



Social protection in post-2015

Conference on Social Protection in the post-2015 UN Agenda

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Programme

Conference Moderator: Ms. Jacki Davis, Journalist

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Morning sessions



Why Social Protection in Post-2015

08:30 Welcome – Coffee – Registration

09:00 **Introductory speeches**

Ms. M. De Block, Belgian Minister of Social Affairs and Public Health

Mr. Nils Behrndt, Head of Cabinet for European Commissioner Neven Mimica, in charge of International Cooperation and Development

Ms. C. Courteille, Director, ILO Office for the European Union and the Benelux countries

09:30 **Why this conference? The vision of the Belgian Ministry of Social Affairs on universal Social Protection coverage in the post-2015 agenda.**

Presentation of the Conference objectives by **Mr. Tom Auwers**, Director-General, Belgian Federal Public Service Social Security

09:45 **Key-note speech by Ms. B. Frankinet, Permanent Representative of Belgium to the UN in New York: State of play of the Post-2015 UN negotiations and the place of Social Protection therein.**

The main negotiations on the post-2015 agenda take place in New York. The general state of play of the post-2015 negotiations and the dynamics and subjects that take hold of New York will be presented. As Co-Chair of the Group of Friends on Decent Work, **Ms. Frankinet** is also ideally placed to draw up the place that social protection is taking in the debate.

10:15 Networking break

10:45 **Session I Expert Panel: Why Social Protection in the post-2015 agenda**

Panel Members:

Ms. I Ortiz (Keynote), Director Social Protection, International Labour Organization

Ms. K. Roelen, Co-Director Centre for Social Protection, Institute of Development Studies

Mr. R. Delarue, Deputy Head of Unit A4 External Relations, Neighbourhood Policy, Enlargement, IPA, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission

Ms. M. Sepúlveda Carmona, Senior Research Fellow, United Nations Research Institute for Social Development.

Although social protection is a human right, three quarters of the world's population remain without adequate access. The panel will discuss the synergies between social protection and the objectives and targets of the post-2015 agenda, e.g.: tackling poverty and inequality, ensure healthy lives and well-being at all ages, promote inclusive and sustainable economic growth, build up resilience towards economic, social and environmental shocks and promote peaceful and inclusive societies. The panel will focus on the importance of universal coverage of comprehensive social protection systems by 2030, including contributory and non-contributory schemes, to achieve developmental objectives.

Q&A

12:00 Lunch Break

Afternoon Sessions

How to integrate and implement social protection in the post-2015 agenda

13:30 Session II High Level Panel: The major challenges of Social Protection in the post-2015 agenda

Panel members:

Mr. A. De Croo, Belgian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Development Cooperation, Digital Agenda, Telecom and Postal Services

Mr. G. Ryder, Director General of the International Labour Organization

Ms. H. Clark, Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme

15:00 Networking Break

15:30 Session III Expert Panel: Financing and implementation of Social Protection systems

Mr. R. Yemtsov (Keynote), the Global Lead for Social Safety Nets and Transfers, Social Protection and Labor Global Practice, World Bank Group

Ms. A. Drouin, Public Finance, Actuarial Services and Statistics, Social Protection Department, International Labour Organization

Mr. F. Veras, Research Coordinator, International Policy Center for Inclusive Growth

Ms. F. Bastagli, Head of Social Protection Programme, Overseas Development Institute

This session aims to look at how social protection can be implemented through the post-2015 agenda. The panel will look at the ongoing overall negotiations on financing for development and the link with social protection. Furthermore the panel shall discuss the affordability of social protection systems, address the issues of domestic financing, sustainability and the specific situation of least developed countries. The session will close with a brief discussion on how to best support the technical proposal of the UN Statistical Commission to monitor the SDG Target 1.3.

Q&A

16:45 Session IV social partners and civil society: creation of a support base

This session aims to look at the crucial role social partners and civil society play to create a broad support base, which can lead to greater acceptance of the necessity of social protection and facilitate its implementation.

S. Burrow, General Secretary, International Trade Union Confederation

R. Suarez-Santos, Deputy Secretary General, International Organisation of Employers

B. Vanden Berghe, Director, 11.11.11

Q&A

17:30 Closure of the conference

Final reflexions in the light of the conference by **Mr. O. De Schutter**, Professor at the University of Louvain (UCL) and SciencesPo (Paris) and Member of the United Nations Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

17:45 Say good-by drink

