



South-South Exchange on Integrating Social Policies and the Delivery of Social Protection Floors

Reference group meeting

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BACKGROUND

At its 101st session (2012), the International Labour Conference adopted the Recommendation concerning National Floors of Social Protection, 2012 (No. 202)¹ which reaffirms the role of social security as a human right and as a social and economic necessity. The Conference also adopted a *Resolution and conclusions concerning the recurrent discussion on social protection (social security)*², which invites governments, employers and workers to jointly give full effect to the Recommendation No. 202 as soon as national circumstances permit.

The resolution and conclusions also calls upon the International Labour Office in the context of the Global Campaign on Social Security and Coverage for All to develop in cooperation with ILO constituents a social security good practices guide that provides member States with practical guidance and benchmarks to evaluate and enhance their national social protection provisions, including general and financial social security management, benefit design and good governance. In this framework the ILO Bangkok is planning to develop in the coming 18 months:

- a SPF Good Practices guide on *Social Protection: Assessment, Costing and Beyond* (forthcoming in 2013)
- a SPF Good Practices guide on *Integrating Social Policies and Delivery of Social Protection Floors* (forthcoming in 2013)
- a SPF Good Practices guide on *Designing and implementing unemployment protection schemes and linkages with active labour market policies* (forthcoming in 2014)

The SPF Good Practices guide on *Integrating Social Policies and Delivery of Social Protection Floors* will be structured along the following lines:

- General introduction
- Chapter 1, The need for coherent social protection strategies and coordination mechanisms for the implementation of nationally defined social protection floors

¹ www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---ed_norm/---relconf/documents/meetingdocument/wcms_183326.pdf

² ILO: "Resolution concerning efforts to make social protection floors a national reality worldwide", in Provisional Record No.14, International Labour Conference, 101st session (Geneva, 2012).

- Chapter 2, Increasing out-reach of social protection through better and decentralized social protection services
- Chapter 3, Supporting families to graduate out of poverty through integrated packages of services and transfers
- Chapter 4, Linking employment and social protection through integrated packages of transfers and measures to increase employability and return to work
- Chapter 5, Developing sectors of the economy through a combined set of social protection and employment measures
- Chapter 6, The social protection perspective on Public Works Programmes
- Chapter 7, Improving transparency and traceability through management information systems
- Conclusion: lessons to be learned and way forward

REFERENCE GROUP MEETING

A reference group is created to participate in the drafting of the SPF Good Practices guide on *Integrating Social Policies and Delivery of Social Protection Floors* under the overall coordination and direction of ILO Social Security Specialist, Bangkok.

It is composed of experts from ASEAN and other countries in Asia and the Pacific (e.g., Australia, China, India, Indonesia, Republic of Korea, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Mongolia, Pakistan, Thailand, Viet Nam) as well as Latin America (e.g., Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia), Africa (e.g., South Africa) and Europe (e.g., France) and ILO experts.

The experts of the reference group are invited to draft 10-15 pages country case studies to document good practices implemented in their countries on:

- developing coherent national social protection strategies
- improving coordination among policies and schemes at the cross-ministerial, national and regional levels,
- developing integrated packages of services and transfers,
- linking employment and social protection, and
- Implementing integrated delivery mechanisms for these services, following a Single Window Service approach.

A meeting of the reference group will be organized on Friday 31 May to finalize the detailed structure of the SPF Good Practices guide on *Integrating Social Policies and Delivery of Social Protection Floors*, to provide inputs to the introductions of all chapters and the general conclusion, to provide comments on draft case studies and to agree on a detailed agenda for the finalization of the guide.

Outputs of the meeting

1. A draft SPF Good Practices guide on *Integrating Social Policies and Delivery of Social Protection Floors* based on the experiences of various countries from ASEAN, the Asia-Pacific and other regions;
2. A network of experts from around the world on the thematic area;

3. A thematic page on *Integrating Social Policies and the Delivery of Social Protection Floors* to be published on ILO's knowledge sharing platform Global Extension of Social Security (GESS).

Place and time

This half day meeting will be held in Siem Reap, Cambodia on Friday 31 May 2013, from 1:30 to 6:00 pm.

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