Social Development Staff, National Economic and Development Authority, Philippines

Ms Gabriela Agosto, Executive Director of the National Council for Coordination of Social Policies, Argentina (tbc)

Mr Mukunda Paudyal, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Government of Nepal

*Moderator:* Kerstin Nagels, Director of Employment, Economic and Social Development, GIZ

**LUNCH**

**SESSION 3. ACHIEVING UNIVERSAL SOCIAL PROTECTION ACROSS THE LIFE-CYCLE**

The road to universal social protection can be difficult and in many countries, progress has not been without challenges. One common challenge is to ensure a strong and long-term willingness of governments and taxpayers to invest in the expansion of social protection. Another challenge, particularly in countries with a large informal economy, is to find the appropriate modalities to expand coverage in a way that recognises the diversity of informal economy workers and provides them with solutions that are fair, efficient and sustainable. This session will hear the experiences of countries that have made good progress in achieving universal coverage at different points in the life-cycle, including takeaways from recent experiences such as universal health coverage, rural employment benefits, coverage of informal workers and old-age pension.

Ms Mirta Denis, Executive Director of the Technical Unit of the Social Cabinet of the Presidency, Paraguay

Mr Zephania Kameeta, Minister of Poverty Eradication and Social Welfare, Namibia

Ms Aida Kasymalieva, Member of Kyrgyz Parliament, Committee on Social Affairs, Kyrgyz Republic

Mr Maliki, Director of Population Planning and Social Security, Ministry of Minister for Population and Labor (BAPPENAS), Indonesia

Ms Rachel Moussié, Deputy Director, Social Protection Programme, Women in Informal Employment: Globalizing and Organizing (WIEGO), member of the Global Coalition for Social Protection Floors (GCSPF)

*Moderators:*

Mr Alexandre Kolev, Head of Social Cohesion Unit, OECD Development Centre

Ms Eeva-Maria Mikkonen-Jeanneret, Senior Adviser, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Finland

**COFFEE BREAK**
.session 4. ensuring sustainable and equitable financing for universal social protection

Despite great progress in several middle-income and low-income countries to extend social protection towards universal coverage, challenges persist. Large coverage gaps and inadequate benefits, combined with food insecurity, poor education, poor health and social and economic disparities and high informality cause serious difficulties for countries to raise enough domestic revenues to sustainably finance social protection. This session will explore various ways governments can ensure sustainable financing for universal social protection. It will also address the spending for social protection concerning the efficiency of the delivery system, the performance of public administration and the portability of entitlements for workers and their families across different types of employment. The session will moreover pay attention to the role of the international community in supporting low-income countries and countries in crises to address critical financing gaps.

Ms Anta Sarr Diacko, General Delegate for Social Protection and National Solidarity (DGPSN), Senegal
Ms Nivine El Kabbag, Vice Minister of Social Solidarity, Egypt
Mr Plamen Dimitrov, President of the Confederation of Independent Trade Unions of Bulgaria (CITUB), Bulgaria

Moderator:
Ms Evelyn Astor, Policy Officer, Economic and Social Policy, International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)

17:15 – 18:15 USP2030: THE WAY FORWARD

The closing session will summarise the key insights from experiences of champions and pioneers in universal social protection, and provide an opportunity to present the outcome document of the Conference. It will encourage countries to join the USP2030 Global Partnership and commit to concrete actions towards achieving universal social protection. Next steps will be discussed, particularly with regard to partnerships to accelerate progress towards USP, including through technical and financial support and knowledge-sharing.

