SPEAKER PROFILES

SESSION 1: COMPREHENSIVE NATIONAL ANTI-POVERTY STRATEGIES

Opening Remarks

Stefano Scarpetta
Director for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs, OECD

Stefano Scarpetta has been the Director of the Directorate for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs (ELS) since 2013. He provides the leadership in the design, management and co-ordination of the activities of ELS and contributes to the implementation of the Secretary-General’s strategic orientations in a broad range of policy areas, notably Employment, Labour, Migration, Health, Skills, Gender and Tackling Inequalities. Mr. Scarpetta joined the OECD in 1991. He led several largescale projects, including: “Implementing the OECD Jobs Strategy”; the “Sources of Economic Growth”; and contributed to others including “The Policy Challenges of Population Ageing”. From 2002 to 2006 he was at the World Bank as the labour market advisor and lead economist in charge of the Bank-wide programme of Employment and Development. He returned to the OECD in 2006 as the Head of Division in charge of Japan, Korea, Mexico, Portugal, Denmark, Sweden, China and India. In 2008 he became the Head of the Employment Analysis and Policy Division and the editor of the Employment Outlook. In 2010, he became the Deputy Director of ELS.

He holds a PhD in Economics from the École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (Paris) and a M.Sc. in Economics from the London School of Economics and Political Science.

Speakers

Dimitrios Karellas
Secretary General of Social Solidarity of the Ministry of Labour, Greece

Mr Karellas, born and living in Athens, has worked in the banking sector, from executive posts in the branch networks to heading central management departments/divisions, with the last post being Head of Automated Banking Channels of Alpha Bank.

From October 2015, when he was appointed Secretary General of Social Solidarity of the Ministry of Labour, Social Security and Social Solidarity, he has been managing the turn towards a new resilient welfare framework (targeted benefits such as a GMI scheme, new child benefit and housing benefit, school meals program, establishment of a Community Centers’ network, new digitalized control and policies’ evaluation mechanisms etc.).

During the third adjustment program of the country, he headed the technical discussions with the Institutions on social welfare issues.

He has studied Political and Economic Sciences and holds a post-graduate MSc in Marketing and Communication with New Technologies.
Vincent Reymond
Secrétaire Général de la Délégation interministérielle à la prévention et à la lutte contre la pauvreté.

La Délégation interministérielle a élaborée la stratégie de prévention et de lutte contre la pauvreté qui a été annoncée par le Président de la République le 13 septembre dernier. Elle est chargée de sa mise en œuvre.

Vincent Reymond était auparavant membre de l’inspection générale des affaires sociales (Igas) où il a notamment travaillé sur les problématiques de cohésion sociale et sur la mise en œuvre du plan d’action en faveur du travail social et du développement social.

Administrateur Territorial, il a également exercé en collectivité : il a notamment été directeur des finances, du budget et de la commande publique du département de la Seine-Saint-Denis, où il s’est particulièrement mobilisé sur la gestion des emprunts toxiques, les problématiques de financement des allocations de solidarité, les questions relatives à l’enfance et à la famille, la population âgée et les personnes handicapées.

Patrick Bussière
Director for Employment and Social Development, Canada

Patrick Bussière is Director of the Social Research Division at Employment and Social Development Canada. In this role, he is responsible for all social research conducted in the department on children and families, income security, persons with disabilities, and social innovation. He is also co-chair of the federal/provincial/territorial committee on Social Development Research and Information. Patrick also regularly represents Canada on various committees of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). He is currently head of delegation for the Working Party on Social Policy and he was a key member of the organizing committee for the 2018 OECD Ministerial Meeting on Social Policy that took place in Montréal. He was also co-chair of the Board of Participating Countries to the Programme for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies (PIAAC) and was responsible for Canada’s participation to the Programme for the International Students Assessment (PISA) for over 10 years.

