



## **Social Protection Floor Advisory Group - Consultative Workshop -**

Thursday, 17 March 2011, 2 – 6 pm  
ILO Building, Room XI, R2-South

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### **Summary**

The Social Protection Floor (SPF) initiative is an UN-wide joint effort to promote the extension of a set of social policies designed to guarantee basic income security and access to essential social services for all, paying particular attention to vulnerable groups.

The initiative is co-led by the International Labour Office and the World Health Organization and its implementation involves 17 collaborating agencies and an advisory group which was established to enhance global advocacy and provide inputs and recommendations to further developments of the conceptual and global policy aspects of the social floor.

This workshop brings together members of the Social Protection Floor Advisory Group, leading experts of the SPF collaborating agencies and institutions, representatives of the social partners and international community to discuss the latest national and international developments related to the social protection floor policies.

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### **- Draft Agenda -**

**14:00 – 14:30 Opening**

**Welcome words by Juan Somavia, on behalf of the Social Protection Floor initiative**

**Opening statement by Ms Michelle Bachelet, Chairperson of the Social Protection Floor Advisory Group**

**14:30 – 16:00 Session 1. Social Protection Floor Country and Regional Developments**

Moderator: Mr. Gilles de Robien, Delegate of the French Government to the ILO Governing Body and in charge of the G20 social issues.

- *Universal health coverage in India: Is it possible?*  
Ms. Sudha Pillai, Member-Secretary of the Planning Commission, India
- *How to extend social security to one billion people in China*  
Mr. Zheng Silin, former Minister of Labour and Social Security and Vice-chair of Foreign Affairs Committee of the National People's Congress, China
- Social protection floor: A view from South Africa  
Minister Ebrahim Patel, Minister of Economic Development of South Africa **(By video conference) (TBC)**
- *Social Protection and Social Justice in the Arab States*  
Ms. Nada Al-Nashif, ILO Regional Director for the Arab States, ILO Beirut

- *Social Protection Floor: Lessons from the national and regional developments*  
Mr. Martin Hirsch, Former High Commissioner for Active Solidarities against Poverty and for Young People of France

Debates

16:00 – 16:15 Coffee break

### **16:15 – 18:00 Session 2: Social Protection Floor in the International Agenda**

Moderator: Anna Tibaijuka, Minister for Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development, Tanzania, former head of UN-Habitat

- *Social Protection Floor and the Millennium Development Goals*  
Ms. Eveline Herfkens, Founder of the MDGs Campaign and former Minister of Development Cooperation of the Netherlands
- *ILO – UNDP Report on Social Protection Floor Successful Stories*  
Mr. Assane Diop, ILO Executive Director of the Social Protection Sector, ILO Geneva  
Document available at:  
<http://www.ilo.org/gimi/gess/RessShowRessource.do?ressourceId=20840>
- *WHO Report on Health Systems Financing: the Path to Universal Coverage*  
Mr. Andrew Cassels, WHO Director of Strategy, Director-General's Office  
Document available at:  
[http://www.who.int/whr/2010/whr10\\_en.pdf](http://www.who.int/whr/2010/whr10_en.pdf)
- *EC Report Social Protection for Inclusive Development: An EU-Africa perspective*  
Mrs Hélène Bourgade, Social and Human Development and Migration Unit, European Commission  
Document available at:  
[http://erd.eu.europa.eu/media/2010/Social\\_Protection\\_for\\_Inclusive\\_Development.pdf](http://erd.eu.europa.eu/media/2010/Social_Protection_for_Inclusive_Development.pdf)
- *UNICEF Social Protection Floor and Recovery for All*  
Ms Isabel Ortiz, UNICEF Deputy Director of Policy and Practice  
Document available at:  
[http://www.unicef.org/socialpolicy/files/Prioritizing\\_Expenditures\\_for\\_a\\_Recovery\\_for\\_All\\_October\\_11\\_final.pdf](http://www.unicef.org/socialpolicy/files/Prioritizing_Expenditures_for_a_Recovery_for_All_October_11_final.pdf)
- *Social Partners' Positions*  
Ms. Sharon Burrow, General Secretary of the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)  
Mr. Eric Oechslin, International Organization of Employers (IOE)

Debates

### **18:00 Conclusions**

By Aurelio Fernandez and Margaret Wilson