Ms Armanda Berta Dos Santos, Minister of Social Solidarity and Inclusion, Timor Leste
Ms Marina Erhola, Deputy Director General, National Institute for Health and Welfare (THL), Finland
Mr Pungky Sumadi, Deputy Minister for Population and Labor, Indonesia
Ms Helena Mendonça, Administrator, National Institute of Social Provisions (INPS), Cabo Verde
Ms Nicola Wiebe, Social Protection Advisor, Bread for the World, representing the Global Coalition for Social Protection Floors (GCSPF)
Mr Florian Höllen, Senior Policy Officer & Member Interim Steering Committee USP2030, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Germany

Co-chairs:
Ms Isabel Ortiz, Director of the Social Protection Department, International Labour Organization (ILO)
Mr Michal Rutkowski, Senior Director, Social Protection and Jobs Global Practice, World Bank

18:30 COCKTAIL
Ms Michelle Bachelet  
**UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)**

Michelle Bachelet is the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Ms. Bachelet was elected President of Chile on two occasions (2006 – 2010 and 2014 – 2018). She was the first female president of Chile, as well as Chile’s and Latin America’s first female Defense Minister. She also served as Health Minister.

Since the early 1990s, Ms. Bachelet has worked closely with many international organizations. In 2010 she chaired the Social Protection Floor Advisory Group, a joint International Labour Organization (ILO) and World Health Organization (WHO) initiative, which sought to promote social policies to stimulate economic growth and social cohesion. In 2011, she was named the first Director of UN Women.

After finishing her second term in March 2018, she was named Chair of the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health, an alliance of more than 1000 organizations in 192 countries from the sexual, reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health communities.

Michelle Bachelet has a Medical Degree in Surgery, with a specialization in Pediatrics and Public Health.

Ms Marjeta Jager  
**Deputy Director-General, International Cooperation and Development, European Commission**

Marjeta Jager is currently Deputy Director General for the Directorate-General for International cooperation and Development (DG DEVCO).

Ms Jager has been working in the European Commission since 2005, starting as Director for Security in DG Energy and Transport and later being Director for international energy and transport files and coordination, as well as being Head of Cabinet of the Transport Commissioner.

Before joining the Commission Ms Jager was more than a decade working on the accession of Slovenia to the EU for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and she was the first Coreper I Ambassador of Slovenia to the EU.

Ms Gabriela Ramos  
**Chief of Staff and Sherpa to the G20, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development OECD**

Gabriela Ramos is the OECD Chief of Staff and Sherpa to the G20. Besides supporting the Strategic Agenda of the Secretary General, she is responsible for the contributions of the Organisation to the global agenda, including the G20 and the G7. She leads the Inclusive Growth Initiative and the New Approaches to Economic Challenges and also oversees the work on Education, Employment and Social Affairs (including gender).

Previously, she served as Head of the OECD Office in Mexico and Latin America, co-ordinating several reports on Mexico to advance the health and education reform. She developed the OECD’s Mexico Forum and edited and launched the “Getting it Right” flagship publication series.

Ms Ramos holds an MA in Public Policy from Harvard University, and was a Fulbright and Ford MacArthur fellow. She was decorated with the Ordre du Merit by the President of France, François Hollande, in 2013.
Mr Sharan Burrow
General Secretary, International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)
Sharan Burrow was re-elected for a second term as General Secretary of the International Trade Union Confederation at the ITUC World Congress in May 2014. Previously President of the Australian Council of Trade Unions (ACTU) from 2000 – 2010, she served as inaugural President of the ITUC from its foundation in Vienna in 2006. Sharan has led union negotiations on major economic reforms and in labour rights campaigns.

The ITUC is the world’s peak labour union body and has grown to represent 207 million workers in 163 countries and territories with 331 national affiliates.

Mr Roberto Suárez Santos
Secretary-General, International Organisation of Employers (IOE)
Roberto Suárez Santos is currently Secretary-General of the International Organisation of Employers. Prior to his new role, Roberto Suárez Santos held the post of Deputy Secretary-General since December 2012. In March 2018, with the departure of the incumbent, Roberto took up the role of acting Secretary-General. Prior to joining the IOE Roberto accumulated a wealth of experience in the world of work and employment policy. He was the ILO Programme Director for the promotion of youth employment in the Maghreb region and before that he worked at the Spanish Confederation of Employers’ Organisations (CEOE) in various capacities.

He also has both academic and private-sector experience in European and International Labour Law, together with an international relations background.