Richie Poulton
Chief Science Advisor for the Ministry of Social Development, New Zealand

Professor Richie Poulton is Director of the Dunedin Multidisciplinary Health and Development Research Unit which conducts the Dunedin longitudinal study, one of the most detailed studies of human health and development ever undertaken.

In 2007, he established and became a Co-Director of the National Centre for Lifecourse Research, a research centre based at the University of Otago in Dunedin, but with partners located at universities across New Zealand and internationally.

He has also held a part-time position as the inaugural Chief Science Advisor to the NZ Ministry of Social Development since October 2014 and is currently Chief Science Advisor to the Prime Minister in her role as Minister of Child Poverty Reduction.

He has published 250+ peer-reviewed scientific papers, with many appearing in leading international journals. His research interests include: mental health, nature-nurture interplay, and psychosocial determinants of chronic physical disease. In 2014, he was named as a Highly Cited Researcher by Thomson-Reuters (one of only four New Zealanders so designated) and was listed in 2015 World’s Most Influential Scientific Minds, Thomson-Reuters.
Monika Queisser

Head of Social Policy, Directorate for Employment Labour and Social Affairs

Monika Queisser is Senior Counsellor to the Director of the OECD’s Employment, Labour and Social Affairs Directorate. She is also Head of Social Policy Division, where she supervises and coordinates the work on social protection spending, social indicators, pensions, family and child policies, gender equality and diversity, housing and poverty. Her background is in pension system analysis and pension reform. She has been working at the OECD since 1997. In 2007-8, she worked as an adviser to the OECD Secretary-General.

Prior to joining the OECD Ms. Queisser worked at the World Bank in Washington, D.C. She was a member of the pensions and insurance group in the Financial Sector Development Department. Her first employment was with the German ifo institute for economic research in Munich. Her professional experience also includes employment as a journalist at daily newspapers and broadcasting in Germany.

SESSION 2: A RANGE OF SERVICES FOR VULNERABLE FAMILIES: WHAT MAKES THEM WORK

Speakers

Sylvain Lemoine

Deputy Head of the Cabinet of the Mayor of Paris, France

Sylvain Lemoine (40 ans) occupe présentement les fonctions de Directeur de cabinet adjoint de la Maire de Paris.

Précédemment, il a occupé les fonctions de conseiller social auprès de la Maire de Paris et de conseiller auprès de la Ministre des affaires sociales. À ce titre, il a plus particulièrement suivi l’élaboration du projet de loi ouvrant le mariage aux couples de même sexe, la définition et le déploiement d’un programme de nouveaux services offerts aux familles (développement des places en crèche, investissement dans la jeunesse, soutien aux parents) et l’élaboration du plan national de lutte contre la pauvreté.

Ces fonctions constituaient le prolongement des travaux de recherche qu’il a conduits en tant que responsable du département questions sociales de France Stratégie, organisme de prospective et de parangonnage rattaché au premier Ministre. Animant une équipe d’une dizaine de chercheurs, il a écrit ou suivi la production de notes d’analyse et de rapports destinés à dresser des passerelles entre le monde universitaire, le monde des décideurs publics et le monde de l’entreprise. Ses thèmes de prédilections étaient alors : l’innovation sociale, l’évaluation des politiques sociales, l’investissement social, le soutien à la parentalité, la lutte contre la pauvreté, la gouvernance des politiques sociales, l’accès aux soins.

Il a débuté sa carrière en tant que directeur adjoint d’une caisse d’allocations familiales, agence locale chargée du versement des prestations sociales, familiales et de développement des services offerts aux familles dans le département de l’Ille et Vilaine (Bretagne).
Leontien Peeters  
**Country Representative of the Bernard Van Leer Foundation, Netherlands**

Leontien is a creative leader with over 15 years of experience in network building, public-private partnerships, strategic positioning and systems change. She holds a master degree in International Relations from the University of Amsterdam (UvA).

