

56TH COMMISSION for SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

The Role of Social Protection in Leaving No One Behind

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1:15 - 2:30 pm, Conference Room E
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GUEST SPEAKER:

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TOPIC: Side event during the 56th session of the Commission for Social Development to promote the 2017 Report on the World Social Situation: The role of social protection in leaving no one behind

FORMAT: Moderated panel discussion followed by Q&A session

CONCEPT:

Universal access to social protection is a moral imperative and a potent policy tool to address social exclusion, poverty and inequality. The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development underscores the importance of social protection for the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Governments have committed to implementing social protection floors and systems for all.

The world is however far from reaching this goal. Access to social protection is uneven and varies widely between countries, groups and individuals depending on their age, gender, disability or migrant status, race or ethnicity. Gaps in access and insufficient benefits challenge the effectiveness of social protection to reduce inequality and leave no one behind. Understanding the barriers that diverse groups face in accessing social protection is necessary if substantial coverage is to be ensured for all nations, peoples and segments of society.

The Division for Social Policy and Development (DSPD) of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) will organize a side event on "Report on the World Social Situation - The role of social protection in leaving no one behind", to address the challenges and suggestions to achieve social protection for all.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What role does social protection play in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)?
- Is social protection an effective policy tool to promote inclusion/leave no one behind?
- Who enjoys social protection coverage—and who does not?
- How can social protection programmes be designed and implemented to be sensitive to the needs of disadvantaged groups?

