How to join the Global Partnership for Universal Social Protection to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (USP2030)

Background: In September 2016, the *Global Partnership for Universal Social Protection to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals* (USP2030) was launched at the United Nations General Assembly in New York.

USP2030 partners: USP2030 brings together the World Bank and the ILO as co-chairs with governments, international and regional organizations, civil society organizations, social partners and other organizations. The partnership currently counts 39 members, and is further expanding.[1]

A joint mission: A world where anyone who needs social protection can access it at any time. Universal social protection refers to a nationally defined system of policies and programmes that provide equitable access to all people and protect them throughout their lives against poverty and risks to their livelihoods and well-being. This protection can be provided through a range of mechanisms, including in cash or in-kind benefits, contributory or non-contributory schemes, and programmes to enhance human capital, productive assets, and access to jobs. This includes adequate benefits for all who need it, such as child benefits; benefits/support for people of working age in case of maternity, disability, work injury or for those without jobs; those in the non-formal sector and in rural areas, and pensions for all older persons.

Objectives: To increase the number of countries that provide universal social protection, supporting countries to design and implement universal and sustainable social protection systems, in line with the 2030 Agenda, and in particular target 1.3 of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG 1.3)[2] and the USP2030 Call to Action[3] The latter highlights the principles of protection throughout the life cycle, universal coverage, national ownership, sustainable and equitable financing, and participation and social dialogue. To achieve this, USP2030 will launch a global campaign, engage in advocacy, knowledge development and joint support to countries, including for the strengthening of social protection policies, programmes and integrated administration systems, expanding fiscal space for universal social protection, addressing bottlenecks and adequately integrating universal social protection into their national development strategies.

Governance structure: USP2030 is a member-driven and activity-oriented partnership, which is reflected in its governance structure.[4] All members are invited to actively participate in the Partnership in line with the objectives and activities outlined above, thereby both contributing to and benefiting from USP2030. All members can participate and vote in the Membership Assembly to discuss the workplan, and approve the strategy as well as candidates for the Steering Committee. The Steering Committee develops and regularly updates the Partnership's strategy, approves the workplan and oversees its implementation. The Steering Committee has 12 members, representing international organizations, governments of United Nations Member States at different levels of economic development and from different regions, civil society and trade unions (the current members are listed at the end of this document). The Secretariat is co-hosted by the ILO and the World Bank. It develops and coordinates the workplan, reports on activities, supports the functioning of the Steering Committee and the Membership Assembly, facilitates exchanges among members, supports resource mobilization and

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[1] A list of all current members can be found here: https://www.usp2030.org/gimi/USP2030.action#partnerships
[2] SDG target 1.3: "Implement nationally appropriate social protection systems and measures for all, including floors, and by 2030 achieve substantial coverage of the poor and the vulnerable".
[3] https://www.usp2030.org/gimi/RessourcePDF.action?id=55464
[4] https://www.usp2030.org/gimi/RessourcePDF.action?id=56792

manages daily operations. USP2030 engages with related partnerships, alliances and networks that share, complement, or facilitate its mission and objectives.

What are the benefits of engaging in USP2030? USP2030 welcomes new members that fully support the partnership's objectives and vision as stated above and contribute to its realization through global advocacy, knowledge development and sharing, or technical exchanges and joint support to countries. By joining USP2030, countries and organisations can:

- join and draw upon a global network of key actors with cutting-edge expertise in universal social protection and SDG target 1.3;

- exchange country experiences in formulating and implementing social protection policies, and monitoring progress towards achieving universal social protection;

- engage in a global forum for knowledge development and sharing, bringing together all relevant stakeholders;

- bring country and constituency perspectives to bear in shaping the global social protection agenda and maintain a strong voice for country ownership, responsibility and participation.

USP2030 also welcomes close collaboration with related initiatives that focus on strengthening social protection systems.

Are there any financial obligations associated with membership in USP2030? Membership does not require any membership fees or other financial obligations. Contributions to USP2030 activities are entirely voluntary.

How can my country/organisation join USP2030? To join USP2030, the ministry or head of organisation should submit a formal letter to the Steering Committee (PDF to secretariat@usp2030.org), stating their interest in joining and affirming their commitment to the Call to Action. The secretariat will inform you in writing about your USP2030 membership. The secretariat is available to provide additional information to interested parties upon request.

How can my country/organization take a seat in the Steering Committee? Provided the expression of interest from other USP2030 members to join the Steering Committee, the seats of the Steering Committee will be rotated after three years, maintaining the above composition. Each year, no more than half of the seats in the Steering Committee can be replaced. At present, USP2030 particularly encourages low-income countries (including countries that have graduated from this status in the last 15 years) that have already made significant progress in achieving universal social protection[5] as well as high-income countries to take over global responsibility in the Steering Committee. Members of USP2030 who are interested in filling a seat should indicate their interest and experience in implementing universal social protection programmes or systems to the secretariat (secretariat@usp2030.org).

Contact: The USP2030 secretariat supports members and the Steering Committee in carrying out the USP2030 activities. This function is jointly fulfilled by the co-chairs (World Bank and ILO).

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[5]   USP2030 encourages in particular countries that have already achieved universal social protection in at least one area of their social protection system.

Steering Committee:

Co-chairs:

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- Seat to be filled

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Low-income countries, including countries that have recently graduated from this status (in the last 15 years):

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