Before joining the Foundation in April 2010, she founded the international project Youth Employment Spark and helped build the Business in Development Network. Leontien graduated from the THNK creative leadership program in 2015 and was the Dutch youth representative to the United Nations in 2002. She is a member of the Worldconnectors and the sounding board for the Dutch government on the Netherlands UN Security Council membership in 2018.

Karen den Hertog  
**Programme Manager Amsterdam Healthy Weight Programme**

In June 2018, Karen den Hertog became programme manager of the Amsterdam Healthy Weight Programme. Over the past ten years Karen (Msc Public Administration) has been managing various programmes, focused on complex problems in the social domain, for the municipality of Amsterdam. The common denominator in these programmes has been to shape a collaborative approach with various departments and districts, with every stakeholder taking his or her own responsibility.

Karen has been with the Amsterdam Healthy Weight Programme from the start. When responsible for the ‘curative’ part of the programme she initiated and oversaw the implementation of a practice that has now become the base of the national model for the chain of care for children with overweight & obesity. As deputy programme manager, since 2014 Karen was also responsible for the ‘First 1000 Days’ part of the programme, national lobbying and international affairs.

Besides her work for the Amsterdam programme, Karen is also in the lead on one of sixteen trajectories – Reducing Health Inequalities – of the Social Domain Programme. In this national programme municipalities and national government work together to create learning communities to guide the Dutch transformation of the social domain.

Muriel Langenberger  
**Head of Programs Europe, Jacobs Foundation, Switzerland**

Muriel Langenberger has spent the last 20 years working with governments, civil society and the private sector to improve the potential of children and youth and facilitate innovation that contributes to social changes. Her work is based on ground-breaking and constructive public policy influence.

She is Head of programs Europe of the Jacobs Foundation, based in Switzerland. Ms Langenberger leads the strategic development of the Foundation in one of its key priorities - Early Education in Europe. Prior to 2013 she spent five years with the Swiss Federal government as Head of its child and youth policy unit. Earlier she worked for 12 years with Switzerland’s leading child relief agency, Terre des hommes, first in the Middle East, in Asia, and lately in Switzerland.

She has a Master in International Relations from the Graduate Institute for International and Development Studies in Geneva (1995).
Christine Skinner
Professor of Social Policy, University of York, United Kingdom

Professor Christine Skinner is an expert in child support policy with over 20 years’ experience researching the lives of separated families. She has worked on numerous projects for the UK’s Economic and Social Research Council and the Department of Work and Pensions. Christine’s’ research has impacted on UK policy developments and she has acted as specialist policy adviser to the House of Commons Select Committee, the National Audit Office and the Ministerial ‘Expert Steering Group on Relationship Support Services’. Known internationally, she has advised other policy making bodies on child support in Korea, France and Australia and she has conducted comparative analysis of child support schemes across many countries. Most recently, she is involved in comparative analysis of shared care policies (with Dr Mia Hakovirta, University of Turku, Finland) and in exploring the impact of domestic violence on lone mothers’ pursuance of child support (with A/Prof Kay Cook, Swinburne University, Melbourne).

Willem Adema
Senior Economist, Directorate for Employment Labour and Social Affairs

Willem leads a team of analysts of Family, Children, Gender and Housing Policies, and his team also maintains the OECD Family database; the OECD Gender Data Portal; the OECD Social Expenditure database and the OECD Affordable Housing Database.

In 2017-2018, Willem and colleagues prepared the following OECD reports:”Is the last mile the longest? on economic gains from gender equality in Nordic countries”, “The Pursuit of Gender Equality: An Uphill Battle”; and, “Dare to Share: Germany's Experience Promoting Equal Partnership in Families”.


