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ILO/ASEAN SEMINAR - THE FUTURE OF SOCIAL PROTECTION IN ASEAN

1. Background

Despite significant progress in expanding social protection during the last decades marked by the introduction of new social insurance and tax-funded social protection schemes across all ten ASEAN Member States, a large portion of their population still remains excluded from social protection coverage. Almost half of the workforce in the region, equivalent to 149.7 million workers, is still in informal and vulnerable employment, and the large majority of these people face serious decent work gaps, including a lack of access to social protection. In many countries, social protection benefits are often accessible only for those working in the formal economy who contribute to social insurance, as well as for those poor households that receive some social assistance benefits. This means that a large share of workers, also called the “missing middle”, are effectively excluded from social protection coverage. Such lack of social protection is a significant source of vulnerability as these workers do not even have a basic level of income security and access to health care.

Social protection, as part of the Sustainable Development Agenda, will play a crucial role in ensuring that no one is left behind by guaranteeing income security and facilitating access to health, education, skills, and decent employment, and ultimately increasing economic growth. In October 2013, in Brunei Darussalam, ASEAN Heads of State adopted a Declaration on Strengthening Social Protection as one of the key priority areas to achieve

growth with equity. It specifically states: “Extending coverage, availability, quality, equitability and sustainability of social protection should be gradually promoted to ensure optimal benefits to the beneficiaries”.

In order to implement the Declaration, the ASEAN Labour Ministers’ Work Programme 2016-2020 (ALMWP) under its key result area 4 ‘Expanded Social Protection’ integrates activities on “Sustaining financing mechanisms for social insurance including social pension” and ‘Expanding coverage of social insurance to informal sector’, chaired by Viet Nam and Thailand, respectively. In this regard, Viet Nam and Thailand are in charge of conducting the studies to present under the ASEAN SLOM Working Group, in close collaboration with ILO.

Both studies intend to strengthen knowledge and build capacity of the ASEAN tripartite constituents to take informed policy decisions for the development of effective social protection system; while aiming at developing concrete recommendations and providing policy options at ASEAN level. These objectives are in line with ASEAN’s strategies and vision that clearly see the extension of social protection as an indispensable element for increasing the standard of living and welfare of the population in ASEAN.

The reports have been consulted with the SLOM Working Group and discussed among the ASEAN tripartite partners through a series of regional seminars. The process will conclude with this ILO/ASEAN Tripartite Seminar on the Future of Social Protection.

2. Objectives

This seminar aims at promoting discussions among the ASEAN tripartite representatives about concrete recommendations and policy options for the extension of social protection coverage.

3. Output

At the end of the seminar, the representatives will identify common grounds for regional recommendations. The results of policy dialogue will be brought to the further discussions at the SLOM Working Group.

4. Hand-out

The following regional studies have been conducted to contribute to the policy dialogue.

- Expanding social protection to workers in informal employment in ASEAN (Draft)
- How to extend social protection to workers in informal employment in the ASEAN region
- Old-Age Income Security in ASEAN Member States: A vision of key policy concepts, trends, challenges and opportunities (Draft)

5. Venue

Amari Watergate Hotel, Bangkok

6. Source of funding

The Government of Japan and The Government of Thailand

7. High level dialogue on the future of social protection in ASEAN (4 July 2019)

Master of ceremonies: Ms Patchari Raksawong Kinsperger

TIME	AGENDA
14:30 – 15:00	Registration
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15:00 – 15:20	Welcoming remarks
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Panudda Boonpala, Deputy Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific (ILO) • Mr Suradej Waleeittikul, Deputy Permanent Secretary of Labour, Ministry of Labour - ASEAN Chair (Thailand) • Mr Shinichi Akiyama, Deputy Assistant Minister for International Affairs, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (Japan)
15:20 – 15:50	Session 1: The future of social protection
	<p>The presenters will address potential challenges and roles of social protection to set scenes for the further discussions (i.e. informal employment, new forms of work, ageing society etc.).</p> <p>Global perspectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Sara Elder, Head of Regional Economic and Social Analysis Unit for Asia and the Pacific (ILO) <p>Regional perspectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Prapaporn Tivayanond Mongkhonvanit, Director of Social Policy & Development Programme (Thammasat University)
15:50 – 16:50	Session 2: Implications to the future of social protection in ASEAN
	<p>The representatives of regional bodies will discuss challenges and roles of social protection in the coming decades.</p> <p>High-level panel discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Abdul Halim Mansor, President, Malaysian Trades Union Congress - ATUC (Malaysia) • Mr Agus Susanto, President, BPJS Employment (Indonesia) • Dato' Amir bin Omar, Secretary-General, Ministry of Human Resources - SLOM Chair (Malaysia) • Ms Florita Villar, Undersecretary, Department of Social Welfare and Development - SOMSWD Vice Chair (Philippines) • Mr Ukrish Kanchanaketu, Advisor, Employers' Confederation of Thailand - ACE(Thailand) <p>Session moderator: Ms Patchari Raksawong Kinsperger</p>
16:50 – 17:00	Closing remarks
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Indah Anggoro Putri, Head of International Cooperation Bureau, Ministry of Manpower - SLOM Vice Chair (Indonesia)
17:00 – 17:10	Group photo

