Inclusive Social Protection Systems in Asia and the Pacific: An expert group meeting

11-12 April 2019
Bangkok, Thailand

#ISPSBangkok
Day 1

Thursday, 11 April 2019

REGISTRATION

SESSION 1: SOCIAL PROTECTION IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

In this session, the state of social protection in Asia and the Pacific, including coverage gaps among different population groups, will be presented.

Welcoming remarks and introduction of participants
- Mr Patrik Andersson, Acting Director, Social Development Division, ESCAP
- Francesca Gilli, Attaché: Delegation of the European Union to Thailand, European Union

Scene setting: Social Protection in Asia and the Pacific
- Mr Nuno Meira Simoes Cunha, Senior Social Protection Specialist for East and South-East Asia and the Pacific, ILO

Master of Ceremony: Ms Stephanie Choo, ESCAP

GROUP PHOTO AND COFFEE BREAK

SESSION 2. ADDRESSING POVERTY AND INEQUALITY

In this session, a snapshot of the state of poverty and inequality in Asia and the Pacific will be presented, followed by in-depth analyses of the poverty reduction trajectory in two countries in an interview-style format.

Poverty and inequality in Asia and the Pacific
- Mr Predrag Savic, Associate Social Affairs Officer, ESCAP

Country case study: Cambodia Social Protection System Review
- Mr Samheng Boros, Secretary of State, Ministry of Social Affairs, Veterans and Youth Rehabilitation, Cambodia

Country case study: Viet Nam multidimensional poverty analysis
- Mr Dao Quang Vinh, Director general, Institute of Labour Science and Social Affairs, Ministry of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs, Viet Nam
- Ms Nguyen Thi Vinh Ha, Head of Studies on Social Protection Division, Institute of Labour Science and Social Affairs, Ministry of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs, Viet Nam

Moderator: Ms Ermina Sokou, ESCAP

LUNCH
SESSION 3. TACKLING VULNERABILITY IN THE INFORMAL ECONOMY

In this session, a snapshot of informality in Asia and the Pacific will be presented, followed by a closer look at the situation in ASEAN countries. Thereafter, country case studies will be explored in a Davos-style talk show format.

ILO report on informality in ASEAN
- Mr Nuno Meira Simoes Cunha, Senior Social Protection Specialist for East and South-East Asia and the Pacific, ILO

EU-SPS global report on informality
- Ms Caroline Tassot, Economist, OECD Development Centre

Country case study: informal workers and social insurance in Cambodia
- Ms Malika Ok, National Programme Coordinator, ILO Cambodia

Country case study: increasing social insurance coverage in Viet Nam
- Ms Nguyen Thi Lan Huong, Director of Institute for Vocational Education and Social Protection, Viet Nam

Moderator: Mr Juergen Hohmann, European Commission

15:30–16:00

COFFEE BREAK

SESSION 4. THE ROLE OF EVIDENCE IN SOCIAL PROTECTION, LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT POLICY MAKING

This session discusses how reviews and evaluations can support progress towards inclusive social protection systems, including in humanitarian crisis situations.

Evaluating the social protection impact of employment policies/programmes
- Mr Pedro Martins, Professor of Applied Economics, Queen Mary, University of London

The future of the Social Protection System in Indonesia
- Ms Dyah Larasati, Senior Social Protection Policy Specialist, TNP2K, Indonesia

Child Support Grant in Thailand: status quo and policy responses
- Ms Christina Popivanova, Chief of Social Policy, UNICEF Thailand

Social protection across the humanitarian-development nexus
- Mr Juergen Hohmann, Social Protection Expert, DG DEVCO, European Commission

Moderator: Mr Alexander Pick, OECD Development Centre

17:30–17:45

SUMMARY OF THE DAY

18:00–19:30

COCKTAIL
Day 2

Friday, 12 April 2019

SESSION 5A. DESIGNING, IMPLEMENTING AND FINANCING INCLUSIVE SOCIAL PROTECTION PROGRAMMES

This session provides an overview of discussions surrounding programme design, implementation and financing, followed by presentations of country experiences.

