



Technical exchange on the extension of social protection to workers in the informal economy

Wednesday 19 & Thursday 20 April 2023, 13:00 – 14:30 CEST

Welcome & Opening Remarks



Doerte Bosse has worked for over 20 years in Development Policy and International Cooperation. Currently, she is the Head of Sector for horizontal coordination, social protection and disabilities in INTPA Headquarters. Previously she led various teams in INTPA HQ and in Delegations covering Human Development, Communication & Visibility and Finance & Contracts. Before joining the EC, she was a speechwriter and worked in the Latin American Department of the German Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development.



Céline Peyron Bista is the Chief Technical Advisor of an EU funded Programme on improving linkages between social protection and public finance management for the ILO. She has 25 years of professional experience in the field of social security and social protection, in Latin America, Asia and Africa, mainly with the ILO which she first joined in 2001, but also the Asian Development Bank and NGOs. Among others, she specializes on extension of social protection to all forms of employment and unemployment protection.



David Stewart began his career at the Global Human Development Report of UNDP where he spent 6 years. Between 2005 and 2010 he worked with UNICEF in New York on State of the World's Children, and subsequently led UNICEF's work on Policy Advocacy. David spent 4 years as Chief of Social Policy and Evaluation for UNICEF Uganda. He is currently the Chief of the Child Poverty and Social Protection Section for UNICEF in New York, where he works on measurement, technical support to country and regional offices and global advocacy in the areas of social protection and child poverty.













DAY 1 – DESIGNING INCLUSIVE EXTENSION STRATEGIES

Wednesday 19 April, 13:00 - 14:30 CEST

Moderator



Namrata Saraogi is the Global Lead for Social Protection Financing at UNICEF, New York where she is managing the EU-Funded Social Protection and Public Financing Management Programme for UNICEF. Previously, she led UNICEF India's work on COVID-19 response, SDGs monitoring, social protection systems strengthening, among others. Namrata has also worked with the World Bank Group managing research and operational projects in education across East Asia and Pacific, Africa, Middle East, and South Asia.

Speakers

Ensuring social dialogue: The role of social partners and civil society in Cambodia



Chan Chhorvy Sok is a Program Manager for Oxfam in Cambodia. She has more than 20 years' experience working on socio-economic development and national reform programs across various government institutions and development partners in Cambodia. She has served in high-level civil servant positions, UN agencies and civil society organizations, and brings a rich experience on gender equality, women economic empowerment, labour protection, social protection.

Understanding the situation of IE workers through national diagnostics in Senegal



Moussa Dieng is the National Coordinator for the SP&PFM project in Senegal. After successful experiences in the private sector, he embarked on a career in international development with the ILO. As an ILO official, he worked successively on the development of microinsurance in Senegal with a focus on health and agricultural insurance; then on the formalization of the informal economy and the promotion of R204; and finally on social protection systems in Senegal.

Identifying priorities and financing the extension to the IE in Nepal



André Bongestabs is the Specialist on Local Strategies for Decent Work for the ILO Country Office for Nepal and provides technical support on formalization for ILO's constituents in the Asia-Pacific region, with a focus on South Asia. Previously, he served the ILO as social protection expert for the past decade. He has 15 years of experience in the development and business sectors, providing technical assistance to Governments, Trade Unions and Employer Organizations in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

Gender-Responsive Social Insurance as the Key to Expand Coverage: The Case of Viet Nam



André Gama is the Social Protection Programme Manager for ILO's Country Office in Viet Nam, based in Hanoi. Before joining the Vietnam office in 2021, he was ILO's Social Protection Advisor in Timor-Leste since 2019. He joined the ILO in 2014, as an Economist at ILO Research Department in Geneva. He holds a PhD in Economics from the European University Institute.













DAY 2 - LIFTING BARRIERS TO COVERAGE

Thursday 20 April, 13:00 – 14:30 CEST

Moderator



Marco Knowles is a Senior Social Protection Officer and Team Leader of FAO's Social Protection Team. He has 25 years of experience with the UN (FAO, IFAD, WFP) and NGOs (Development in Action, SNV) in sub-Saharan Africa, Asia and Latin America. In addition to expertise in social protection, specifically on increasing access to social protection in rural areas, Marco has substantive experience in programme coordination and in providing evidence-based food security policy assistance and capacity development.

Speakers

Adapting mechanisms and lifting barriers for migrant workers in Colombia



Martha Liliana Agudelo Valencia is an economist, specialist in occupational risk management, health & safety and project evaluation. She currently works as National Social Protection Officer and Project Coordinator for the ILO Office in Colombia. Previously, she was Director of employment generation, protection & family subsidy and Director of occupational risks (Ministry of Labour), among others. She has also been Vice Minister of Employment & Pensions and Vice Minister of Labour Relations at the Ministry of Labour.

Raising awareness and ensuring compliance in Ethiopia



Mwenya Kapasa is a social protection and programme management expert with experience is sub-Saharan Africa. Her footprint and influence in designing, implementing and monitoring social protection systems spans a 10 years' career with specific focus on social assistance and social insurance in relation to coverage extension. Mwenya holds a Master's in Social Protection Financing.

Family-friendly policies for workers in the informal sector



Lauren Whitehead is the Lead for Social Protection and Gender on UNICEF's Social Policy and Social Protection team where she oversees a global portfolio of work strengthening gender-responsive social protection. Previously, she was Chief Technical Specialist for the Generation Equality Action Coalitions at UN Women and spent six years at BRAC as the Director of Technical Assistance. Lauren's expertise includes the intersection of social protection and gender, economic inclusion, measurement and evaluation.

Protecting workers in all types of employment



Florian Juergens-Grant is the Global Social Protection Advisor for 'Women in Informal Employment: Globalizing and Organizing (WIEGO)'. Previously he worked on social protection at HelpAge International and at the International Labour Organization in Malawi. He holds a M.Sc. in Public Policy and Human Development, with specialisation in Social Protection Policy, Design and Finance, from the United Nations University-MERIT and Maastricht Graduate School of Governance.