Ms Deborah Greenfield
Deputy Director-General, International Labour Organization (ILO)
Deborah Greenfield is the Deputy Director-General for Policy at the International Labour Organization. In that capacity, she leads ILO’s policy, research, and statistical work across the range of labour and employment issues addressed by the organization. These include the ILO’s initiatives on the future of work, global supply chains, migration, and inequality. Ms. Greenfield also leads the ILO’s participation in the G20, G7 and BRICS. Before joining the ILO, Ms. Greenfield served in the Obama administration as the Deputy Solicitor for the U.S. Department of Labor where she advised the Secretary of Labour and other senior officials on a range of legal and policy matters related to worker rights and protections. She holds a J.D. with honours from the University of Pennsylvania, an M.A. from the University of Sussex, and a B.A. with high honours from Swarthmore College.

Mr Michal Rutkowski
Senior Director, Social Protection and Jobs Global Practice, World Bank
Michal Rutkowski is the Senior Director for Social Protection and Jobs – overseeing the World Bank’s work in developing systems that protect the poorest and vulnerable from crises and shocks, and supporting private sector-led growth. Until July 2016, he was the Director for Multilateral Organizations, and prior to that the Country Director for the Russian Federation and the Resident Representative in Moscow for three years.

Prior to joining the World Bank, he helped design the Polish pension system while serving as the Director of the Office for Social Security Reform. He also taught at the Institute of Economic Policy at the Warsaw School of Economics.

Mr. Rutkowski holds an M.Sc. and Ph.D from Warsaw School of Economics and finished his post-graduate studies at the London School of Economics. He also graduated from the Executive Development program at the Harvard Business School in 1999, and from the Leadership for Collective Intelligence program run by Dialogos in 2010.
Ms Cecilia Mbaka

Head of National Social Protection Secretariat, State Department of Social Protection, Kenya

Cecilia Mbaka is currently Head of the National Social Protection Secretariat in Kenya’s State Department of Social Protection. She previously served as Head of the Division of Social Welfare and Older Persons and as founding Director of the National Council for Persons with Disabilities.

Ms Mbaka has more than 25 years’ experience providing strategic leadership and engagement of civil society and research stakeholders to advance policy development and strengthen service delivery to vulnerable persons. In 2017, she was awarded the Order of Grand Warrior (OGW) by the President of Kenya.

Ms Susan Shabangu

Minister of Social Development, South Africa

Ms Shabangu was appointed as Minister of Social Development on February 2018. Ms Shabangu was the Minister of Women in the Presidency of the Republic of South Africa from 2014 to 2018. She has been a member of the African National Congress National Working Committee since December 2007 and a member of National Executive Council of African National Congress.

She has served as assistant secretary for the Federation of South African Women and the Federation of Transvaal; she was an active member of the Anti-Republic Campaign Committee in 1981, and she was involved in the formation of the Release Mandela Campaign Committee in 1982. She served as Deputy Minister of Minerals and Energy from 1996 to 2004, and as a Deputy Minister of Safety and Security from 2004 to 2009 before being appointed as Minister of Mineral Resources from 2009 until 2014.

Mr Mohamed Trabelsi

Minister of Social Affairs, Tunisia

Mr. Mohamed Trabelsi is currently Minister of Social Affairs of Tunisia and also the President of the National Council of Social Dialogue. He held the position of Deputy Secretary General of the Tunisian General Labour Union from 1988 to 2008.

He served on the Tunisian Economic and Social Council from 1990 to 2008 and acted as chairman of the Health, Labour and Social Affairs Committee. He is a member of the Tunisian League of Human Rights since 1987. Mr Mohamed Trabelsi also served as Deputy Director General of the Arab Labour Organization from 2004 to 2008. From 2008 to 2016, he acted as Senior Specialist for Workers’ Activities for North Africa ILO / ACTRAV Cairo.

He is a founding member of the international coalition for global action against poverty in 2007; Trade Union Confederation of Arab Maghreb Workers; Coordinator of the Euromed Trade Union Forum and the Tunisian Social Forum.

