



Pre-conference workshop: The Social Protection Floor Initiative

co-organized by
**United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs
and
International Council on Social Welfare**

Date: June 10, 2010 (Thursday)

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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Place: Room S423 4/F (Harbour Road Entrance),
Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre,
No.1, Expo Drive, Wanchai, Hong Kong

Programme (Tentative)

Part I Introduction on the Social Protection Floor Initiative

- *substantive issues of social protection*
- *what are the financing issues*
- *individual countries' experiences, and in overcoming resistance, etc.*

AM 9:00 - 9:10	Opening Comments Moderator: Mr. Bob Huber Chief of Technical Cooperation United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs Ms. Christine Fang Chief Executive The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
9:10 - 9:25	Welcoming Remark and Hong Kong Experience Mr. Matthew Cheung Secretary for Labour and Welfare of HKSAR Government
9:25 - 9:45	Mr. Christian Jacquier Chief of Country Operations and Technical Cooperation Social Security Department, ILO-Geneva Ms. Valérie Schmitt-Diabate Social Security Specialist, ILO- Bangkok
9:45 - 9:55	Dr. Worawan Chandoevmit Research Director (Social Security) Human Resources and Social Development Program Thailand Development Research Institute
9:55 - 10:05	H.E. Dr. Vathana Sann Deputy Secretary General Council for Agricultural and Rural Development, Cambodia

- 10:05 – 10:15 **Dr. Huck-ju Kwon**
Associate Professor
Seoul National University, Republic of Korea
- 10:15 – 10:45 Discussion
- 10:45 – 11:00 **Break**

Part II Social Protection Floor Initiative in Focus

- *how the initiative was conceived*
- *what the process has been to date*
- *how UN agencies, civil society and bi-lateral donors have and can be involved, where and how listeners can get involved, etc.*

Moderator:

Mr. Denys Correll
Executive Director, ICSW

Mr. Hoi Wai Chua
Business Director, Policy Advocacy & International Networks
The Hong Kong Council of Social Service

- AM 11:00 – 11:10 Role of OECD-POVNET in taking the initiative forward
Mr. Timo Voipio, Vice Chair of OECD-POVNET
- 11:10 – 11:20 Role of the UN and UN agencies in the initiative
Mr. Bob Huber, Chief of Technical Cooperation
United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs
- 11:20 – 11:30 Human face of economic recovery and is the SPF-I possible?
Ms. Isabel Ortiz, Associate Director,
Policy Advocacy and Knowledge Management, UNICEF
- 11:30 – 11:40 The review “Social protection in Africa: an overview of the challenges” and next steps in Sudan in October 2010
Professor Vivienne Taylor, Associate Professor, Head of Department, School of Social Development, University of Cape Town, South Africa
- 11:40 – 11:50 HelpAge International’s work on social protection with focus on social cash transfers as a tool to enhance social protection
Mr. Eduardo Klien, Regional Representative, HelpAge International East Asia/Pacific
- AM 11:50 – 12:30 Discussion and the Steps Forward
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1. How can civil society contribute to taking the SPF-I forward?
 2. Who are the partners?
 3. How do we go about achieving national consensus?
 4. What resources does civil society need to take the SPF-I Agenda forward and how do we resource supporting national organisations that want to take up the issue?
 5. What questions can civil society anticipate from e.g. Ministries of Finance?