

Global Social Protection Week

Achieving SDG 1.3 and Universal Social Protection (USP2030) in the Context of the Future of Work

Third annual meeting of the Social Protection, Freedom and Justice for Workers
Network

Wednesday, 27 November 2019

17:00 – 18:30, Room IV (R3)

BACKGROUND

The Social Protection, Freedom and Justice for Workers Network (hereinafter referred to as Workers Network) is a strategic partnership established within the framework of ILO's Global Flagship Programme on Building Social Protection Floors for All. The Workers Network consists of two major components, which are knowledge exchange and capacity-building. The network aims at supporting workers' organizations by strengthening their capacities to advocate for social protection and defend the right to social protection in contexts of inadequate adjustments and social security reforms. The online knowledge-sharing platform can be accessed at the following link: <http://workers.social-protection.org>. Click [here](#) to access the concept note of the Workers Network.

The creation of the Workers Network in 2017, an initiative taken by the ILO in cooperation with the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) and involving members of the Global Coalition for Social Protection Floors (GCSPF), has strengthened the collaboration between the Office and workers' organizations, enhancing mutual communication and exchange of information, and contributing to better integrate workers' perspectives in ILO's work in the area of social protection.

Organized in the context of the Global Social Protection Week as part of ILO Centenary celebrations, the Third annual meeting of the Social Protection, Freedom and Justice for Workers Network will bring together members of international, regional and national workers' organizations, as well as from representative civil society organizations.

OBJECTIVES

This meeting will offer a space for workers' representatives to:

- Exchange experiences of workers' organizations in the promotion of universal social protection and in the safeguard of social security rights.
- Discuss regional and national perspectives regarding challenges and opportunities in the context of transformations in the world of work for achieving SDG 1.3.

FORMAT

This meeting will consist of a moderated discussion, where the moderator will ask one or two rounds of questions to the panel members. The panel members will not be required to deliver any power point presentation. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English, French and Spanish.

MODERATOR AND PANELLISTS

Moderator: **Evelyn Astor**, Economic and Social Policy Advisor, International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)

- **Maria Helena André**, Director, ACTRAV, ILO
- **Valérie Schmitt**, Deputy Director and Officer in Charge, Social Protection Department, ILO
- **Raquel Gonzalez**, Director, International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) Geneva Office
- **Marina Monaco**, Advisor, European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC)
- **Guillermo Zuccotti**, Social Protection Specialist, Confederación General del Trabajo de la República Argentina (CGT-RA)
- **Damaris Muhika**, Programme Officer, Central Organization of Trade Unions (COTU-K), Trustee of the Kenyan National Social Security Fund
- **Ramesh Badal**, Vice President (Foreign Affairs), General Federation of Nepalese Trade Unions (GEFONT)
- **Reema Nanavaty**, Head of Economic and Rural Development, Self-Employed Women's Association (SEWA)
- **Cicero Pereira da Silva**, Secretary of Social Policy, Trade Union Confederation of the Americas (TUCA)

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