Mr Gombsuren Unurbayar

State Secretary, Ministry of Labour and Social Protection, Mongolia

Mr. Unurbayar Gombsuren works as the State Secretary of the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection of Mongolia since 2016. His responsibilities include assisting the Minister of Labour and Social Protection in political steering and planning, drafting of policy outlines, conducting inter-ministerial coordination, harmonising of policy positions, implementation of the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection plans and programmes under the guidance of the Minister. He also oversees implementation and monitoring of the Government Plan of Action for 2016-2020.

Prior to this position, Mr. Unurbayar occupied different government and political positions including Head of Division at the Ministry of Construction and Urban Development of Mongolia, Advisor to the Prime Minister of Mongolia and Head of Office of the Parliamentary People’s Party Caucus. He graduated from National University of Mongolia and Kyushu University of Japan majoring in Social Sciences.
Mr Benjamin Davis

Strategic Programme Leader, Reducing Rural Poverty, Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN (FAO)

Benjamin Davis is Leader of the Strategic Programme to Reduce Rural Poverty at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). He has extensive experience in social protection, social policies and agricultural economics.

He has previously served as Deputy Director of the Agricultural Development Economics Division at FAO and he was team leader of the From Production to Protection (PtoP) project. He has also worked as Social Policy Advisor for the UNICEF Regional Office in Eastern and Southern Africa and as a Research and Post-Doctoral Fellow at IFPRI. Benjamin Davis holds a PhD in Agricultural Economics and a Master’s in Public Policy from UC Berkeley.

Ms. MaryAnne E.R. Darauay

Ceso III, Director IV, Social Development Staff, National Economic and Development Authority, Philippines

As Director of the Social Development Staff, she is primarily responsible for planning, directing, supervising, and coordinating the work of the Staff to ensure that its functions and responsibilities are properly carried out.

She was Project Officer in the Human Settlements’ Regulatory Commission to the Ministry of Human Settlements until 1987. Thereafter, she served as a Senior Economic Development Specialist to Assistant Director of National Economic and Development Authority Regional Office II from 1988 to 2004; and Regional Director in NEDA Regional Office II from 2004 to 2017. During her stay in Region 2, she also was the Acting Chairman of Regional Development Council II from 1998 to 2016.

Mr Mukunda Prasad Paudyal

Joint Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Government of Nepal

Mr Mukunda Paudyal is the Joint Secretary of the Ministry of Finance, Government of Nepal (GON). Prior to this position, Mr Paudyal occupied different government positions at the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Supplies; the Ministry of Peace and Reconstruction/Nepal Peace Trust Fund; and the Office of the Prime Minister and Council of Ministers (OPMCM).

He is a part time Lecturer on Economics, Quantitative Techniques, Econometrics and Development Economics at various colleges and institutions. He has co-authored several books, including An Introduction to Anti-Money Laundering in Nepal and Contemporary Development Issues in Nepal. He was awarded the AusAid Fellowship and the Netherlands Fellowship (NEP). He holds a PhD and a Master’s degree in Economics.

Kerstin Nagels

Director of Employment, Economic and Social Development, GIZ

Ms Kerstin Nagels is Director of the GIZ Division “Economic Development, Employment and Social Development”.

From 2013 to 2015, Ms. Nagels headed the GIZ Section „TVET and Labour Markets“. Previously, she was Principal Advisor to the Indonesian – German “Sustainable Economic Development through Technical and Vocational Education and Training” Programme and Focal Area Coordinator for Private Sector Development and Inclusive Growth. In this position she also oversaw GIZ’s contributions to the expansion of Indonesia’s social protection system. Ms Nagels holds a Master Degree from SOAS as well as a joint degree in Business and Chinese Studies. After a couple of years of research and training on international management, she started working on TVET and labour market policies when she first joined GTZ in 2002.
Ms Mirta Denis

Executive Director of the Technical Unit of the Social Cabinet of the Presidency, Paraguay

She previously worked as Information and Communication Coordinator of the UTGS. Currently, she is in the process of her thesis defense for a Master degree in Demography, Population and Development at the University of Córdoba - National University of Asunción. She is a Bachelor in Production Systems Analysis at the National University of Asunción. She used to be a professor at the Polytechnic School of the National University of Asunción.

