## 57th Session of the Commission for Social Development

## Accountability dimension: social protection as a tool for the reduction of inequalities

February 14: 1.15 -2.30

## **Conference Room 7**

The side event will discuss conceptual issues as well as practical solutions pertinent to the priority theme of 57<sup>th</sup> session of the Commission for Social Development. Its aim is to promote reflection, debate and innovative thinking, including on emerging challenges on social protection as a tool for the reduction of inequalities *and* poverty.

Exploring the accountability potential of human rights mechanisms for the universal implementation of social and economic rights that relate to social protection, the speakers will address how this framework applies to all stakeholders, with duty bearers and rights holders being accountable for their role in implementing 2030 Agenda, within their respective governance frameworks and scope of responsibility. The presenters will focus on the accountability dimension of social protection in designing and delivering accountable social protection schemes, the links between social protection and human rights in reducing inequalities and explore the role of civil society in social protection accountability monitoring.







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## **Speakers**

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<u>Moderator:</u> Sylvia Beales Gelber, Inclusive social development consultant and strategic advisor to the Africa Platform on Social Protection (APSP)

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