Willem graduated from the Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam and holds a doctorate from St. Edmund Hall, University of Oxford.
SESSION 3: DELIVERING EFFECTIVE AND FAIR CARE AND EDUCATION SERVICES

Speakers

Sylviane Giampino
Présidente du Haut Conseil à l’Enfance, la Famille et l’Âge, France


Sylviane Giampino mène conjointement son travail clinique avec des activités d'études, de diffusion des connaissances et d'engagements associatifs. Elle a exercé auprès d'enfants handicapés en pédopsychiatrie et en service d'éducation spécialisée. S’est orientée ensuite vers la prévention et sur les secteurs sociaux les plus défavorisés, dans les services de protection et prévention en petite enfance, et d’accompagnement de la parentalité, elle exerce comme psychologue dans les modes d’accueil.

Elle a présidé en 2015 et 2016, pour le gouvernement une mission de concertation scientifique et publique sur les modes d'accueil. Son rapport **Développement du jeune enfant, modes d'accueil et formation des professionnels de la petite enfance** est à l'origine de la publication par le ministère du texte d'orientation stratégique : **Texte cadre national pour l'accueil du jeune enfant**.


Tove Mogstad Slinde
Senior Adviser, Department of Kindergarten and Schools, Norwegian Ministry of Education and Research

Tove Mogstad Slinde is a Senior Adviser in the Norwegian Ministry of Education and Research in the Department for Schools and Kindergartens. From 2012 to 2018 she has been Chair of the Network on Early Childhood Education and Care in OECD.

In the Ministry of Education and Research Tove Mogstad Slinde has been working on policy development on topics related to quality in ECEC. Since she entered the sector in 1987 she has among other things been working with governance and implementation of national policies on the regional and local levels. Representing the Ministry in international cooperation, she has been involved in the work of the OECD ECEC network (since 2008) including Starting Strong III-V, as well as a Thematic Working Group on Early Childhood Education and Care in the European Union (EU). She has also been engaged in the advisory committee for the research projects related to the quality, effectiveness and inclusiveness of ECEC; CARE and ISOTIS, funded by the EU.
Alfonso Lara Montero

Chief Executive, European Social Network

Alfonso Lara Montero is Chief Executive of the European Social Network that brings together more than 125 public social services organisations from 33 countries. Alfonso leads ESN’s policy programme co-financed by the European Commission and the annual European Social Services Conference, now in its 27th edition. He has authored and co-authored several publications on social services, such as ‘Investing in children’s services’, ‘Integrated social services in Europe’, ‘Investing in the social services workforce’, and the ‘Toolkit for planning and evaluating social services’. Alfonso is a regular contributor to academic journals, newspapers, and specialist social services magazines. He holds an MA in European governance from the College of Europe, an MSc in public policy from University College and a Masters in Executive Management of International Associations at Brussels School for Economics and Management.

Annamaria Cosatti

Head of Unit on early child development and learning, Save the Children, Italy

Annamaria Cosatti, Head of Unit 0-6 in Children Care and Emergency Department at Save the Children Italy (Italy-EU Programmes). She coordinates national projects for vulnerable families with children 0-6 living in contexts with lack of services. She takes part in the definition of Early Childhood Intervention Save the Children Italy Strategy. After a short international fieldwork, she gains a deep experience in educational services for children 0-6 years.

Lena Correll

Early education in the Family, BMFSFJ and Evangelischen Hochschule Berlin (EHB), Germany

Lena Correll is the head of the Center for „Early Education in the Family“ since 2011, funded by the Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth (BMFSFJ), which is located at the Evangelische Hochschule Berlin (EHB). She has studied Sociology, Political Science and Chinese at Free University Berlin, Tongji University Shanghai and the News School for Social Research New York. From 2002 to 2005 Lena Correll worked as a research assistant for “Genda-Network for Feminist Labour Studies” at University of Marburg. She received a PhD in Sociology from the University of Marburg in 2010. Her PhD combines a discourse analysis of family politics in Germany since 1949 with biographical research on childlessness (Book title: “Anrufungen zur Mutterschaft”- Interpellation for motherhood). Her current research focusses on participation and early education (Volume title: “Teilhabe und frühe Bildung” 2019) including the effects and challenges of digitalization for children, parents and pedagogic specialists.
Yuri Belfali  
**Head of Division, Early childhood and Schools, Directorate for Education and Skills, OECD**

Ms. Belfali supports the Directorate for Education and Skills in providing strategic direction to the work on early childhood education, care and school systems. She oversees thematic policy analysis on early childhood education and care, and manages large scale surveys including the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA), Teaching and Learning International Survey programme (TALIS) and data collection on early childhood.