Mr Zephania Kameeta

Minister of Poverty, Eradication and Social Welfare, Namibia

Zephania Kameeta is a Namibian religious and political leader. Since 2015, he has been the Namibian Minister of Poverty Eradication and Social Welfare. In 1975, Kameeta founded the Namibia National Convention, a group founded to promote Black Consciousness. He was arrested by the South African authorities for protesting against the Turnhalle Constitutional Conference.

Kameeta served as a member of the Central Committee of the South West Africa People's Organisation (SWAPO) from 1977 to 2002. When Namibia became independent in 1990 he was elected as a SWAPO member of the National Assembly, becoming its first Deputy Speaker. In 1997 he was elected to SWAPO's Politburo where he remained until 2002. Kameeta was one of the pioneers of the Basic Income Grant Coalition.

Ms Aida Kasymalieva

Member of Kyrgyz Parliament, Committee on Social Affairs, Kyrgyz Republic

Ms Kasymalieva was elected as members of Parliament from Social Democratic Party of the Kyrgyzstan (SDPK) in 2017. She made a major contribution to the development and promotion of the draft law “On State Benefits in the Kyrgyz Republic” in order to simplify the access of families with children and disabled persons who are not entitled to pension to state benefits and to ensure the maximum reduction of corruption risks when applying for state benefits.

She is also a chairman of implementation and monitoring the execution of National Plan of Activities on the construction of Open Government, OGP - Open Parliament of Kyrgyz Republic by the Zhogorku Kenesh of the Kyrgyz Republic for 2018-2020. As a member of the Committee on Social Affairs, Education, Science, Culture and Health, Aida Kasymalieva continues to work on improving the situation of low-income families, education, and the rights of women and children. In 2005 she graduated with honors from the Bishkek Humanities University (2001-2005) with a degree in journalism.

Mr Maliki

Director of Population Planning and Social Security, Minister for Population and Labour (BAPPENAS), Indonesia

Maliki has been working in Bappenas for more than 20 years. With undergraduate background as engineer, he earned his doctoral degree in Economics of Population in University of Hawaii at Manoa. He is closely working with the East West Center for population and social policy issues. Currently he is appointed as Director for Population Planning and Social Protection since 2017. His portfolio is to design policy planning for development of social protection system in Indonesia. Specifically, his directorate is currently working on formulating the road map for implementation of National Social Insurance System (Sistem Jaminan Sosial Nasional) for both Labor and Health. This road map makes sure that in 2030 everyone has an access to the Social Security system.
Ms Rachel Moussie

Deputy Director, Social Protection Programme, Women in Informal Employment: Globalizing and Organizing (WIEGO), member of the Global Coalition for Social Protection Floors (GCSPF)

Rachel is the Deputy Director of the Social Protection Programme at WIEGO. Rachel contributes to WIEGO’s research, analysis and advocacy to extend social protection to informal workers. Since joining WIEGO in 2016, she leads the Child Care Initiative supporting informal workers’ access to quality child care services as part of social protection systems. Rachel previously managed programmes on women’s economic rights, tax policy reform and development financing at ActionAid International. Originally from Mauritius, Rachel currently lives in France. She holds a MSc in Development Management from the London School of Economics, and a BA from McGill University.

Mr Alexandre Kolev

Head of Social Cohesion Unit, OECD Development Centre

Alexandre is the head of the Social Cohesion Unit. He holds a doctorate in economics from the European University Institute, Florence, Italy, and a degree in Russian studies from the Institute of Oriental Studies, Paris, France. Alexandre began his professional career as a research economist for UNICEF’s “Innocenti Research Centre”, Florence, Italy, and later joined the Young Professional Programme of the World Bank, where he graduated as an economist. At the World Bank, he held various positions in the infrastructure front office, the poverty reduction group for the Europe and Central Asia region, and the social protection group for the Middle East and North Africa region. Before joining the OECD, Alexandre was heading the Employment, Research and Analysis programme at the ILO Turin Centre.

