

► ILO Global Flagship Programme on Building Social Protection Floors for All Development Partners Meeting 2025

Geneva, 27 March 2025, 9 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. CET, Room II, ILO HQ and online

Agenda

Date and time	Subject
08.15–08.30	Registration
08.30–09.00	Networking coffee
09.00–09.45	High-level opening Chaired by Ms Mia Seppo , ILO Assistant Director-General for Jobs and Social Protection H.E. Mr Adama Kamara , Minister, Ministry of Employment and Social Protection, Côte d'Ivoire H.E. Mr Marc Bichler , Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Luxembourg to the United Nations Office at Geneva Ms Elly Rosita Silaban , President of Confederation of All Indonesian Trade Union Mr Antoine Fontaine , Vice President, Cambodian Federation of Employers and Business Associations (Camfeba) Mr Bart Verstraeten , Director General, We Social Movements, member of the Global Coalition for Social Protection Floors
09.45–10.00	Group picture
10.00–10.45	Global overview of progress towards universal social protection and the role of the Flagship Programme in accelerating progress towards 2030 Ms Shahra Razavi , Director, Universal Social Protection Department (SOCPRO), ILO Ms Valérie Schmitt , Deputy Director and Head of the SPF Flagship Programme, Universal Social Protection Department (SOCPRO), ILO
10.45–12.00	Panel 1: Building robust institutions – Empowering people to realize their right to social protection The Global Flagship Programme under Phase II has already supported over 104 institutional changes. The Programme identified eight thematic areas that are key elements for building strong and sustainable social protection systems. The panel discussion will showcase achievements in making social protection schemes more effective through ratifying and applying international social security standards, strengthening legal frameworks, improving administrative and financial governance, leveraging adequate financing, and creating strong social dialogue and partnerships to advocate for universal coverage. Panellists will also highlight key challenges and opportunities for building robust systems to contribute to shaping Phase III of the programme. The panel will be moderated by Ms Joana Borges Henriques , Social Protection Project Manager, ILO Project Office in Mozambique. Mr Khurshid Zafari , Director, Institute on Social Policy, National Agency for Social Protection, Uzbekistan Mr Herryman Moono , Director, Research and Strategic Planning, National Health Insurance Management Authority, Zambia Ms Vi Thi Hong Minh , Deputy Director General, Bureau of Employers' Activities Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Viet Nam Mr Anésio de Castro , National Confederation of Free and Independent Labor Unions of Mozambique (CONSILMO) Mr Xavier Coyer Political advisor to the Government Delegate to the ILO and the G7-G20 Labour and Employment, France
12.00–13.30	Lunch

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13.30–15.00	<p>Panel 2: Strong social protection systems as a key tool to address current challenges for creating more just and equitable societies</p> <p>Economic, social, environmental and technological transformations present challenges and opportunities for countries at all levels of development. This panel will allow speakers to highlight the key role of strong social protection systems to address those challenges and how social protection systems can reduce poverty and inequalities. Panellists will discuss specific social protection policies and their contributions to tackling broader contemporary issues. They will also highlight key social protection priorities for Phase III of the programme in order to maximize its contribution to fair transitions.</p> <p>The panel will be moderated by Mr Pascal Annycke, Social Protection Specialist, ILO Decent Work Technical Support Team and Country Office for Eastern Europe and Central Asia:</p> <p>Ms Alejandra Garcete, Director General of Social Security, Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security, Paraguay</p> <p>Mr Mohammed Khrais, Director, Research Department, Social Security Corporation, Jordan</p> <p>Ms Rebecca Okello, Programme Coordinator, Central Organization of Trade Unions, Kenya</p> <p>Mr Maxime Abbe, Research Manager – Employment and Skills, General Confederation of Enterprises, Côte d'Ivoire</p> <p>Ms Alba Riobó, Policy Officer – Social Protection, INTPA G.4 – Social Inclusion and Protection, Health and Demography, Directorate General for International Partnerships</p>
15.00–15.30	Coffee break
15.30–16.00	<p>Phase III – How to maximize the Global Flagship's contribution to accelerating progress towards the SDGs and beyond</p> <p>The Flagship Programme was designed in three phases to allow adjustments to an evolving context of challenges and opportunities for increasing social protection coverage and adequacy. The second phase is coming to an end in 2025. The third phase will be aligned with the final countdown to the SDG targets and therefore also contribute to shaping the discussions on the role of social protection in development cooperation priorities post-2030. Discussions during the partners meeting will feed into the development of the strategy for Phase III.</p> <p>Participants will have the possibility to share their vision for the future of social protection and the Flagship Programme prior to and during the meeting. Speakers will be sharing their points of view on the priorities and emerging topics.</p> <p>The session will provide a summary of the inputs received.</p> <p>Ms Valérie Schmitt, Deputy Director and Head of the SPF Flagship Programme, Universal Social Protection Department (SOCPRO), ILO</p>
16.00–16.15	<p>Conclusion and way forward</p> <p>Mr Peter van Rooij, Director, Multilateral Partnerships and Development Cooperation Department, ILO</p> <p>Ms Shahra Razavi, Director, Universal Social Protection Department (SOCPRO), ILO</p>

English, French, and Spanish interpretation will be available.