## Session 1: Introduction session

**Tuesday, 23 May, 8.30-9.30 (1 hour)**

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**Session Note:**

The ILO, notably through the ILO/Japan funded project Extending Social Security in ASEAN, is supporting the ASEAN tripartite constituents in the search for innovative solutions to extend social protection. The process will conclude with an ASEAN tripartite seminar on extension of social security coverage, in November 2018. To nourish the discussions of the tripartite seminar, the project will support research work, country experience review, experts’ discussions, capacity building activities and training, including activities specifically for workers’ and employers’ representatives.

It is proposed to organize the first experts’ networking on 23 and 24 May 2017, in Bangkok, Thailand. The discussions outcomes will be reported and further discussed in larger regional forums and tripartite national workshops.

The gathering of experts has a twofold objective:

- stimulate new ideas and innovations for extending social security coverage in ASEAN, reflecting on concrete country experiences;

- create a network of experts that can contribute to further research in this area and be deployed to provide assistance to ASEAN member States in their efforts to extend social protection coverage.

**Objectives of the Session:**

The introduction session aims at presenting the backdrop and objective of this meeting, introducing the participants, and discussing expectations for this meeting.

**Format of the session and methods:**

The facilitator will first conduct an ice-breaking exercise to allow participants to introduce themselves. Participants will be ask to form a line corresponding on the number of years they have been working on social protection. Participants will then be ask to make their own nametag or badge. They can list hobbies, draw a picture, or write one or two words to describe them. The participants will be asked to present their nametag or badge in 2 minutes.

The introduction of participants will be followed by a “World Café”. Each group will be formed of 5 individuals. People write, draw, and take note on a flipchart paper left on the table being made during the discussions, not necessarily in a structured manner but rather as ideas flow. After 15 minutes the participants switch tables. A "table host" may be used to anchor each table, welcoming incoming participants and summarising key insights from the last round of conversation.

Two rounds of questions will be organized. Suggested questions are:

- What do we know about extension of social protection?

- Who are those still excluded from social protection schemes and why?