Ms Eeva-Maria Mikkonen-Jeanneret

Senior Adviser, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Finland

Eeva-Maria Mikkonen-Jeanneret is a Senior Adviser at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland. She holds a BA (Hons) on Social Anthropology and MA in Anthropology of Media, SOAS. Ten years of experience in social protection and poverty reduction programme management, focusing on children and older people in Eastern Europe and Central Asia. Expertise in social protection and population ageing. Interests: impact of expanding informal economy and migration in the CIS; intergenerational dynamics in development.

Ms Anta Sarr Diacko

General Delegate for Social Protection and National Solidarity (DGPSN), Senegal

Born in Dakar, Anta Sarr Diako is very proud of her Walo origins, precisely in Dagana, a city to which she remains attached, both in a family and socio-economic way.

Trained as a dental surgeon, Dr. Anta Sarr Diako was appointed Minister of Women, Family and Children in 2013, a position she occupied until 2014, when she became General Delegate for Social Protection and National Solidarity. She is actively involved in supporting and promoting socio-economic activities for women, particularly in rural areas, through the association of Women Deggu ak Liggey (AFDAL) of which she is the president. AFDAL advocates the accountability and financial independence that are at the heart of its implementation strategy throughout Senegal.
Ms Nivine El Kabbag
Vice Minister of Social Solidarity, Egypt

Nivine has more than 25 years of experience in the field of international cooperation, program management and institutional development.

Working as a Deputy for Minister of Social Solidarity in social protection and development broadened her policy scope on working for poverty alleviation, economic empowerment as well as disability cause. Nivine is managing the secretariat of the Ministerial Committee for Social Justice.

Ten years working for UNICEF enhanced her international experience on development framework.

Before joining UNICEF, Nivine was the Deputy Director for America’s Development Foundation in Egypt and in National Council for Negro Women.

Mr Plamen Dimitrov
President of the Confederation of Independent Trade Unions of Bulgaria (CITUB), Bulgaria

Plamen Dimitrov was appointed President of CITUB in May 2012. He has more than 25 years of experience in the world of work. He has worked in CITUB at all trade union levels in senior positions and occupied posts of key responsibility in the Confederation’s regional structures.

He has acted as Deputy Member of the ILO Governing Body, member of the EESC and Vice-President of Group II, 1st Substitute member of the ITUC General Council, Chair of the ITUC Committee of HTUR, member of the ETUC Executive Committee and member of the PERC Executive Committee.

He graduated from the High Maritime Naval School in Varna, Bulgaria. He holds a Master’s degree in Economics – HR management and a PHD in Economics.

Mr Juergen Hohmann
Social Protection Expert, International Cooperation and Development, European Commission

Juergen HOHMANN is working as social protection expert in unit B3 (Migration, Employment) of DG DEVCO, where he supports the social protection portfolio of DEVCO in its entirety. As part of his assignment, he contributes to policy analysis and formulation, initiates and manages various actions, often across Commission services and in close collaboration with EU Member States and international organizations. In this regard, he has contributed to embed the EU strategic approaches on social protection from a more sectoral perspective into larger policy frameworks.

Mr. Hohmann has a track-record in social protection and health systems development in the EU, Asia and Africa. Prior to his work for the Commission, he has been working for different bilateral development agencies and performed many advisory missions on the curricula development of short and long-term academic trainings in social protection.

Ms Evelyn Astor
Policy Officer, Economic and Social Policy, International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)

Evelyn Astor is a specialist in employment and social policy at the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC). Much of her work focusses on improving the adequacy and coverage of minimum wages, and supporting unions in their minimum wage negotiations. She also works with unions and international institutions, including the International Labour Organisation, on improving the access to social protection and identifying financing possibilities for social protection reforms. Prior to this, she worked at the European Commission on issues around social protection and gender equality in the labour market. Evelyn has an MSc in Social Policy from the London School of Economics and a degree in public policy and human rights from New York University. She speaks English, French and Spanish.
Ms. Armanda Berta dos santos  
Minister of Social Solidarity and Inclusion Timor Leste  

Berta was appointed as Minister of Social Solidarity Social and Inclusion on 25 June 2018 by Aliansi Mayorit Pavlement (AMP). She was elected the member of Parliament in July 2017. Ms. Berta also involved in politics in 2011 and founder of the Party Kamanek Haburas Unidade Nacional Timor Oan (KHUNTO) in 2011 and currently the President of The Party KHUNTO of Timor Leste.

