

## “INTERVIEW STYLE”: PANEL GOOD PRACTICES

### ILO-China-ASEAN High Level Seminar to Achieve the SDGs on Universal Social Protection Through South-South and Triangular Cooperation

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SSTC is explicitly referenced by MOHRSS and ILO in their Memorandum of Agreement “for promoting Technical Cooperation with a focus on South-South Cooperation” (2012). MOHRSS has built rich experience in the facilitation of knowledge sharing mechanisms benefiting partners from the South, including the Asian Employment Forum in 2007, the Workshop on the implementation of the Global Jobs Pact in the Asian Region in 2010, and a series of China-ASEAN High Level Seminars. MOHRSS also facilitated South-South collaboration initiatives like the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation skills development project and in 2011 launched a regional Skills Development Promotion Centre. The 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development is composed of 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Social protection, including floors, are among and contribute to five of these goals, namely SDG 1 on ending poverty, SDG 3 on ensuring healthy lives, SDG 5 on achieving gender equality, SDG 8 on promoting decent work, and SDG 10 on reducing inequality.

Under this Social Protection Component of the “Addendum” to *the ILO/China South-South Cooperation Project to Expand Employment Services and Enhance Labour Market Information in Cambodia and Lao PDR*, the single activity conducted is to organize an international conference on Building Social Protection Floors for All through SSTC in China on 6-8 September 2016. As China is hosting a series of G20 meetings in this year, the Conference will benefit from the momentum of G20, particularly that of the Labour and Employment Ministers’ Meeting scheduled for July and G20 Leaders Summits planned for early September.

To reduce such a deficit, the ILO has launched a global campaign and a Global Flagship Programme with a view to assisting countries to provide better access to social protection to 130 million people in the next five years and 500 million by the end of 2030, in which knowledge exchange among the countries in the Global South plays an important role. Following the adoption of the Social Protection Floors Recommendation, 2012 (No. 202), many member States of the ILO, particularly those from the Global South, have acknowledged the importance of social protection in their development agendas and made significant progress in the extension.

#### 1. Why is South-South Triangular Cooperation useful to you and can you give some examples and good practices?

- To learn from other countries
- To share information and expertise
- To contribute to improvement of social protection in my country

2. How can South-South Triangular Cooperation be optimized to better support the promotion of Social Protection Floors?

- Technical studies conducted jointly
- Conferences and workshops to share knowledge and experiences
- Field visits and study tours

3. How can South-South Triangular Cooperation contribute to building Universal Social Protection and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals?