

► ILO Global Flagship Programme on Building Social Protection Floors for All Development Partners Meeting to launch Phase II (2021 – 2025): Achieving Universal Social Protection (Concept Note)

7 October 2021, 13:00 – 16:00 CEST, Zoom & ILO Geneva

Background information

The ILO launched the Global Flagship Programme on Building Social Protection Floors for All (SPF Flagship programme) in 2016. The SPF Flagship programme aims to support the ILO member States in developing sustainable social protection, including floors, and contributing to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) on social protection (in particular targets 1.3 and 3.8), through a coherent structure to mobilize resources and achieve impact. Under the 1st phase of the SPF Flagship programme, the ILO supported over 70 countries in strengthening their social protection systems, encouraged knowledge exchange on a variety of specific areas of social protection, developed a number of practical tools and engaged in strategic partnerships with tripartite partners, the UN family and beyond.

Despite the laudable progress, the stark fact remains that 4 billion people still do not have access to any social protection. The COVID-19 crisis has highlighted the cruelty of this situation where only a minority of the world's population has been able to maintain a decent standard of living and access needed health care including vaccination. During its 109th session, the International Labour Conference highlighted the urgency to establishing universal social protection systems adapted to the developments in the world of work that are resilient, effective, inclusive, adequate and sustainable. It reconfirmed the mandate of the ILO to support the development of social protection systems based on social protection floors at country level, to continue its global normative work in the area of social protection and to play a leading role in the multilateral system to ensure policy coherence.

The launch of the 2nd phase of the SPF Flagship programme is the opportunity to enhance its partnerships to respond to the needs of constituents, implement the mandate given by the ILC and to contribute to the realisation of the SDGs on social protection.

Objectives

- **Take stock** of the progress made, results achieved and challenges encountered during the 1st phase of the SPF Flagship programme in its 4 key pillars: in-country support, cross-country exchange, knowledge generation and partnerships, complemented by an external perspective from the independent evaluation.
- **Look at current and future challenges** and how countries and development partners can provide concrete and innovative answers to make social protection a reality for all notably through the 2nd phase of the ILO's Global Flagship Programme.
- **Join forces** to support the SPF Flagship programme through funding, joint work and/or collaboration in specific areas, including exploring how funding and implementation of the Flagship programme can be better integrated across partners.

Target audience

Development partners of the ILO SPF Flagship programme who either financially or technically contribute to its cross-country or in-country support, normative work, knowledge dissemination efforts or advocacy for social protection. Partners include ILO member States including from donor countries, workers and employers organizations, implementing agencies, tripartite partners and civil society organizations, social security institutions, academia, UN agencies, International Financial Institutions, foundations and the private sector.

Proposed agenda

High-level opening

The opening of the meeting will be chaired by **Ms Martha E. Newton, Deputy Director-General for Policy** of the ILO with key note addresses from high level participants.

Presentation: lessons learned from the 1st phase of the Flagship Programme

The Social Protection Department will present key achievements of the 1st phase of the Flagship Programme and main lessons learned that are relevant for shaping the second phase.

Debates on three main challenges and strategies to overcome them: from COVID-19 to the development of resilient social protection systems; sustainable and adequate financing of social protection; achieving universal social protection and leaving no-one behind

These three debates will allow key note speakers, representatives of workers and employers, ILO and UN representatives, partner countries, and development partners to highlight key issues and propose practical solutions, including recommendations for the second phase of ILO Flagship programme.

Presentation: looking forward: the strategy for the 2nd phase of the Flagship programme

The Social Protection Department and the Partnerships and Field Support Department will present the strategy for the 2nd phase of the Flagship Programme including country and thematic priorities and funding needs.

Tour de table: ongoing and future partnerships

Participants are invited to present the priorities of their organizations and to explore how partnerships, including funding partnerships, can contribute to increase the reach and impact of the ILO's Flagship Programme on Building Social Protection Floors for All.

Logistics

The meeting will be held in a hybrid format, with ILO staff present at ILO Headquarters in Geneva, and other attendees connecting via Zoom. Interpretation will be provided in French and Spanish.