Ms Marina Erhola  
Deputy Director General, National Institute for Health and Welfare (THL), Finland  

Prof. Erhola is a medical doctor with specialisation in respiratory diseases. She has a doctoral degree (PhD) from the University of Tampere, Finland and a Master degree on Quality Improvement and Leadership Development in Health Care from the University of Helsinki, Department of PHC and General Practice.

Prof. Erhola’s main working career has been in leadership positions in municipal and national public health organisations. Dr Erhola worked three years as Project Director and Team Leader in a Kyrgyzstan -Finland Lung Health Programme. She has also been the Chief Physician for the Finnish Lung Health Association and planned and implemented several projects in the Russian Federation and Estonia. She also has gained international experience from working as a Temporary Advisor/Consultant for the World Health Organization.

Prof. Erhola became the Assistant Director General of the National Institute for Health and Welfare (THL) in February 2009. Her present position since 2015 is Deputy Director General.

Mr Pungky Sumadi  
Deputy Minister for Population and Labor, Indonesia  

Pungky Sumadi is the Deputy Minister of Planning for Population and Employment Affairs. He is responsible for Indonesia’s planning, programming and budgeting in the area of population, employment, cooperatives and SMEs and social protection. He has currently an interest in developing the adaptive social protection policy agenda for Indonesia, due to rising awareness in increasing societal resiliency toward natural disasters. Prior to his current position, he served the Ministry of Planning as the Senior Adviser to the Minister of Maritime, Infrastructure, Industrial and Tourism development. He also served as the Ministry’s Director of Financial Services and SOEs, where he helped the country in promoting financial inclusion agenda, as well as producing the Masterplan of Indonesia’s Islamic Finance. Between 2005 and 2011, Mr. Sumadi helped reorganize Indonesia’s social protection agenda, by consolidating different kinds of social assistance programs, and reshaping social security agenda.

Ms Nicola Wiebe  
Social Protection Advisor, Bread for the World, representing the Global Coalition for Social Protection Floors (GCSPF)  

The Global Coalition for Social Protection Floors (GCSPF) is a network of over 100 civil society organizations, trade unions and think tanks from all continents - all committed to advocate for and support the implementation of ILO Recommendation 202 on national floors of social protection.

Nicola Wiebe is Social Protection Advisor at the Policy Department of Bread for the World, Germany. Her current work focuses on advocacy for Social Protection Floors and their financing, as well as capacity building within civil society organizations involved in social protection implementation and monitoring. Her academic background is political sciences, development and social protection studies. She has been working in governmental technical cooperation and in civil society development cooperation in the areas of social protection systems and social programmes. In her research work she looked at labour market policies and social transfer programmes.
Mr Florian Höllen
Senior Policy Officer & Member Interim Steering Committee USP2030, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Germany

Mr. Florian Höllen is the German representative in the interim steering committee of the Global Partnership for Universal Social Protection 2030 to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (USP2030) and in the Social Protection Inter-agency Cooperation Board (SPIAC-B). As a senior policy officer in the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) he is also in charge of social protection in general within German Development Cooperation. Digitalisation and Fragility are cross-cutting issues he takes care of in the Division for Health, Population Policy and Social Protection of BMZ. Within BMZ he coordinates the participation in the UN Commission for Social Development (CSocD).

Already before joining the ministry, Mr. Höllen dedicated himself to the matter of social welfare and labour relations during postings in Berlin, Ramallah and New Delhi. Mr. Höllen, who studied in Göttingen, Pune, Geneva and Delhi, holds degrees in history, German philology and educational sciences.

Ms Isabel Ortiz
Director of the Social Protection Department, ILO

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