## Session 2: The situation in ASEAN

**Tuesday, 23 May, 9.30-10.30 (1 hour)**

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**Session Note:**

Despite significant progress in expanding social protection during the last decades marked by the introduction of new social insurance and tax-funded social protection schemes across all ten ASEAN countries, still a large portion of their population remains excluded from social protection coverage.

**Objectives of the session:**

Discussions during this session will provide information on regional trends and up-to-date developments related to social protection, challenges and opportunities posed by ageing societies, increasing labour migration, changing employment structure, low social protection expenditures, governance issues, among other issues that may affect extension of social protection in the future. This session will also highlight the opportunity that represent the ASEAN regional integration process in strengthening social protection.

**Format of the session and methods:**

The two facilitators will highlight on large post-it key regional trends, challenges, priorities but also opportunities for extending social protection in the future.

In an open discussion, the participants will share their views on whether such trend and development are rather perceived as a challenge or an opportunity, and how challenges can be actually turned into opportunities. The participants will be invited to share how their respective countries are addressing those issues, and whether national policies and strategies to tackle those challenges are now being discussed.