

Global Social Protection Week
**“Achieving SDG 1.3 and Universal Social Protection (USP2030)
in the Context of the Future of Work”**

High-Level Conference
Still 55 per cent without social protection

Monday, 25 November 2019
From 2:00pm to 3:15pm

BACKGROUND

Countries in many parts of the world have made significant progress in the extension of social protection coverage. Yet, despite laudable progress, the human right to social security is not yet a reality for a majority of the world’s population. Only 29 per cent of the global population has access to comprehensive social security systems in all areas, from child benefits to old-age pensions. Merely 45 percent of the global population are effectively covered by at least one social protection benefit, while the remaining 55 percent are left completely unprotected. This means that four billion individuals have to deal with risks that can arise over the life cycle on their own, instead of being able to rely on social protection systems, including floors. Children are disproportionately affected – almost 2 out of 3 children are not covered, most of them living in Africa and Asia.

There are large variations in the size of the coverage gap – not only at the level of regions or countries, but also related to the categories of workers, with particular challenges to extent effective protection to workers in the informal and rural economy, those in diverse forms of employment, migrant workers, as well as women. On the upside, however, lessons from international experience show that innovative solutions exist, with several countries having already taken successful steps towards extending social security.

In this session, representatives of governments and workers’ and employers’ organisations will share the specific challenges that they have faced with respect to extending social protection to all, present examples on how they have achieved progress, and critically reflect on what is needed, from their point of view, to achieve universal social protection by 2030.

MODERATOR: Nozipho Mbanjwa

SPEAKERS

Panel chaired by **Mr Moussa Oumarou**, ILO Deputy Director-General, Field Operations and Partnerships with

- **Mr Iván Rico López**, International Director, Ministry of Wellbeing, Mexico
- **Ms Cecilia Mbaka**, Head of National Social Protection Secretariat, Kenya
- **Ms Giovanna Prialé**, Member of National Confederation of Private Business Associations and President of the Association of Private Pension Funds Administrators, Peru
- **Ms Francisca Altagracia Jiménez**, Vice President of CASC Dominican Republic and Vice President of TUCA
- **Ms Mirai Chatterjee**, Director, Self-Employed Women’s Organisation, India