



Kick-off Meeting

16 September 2015

Château Room C, OECD Conference Centre

2 Rue André Pascal, 75016 Paris

8:30-9:00	Registration and coffee
9:00-9:45	<p>Opening remarks</p> <p>Mario Pezzini, Director, OECD Development Centre</p> <p>Stefano Signore, Head of Unit, Employment, Social Inclusion, Migration, Directorate General for International Cooperation and Development, European Commission</p> <p>Kristiina Kuvaja, Director, Unit for Sectoral Policy, Department for Development Policy, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Finland</p>
9:45-11:00	<p>Session 1: Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals' social protection targets</p> <p><i>How are countries preparing to achieve and monitor progress towards SDG targets 1.3, 5.4 and 10.4? What are the challenges in terms of national implementation capacity? What strategies and mechanisms are in place to exploit synergies and achieve coherence with other policy areas? What are the challenges in terms of data and monitoring systems? How can partners best support national efforts?</i></p> <p><i>Moderator</i> Mario Pezzini, Director, OECD Development Centre</p> <p><i>Panellists</i></p> <p>Willem Adema, Senior Economist, Social Policy Division, Directorate for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs, OECD</p> <p>Gilbert Hounbo, Deputy Director-General for Field Operations and Partnerships, International Labour Organisation and former Prime Minister of Togo</p> <p>Takyiwaa Manuh, Director, Social Development Policy Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa</p> <p>Elan Satriawan, Policy Working Group Coordinator, Secretariat for the Acceleration of Poverty Reduction (TNP2K), Indonesia</p> <p>Tassew Woldehanna, Principal Investigator, Ethiopian Development Research Institute and Associate Professor of Economics, Addis Ababa University</p>

* Speakers listed in order of appearance; for subsequent panel sessions, participants are listed in alphabetical order

11:00-11:30 Break

11:30-12:45 Session 2: The role of research in establishing social protection systems

How can research and analysis support social protection reform processes and systems-building? How have countries with more advanced social protection systems used research and evidence to support systematization and the expansion of coverage? What are the priority areas for analysis and evidence generation for social protection systems in developing countries? What evidence is most critical to advance social protection reform efforts? How can research and evidence generation be institutionalized in social protection systems? How can feedback loops between research and policy-making work effectively? How can the research undertaken by the EU Social Protection Systems Programme contribute to these efforts?

Moderator Nicola Harrington, Deputy Director, OECD Development Centre

Panellists Armando Barrientos, Professor and Research Director at the Brooks World Poverty Institute, University of Manchester, United Kingdom

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

Flora Myamba, Director of Research for Social Protection, Policy Research for Development, Tanzania

Vathana Sann, Deputy Secretary General and Chair of the Social Protection Platform, Council for Agricultural and Rural Development, Cambodia

12:45-14:00 Lunch (Château, G. Marshall Room)

14:00-15:15 Session 3: Financing social protection systems

How can social protection systems be sustainably financed? What models and reforms have proven successful in different contexts? To what extent has the evolution of social protection coverage gone hand in hand with increased domestic revenue mobilization? What are the linkages between taxation and social protection? How can partners support domestic revenue mobilization capacity and investment in social protection?

Moderator Carl Dahlman, Head of Division, OECD Development Centre

Panellists Francesca Bastagli, Head of Programme, Social Protection, Overseas Development Institute, United Kingdom

David Bradbury, Head, Tax Policy and Statistics Division, Centre for Tax Policy and Administration, OECD

Stephen Kidd, Director, Development Pathways, United Kingdom

Nguyen Thi Lan Huong, Director General, Institute of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs, Ministry of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs, Viet Nam

15:15-15:45 Break

15:45-17:00 Session 4: Capacity building for social protection systems

What types and levels of capacity are needed for the systematization of social protection in different country contexts? What is needed at central and local levels? What approaches to capacity building for social protection have proven successful? How can capacity building interventions be designed and sequenced to support the development of social protection systems?

Moderator Matthew Greenslade, Economic Adviser, Social Protection Team, Department for International Development, United Kingdom

Panellists Stephen Devereux, Research Fellow, Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex, United Kingdom

Juergen Hohmann, Social Protection Expert, Employment, Social Inclusion and Migration Unit, Directorate General for International Cooperation and Development, European Commission

Rômulo Paes de Sousa, Director, UNDP World Centre for Sustainable Development – Rio+ Centre, Brazil

Mutale Wakunuma, Country Coordinator, Platform for Social Protection, Zambia

17:00-17:15 Implications for the EU Social Protection Systems Programme

Alessandra Heinemann, EU-SPS Programme Co-Leader for Management and Research, OECD Development Centre

Timo Voipio, EU-SPS Programme Co-Leader for Implementation Strategy and Partnerships, National Institute for Health and Welfare (THL), Finland

17:15-17:30 Closing remarks*

Okko-Pekka Salmimies, Ambassador of Finland to the OECD and UNESCO

Stefano Signore, Head of Unit, Employment, Social Inclusion, Migration, Directorate General for International Cooperation and Development, European Commission

Nicola Harrington, Deputy Director, OECD Development Centre

17:30-19:00 Reception (Château, Roger Ockrent Room)

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