56th Session of the Commission for Social Development - Side Event

SOCIAL PROTECTION FLOORS AS KEY TOOLS FOR ERADICATING POVERTY: BEST PRACTICES AND STRATEGIES FOR THE FUTURE

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Social protection is a right. A coherent, rights-based approach to social policy will ensure people's access to basic services and social guarantees. A lack of basic social protection is one of the main reasons why people have been left behind and live in extreme poverty. Today, less than 30 percent of the global population has access to comprehensive coverage, leaving 1.6 billion people living in extreme (multidimensional) poverty, unprotected from various set-backs and shocks throughout their lives.

What are the tools and strategies needed to make the human right to social security a reality for all? This side-event brings perspectives from a variety of development stakeholders, including grassroots organizations, Non-Governmental Organizations, trade unions, Member States, and international organizations. They will discuss the need to extend social protection coverage to all people — including those left furthest behind — through a rights-based approach that integrates existing international standards with strategies to be developed in the future.