The rationale for social protection and core issues surrounding programme design, implementation and financing
• Ms Marialaura Ena, Social Affairs Officer and Stephanie Choo, Associate Social Affairs Officer, ESCAP

Café style presentations* of programme design:
Lao People’s Democratic Republic - The role of the National Health Insurance Institution in ensuring quality of services
• Mr Bounfeng Phoummalaysith, Director General, National Health Insurance Bureau, Ministry of Health, Lao PDR
• Mr Lajos Kovacs, SOCIEUX+ Expert

Malaysia - Consolidation of social protection programmes towards a coherent and comprehensive social protection system
• Ms Datuk Norma Mansor, Emeritus Professor and Director, Social Wellbeing Research Centre, University of Malaya

Viet Nam - Development of social assistance training curriculum and institutionalisation of the training in local training institutions
• Mr Giang Thanh Long, Associate Professor, National Economics University, Hanoi

Armenia - Transition from a medical to a social model of disability
• Mr Stathis Triantafyllou, SOCIEUX+ expert
• Ms Marianna Papadopoulou, SOCIEUX+ expert

Moderator: Mr Xavier Coyer, SOCIEUX+

10:30 – 11:00

COFFEE BREAK

SESSION 5B. DESIGNING, IMPLEMENTING, MONITORING AND FINANCING INCLUSIVE SOCIAL PROTECTION PROGRAMMES [CONTINUED]

Café style presentations* of programme implementation and financing:
Cambodia - Sustainability and investments of pension funds
• Mr Sambo Pheakdey, Deputy Secretary-General, National Social Protection Council, Cambodia
13:00–14:00

**LUNCH**

14:00–15:45

**SESSION 6. TOOLS FOR POLICY ANALYSIS**

In this session, practical tools to review and analyse social protection policy as well as for monitoring and evaluation are introduced and demonstrated.

**Brief plenary presentation on the following tools:**

OECD Database on Key Indicators of Informality based on Individuals and their Household
- Ms Caroline Tassot, Economist, OECD Development Centre

ESCAP Social Protection Toolbox
- Ms Ermina Sokou, Social Affairs Officer, ESCAP

OECD Social Protection System Review Toolkit
- Mr Alexander Pick, Economist, OECD Development Centre

ISPA Tools
- Mr Juergen Hohmann, Social Protection Expert, DG DEVCO, European Commission
- Ms Mr Federico Spano, Social Protection and Resilience Specialist, FAO

*Café style* hands-on demonstration at each respective station

**Moderator: Markku Malkamäki, THL**

15:45–16:15

**COFFEE BREAK AND GALLERY WALK**

16:15–17:15

**SESSION 7: ENHANCING TECHNICAL SUPPORT AND STRENGTHENING REGIONAL COOPERATION ON SOCIAL PROTECTION**

In this session, participants are encouraged to provide inputs on how development partners can enhance technical support and regional cooperation on social protection to their countries.
**EU Development Cooperation and Social Protection**

- Mr Juergen Hohmann, Social Protection Expert, DG DEVCO, European Commission

**Information briefing on the Working Group for Strengthening Regional Cooperation on Social Protection**

- Ms Stephanie Choo, Associate Social Affairs Officer, ESCAP

**Fishbowl style** plenary discussion

*Moderator: Ms Therese Bjork, OHCHR*

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**CLOSING REMARKS**

*Moderator: Ms Ermina Sokou, ESCAP*

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*About the café style presentations (speed-geek)*

Each presenter will be assigned a station where he or she will present his or her findings to the audience. Presenters are encouraged to develop 1-2 posters that encapsulate their messages to visually aid their presentations. Each presentation should be about 10 minutes long, followed by another 10 minutes of Q&A; each presentation cycle will be repeated as meeting participants rotate from station to station. Meeting participants will be split into groups that will respectively visit each of the presentation stations. After 20 minutes, the groups rotate and move to the next station for the next round of presentations and discussions.

**About fishbowl style discussions**

A fishbowl conversation is a form of dialog that can be used when discussing topics within large groups to encourage the entire group to participate in a conversation. Four to five chairs are arranged in an inner circle, which constitutes the fishbowl. The remaining chairs are arranged in concentric circles outside the fishbowl. A few participants are selected to fill the fishbowl, while the rest of the group sit on the chairs outside the fishbowl. The moderator introduces the topic and the participants start discussing the topic; the audience outside the fishbowl listen in on the discussion. When someone in the audience wants to join the conversation, he or she comes forward and stands behind an existing member of the fishbowl who then voluntarily leaves the fishbowl. The discussion continues with participants frequently entering and leaving the fishbowl.