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**SESSION 4: EFFECTIVE POLICY EVALUATION AND MONITORING PRACTICE**

**Speakers**

**Bianca Albers**  
**Director, Center for Evidence and Implementation, Australia**

Bianca Albers is a Director at the Centre for Evidence and Implementation, an intermediary organization supporting the uptake of evidence in child and family services. She also chairs the European Implementation Collaborative.

Ms Albers is an internationally recognised leader in the field of implementation science and practice. She brings extensive experience in teaching implementation, applying core concepts of Implementation science within different practice and policy settings and in monitoring and evaluating implementation practice. She has supported numerous government, non-government and service agencies in the uptake of evidence and in evaluating this uptake.

Ms Albers also is a key figure in the European implementation environment, co-founded and chairs the European Implementation Collaborative, and is a member of the Advisory Board for the EU funded Horizon2020 project ImpleMentAll. In 2018, she received the Danish Implementation Network's (DIN) Annual Award for outstanding efforts in putting implementation on the agenda of practice, policy and research in Denmark.

**Rigmor C Berg**  
**Department Director Reviews and Health Technology Assessments, Norwegian Institute of Public Health**

Rigmor C Berg is Department Director at the Norwegian Institute of Public Health, Division of Health Services, and Professor at the University of Tromsø. She has a PhD in Public Health from the University of Georgia, USA. Her research interests are sexual health, stigma, female genital cutting, transactional sex, and HIV prevention among men who have sex with men. Dr Berg’s area of expertise is evidence-based practice, with more than 20 first-authored systematic reviews. She has a passion for teaching and has given trainings in evidence-based practice and teaching not only in Norway, but also other countries in Europe, Africa and the Middle East.
Françoise Pissart  
Directrice à la Fondation du Roi Baudouin, Belgium  
Françoise Pissart is a sociologist with a Master's degree from the University of Liege (1982) and the University of Montreal (1985). After working 3 years as a researcher in Sociology and Pedagogy at the University of Liege, she began her career as a project manager at the King Baudouin Foundation, which is renowned in Belgium and Europe for its efforts to improve people’s living conditions. In 1996 she worked as deputy director for a Belgian NGO specialised in equal opportunities for men and women.

Emily Schmitt  
Deputy Director, Office of Planning Research and Evaluation, Administration for Children and Families, United States  
Emily Schmitt is the Deputy Director of the Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation (OPRE) in the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation studies ACF programs and populations through rigorous research and evaluation projects and is responsible for advising the Assistant Secretary for Children and Families on increasing the effectiveness and efficiency of programs to improve the economic and social well-being of children and families. As Deputy Director, Ms. Schmitt has broad responsibility for executing the mission of OPRE. Ms. Schmitt joined OPRE in 2009 and prior to becoming Deputy Director she oversaw a portfolio of research projects related to welfare, employment and training, homeless and disconnected families, and the application of behavioral economics to human services. Prior to joining OPRE, Ms. Schmitt worked for the U.S. House of Representatives and the National Alliance to End Homelessness. She is a graduate of Harvard College and earned a Master in Public Policy from Harvard Kennedy School.

Olivier Thévenon  
Social Policy Analyst, OECD Directorate for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs  
Social policy analyst at the OECD with a specialisation in child and family policies. Olivier Thévenon is currently coordinating OECD work on child well-being and child poverty, and is responsible for the OECD Child-Well-Being Data Portal. He is also a member of the French Haut Conseil de la Famille, which advises the government on reforms to be undertaken in the area of family and child policies.