

Global Social Protection Week

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

Stream 3

Building universal social protection systems

Technical session 3.2

Formulating national policies and strategies and national dialogue

Wednesday, 27 November 2019
14:00pm-15:15pm

BACKGROUND

The right to social security is not yet a reality for some 71 per cent of the global population – 4 billion people - that have no or only partial access to comprehensive social protection systems. While social protection is at the heart of global policy agendas and national strategies to reduce poverty and vulnerability, countries need to step up measures towards realizing this right. The extension of social protection to previously excluded people is a key concern as much as continuously adapting schemes to changing contexts. Demographic developments, technological progress, environmental and other fundamental changes affect the social protection needs and country capacities to address them.

The information and analysis of social protection needs, existing regulatory and policy frameworks as well as social protection gaps and barriers, should inform social protection policy-making along all steps of the policy cycle but the success or failure of social protection policies also depends greatly on how they are developed. The Social Protection Floors Recommendation (No. 202) provides guidance for the formulation of national strategies for the extension of social security, particularly underlining the importance of a participatory process, based on national consultations through effective social dialogue and social participation.

Many countries have made impressive strides in strengthening their social protection systems and building nationally adapted social protection floors to guarantee at least a basic level of social security for all. In many countries, this process has been effective and participatory through a broad national dialogue, which has brought together governments, social partners and other key stakeholders to chart a way forward in extending social protection through the formulation and implementation of a social protection strategy or policy.¹ International experiences show that meaningful and effective participation of workers, employers and other stakeholders does not only help ensuring that social protection policies respond to people's needs, but is also key to building trust and public support and ensuring a sense of ownership; thereby facilitating also the implementation of the policies.

¹ A Good Practices Guide has been produced based on country experiences: *Social Protection Assessment Based National Dialogue: A Good Practices Guide* (ILO, Geneva, 2013).

At the same time, it is important that the national social protection strategies are informed by evidence, reflect the social protection needs of the population and formulate clear targets and milestones for strengthening the social protection system, including its financing, define clear and well-coordinated roles and responsibilities for implementation and effective delivery structures. This is what this session aims to discuss: What are the key elements of a national dialogue process and how can participatory processes be institutionalized? What are the main lessons learnt with regard to the formulation of social protection strategies through a national dialogue process and how to ensure full participation of all stakeholders, both in the formal and informal economy? What areas should social protection strategies or policies cover?

This session will bring together governments, social partners, international organizations and development partners to discuss the importance of an effective and inclusive national dialogue for formulating national social protection strategies and policies to build national social protection systems. It will explore steps that countries can follow to formulate national social protection policies and strategies based on national dialogue and highlight countries' experiences and lessons learnt in this regard.

OBJECTIVES

Organized in the context of the Global Social Protection Week as part ILO Centenary celebrations, this technical session has the following objectives:

- Discuss the importance of national dialogue on social protection policies and strategies and identify enabling conditions for effective social dialogue
- Explore the main issues that social protection policies and strategies should cover
- Highlight countries' experiences and discuss lessons learnt in formulating and implementing social protection policies based on a broad national dialogue

FORMAT

This technical session will consist of a moderated discussion, where the moderator will ask two (or three rounds of questions) to the panel members. The panel members will not be required to deliver any power point presentation. However, they will be encouraged to share in advance a presentation or text that can be shared through the online website and help the moderator in preparing the sessions.

Speakers are asked to send a short outline of their intervention and/or their PPT presentations by email to Veronika Wodsak, wodsak@ilo.org and Quynh Anh Nguyen, nguyena@ilo.org three weeks in advance.

AGENDA

<p>14:15-14:20</p> <p>5' introduction of the session by the moderator</p>	<p>INTRODUCTION BY THE CHAIR</p> <p>Moderators: FES Cécilie Schildberg, ILO Veronika Wodsak</p>
<p>14:20-15:00</p>	<p>National social protection strategies and national dialogue</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Government: Senegal, Mr Amadou Kanar Diop, Conseiller Technique du Ministre du développement communautaire, de l'équité sociale et territoriale 2. Workers: Kwabena Otoo, Ghana 3. Employers: El Sayed Torky, Egypt

	<p>4. CSO: Kenandei Tjivikua (Namibia)</p> <p>5. CSO: Aura Sevilla (Philippines)</p> <p>6. International / CSO: Michael Cichon</p> <p>7. International / UN: Silke Staab, UNWOMEN</p>
15:00-15:15	<p>Q&A</p> <p>CLOSING REMARKS</p>