8. Expert's session on social protection and informal employment (5 July 2019)

TIME	AGENDA
08:00 – 08:30	Registration
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08:30 – 09:15	Session 3: Extending social protection to workers in informal employment including the new forms of employment
	<p>The ILO presenters will share the conceptual framework and methodology used to identify trends and challenges; and discuss lessons learned and policy recommendations for the extension of social protection coverage in ASEAN.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Nuno Meira Simoes da Cunha, Senior Technical Specialist on Social Protection, DWT-Bangkok (ILO) • Ms Quynh Anh Nguyen, Technical Officer, Social Protection Department (ILO) <p>Session chair: Mr Ippei Tsuruga, Project Manager, Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (ILO)</p>
09:15 – 10:00	Session 4: Showcasing practices on extending social protection
	<p>The session applies a World Café method. The governments' representatives will present on a banner (e.g. A1 – A2 size poster) their unique practices and impacts, while the participants will be engaged in several rounds of small-group conversation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Nguyen Huy Tung, Social Security Expert, Ministry of Labour - Invalids and Social Affairs (Viet Nam) • Mr Romie Erfianto, Deputy Director of Project Management, BPJS Employment (Indonesia) • Mr Sum Sophorn, Deputy Director of National Social Security Fund (Cambodia) • Ms Than Than Nu, Director of Social Security Board (Myanmar) <p>Session chair: ASEAN Secretariat</p>
10:00 – 10:15	Break
	Coffee break
10:15 – 11:00	Showcasing practices on extending social protection (cont.)
	Cont.
11:00 – 11:45	Session 5: Recommendations and policy options
	<p>The representatives of workers, employers and governments will discuss concrete recommendations and policy options to extend social protection to workers in informal employment including the new forms of employment.</p> <p>Round table discussion</p> <p>The session will take rounds of comments and positions from tripartite representatives, starting from the following representatives.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Amelia Diatri, Section Head of Social Security Membership, Ministry of Manpower - SLOM Vice Chair (Indonesia) • Mr Hoa Binh Nguyen, Deputy Director of Legal Department, Viet Nam Social Security - ASSA (Viet Nam) • Mr Ruben Torres, General Secretary - ATUC (Philippines) • Mr Shamsuddin Barden, Executive Director, Malaysian Employers' Federation (MEF) - ACE (Malaysia) <p>Session chair: Mr Tanodom Jariyapan, Labour Officer, Policy and Planning Division, Social Security Office (Thailand)</p>
11:45 – 12:00	Session 6: Report of the chair
	<p>The session chair summarises recommendations and policy options discussed in Session 5, which will be a basis for further discussions at the upcoming SLOM Working Group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Tanodom Jariyapan, Labour Officer, Policy and Planning Division, Social Security Office (Thailand)

9. Expert's session on old-age income security (5 July 2019)

TIME	AGENDA
12:00 – 13:00	Break
	Lunch break
13:00 – 13:30	Session 7: Old-age income security in ASEAN
	<p>The ILO presenter will share the findings of study on old-age income security in Asia as a basis for discussions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Nuno Meira Simoes da Cunha, Senior Technical Specialist on Social Protection, Decent Work Technical Support Team for East and South-East Asia and the Pacific (ILO) <p>Session chair: Ms Ha Thi Minh Duc, Deputy Director General, International Cooperation Department, Ministry of Labour - Invalids and Social Affairs (Viet Nam)</p>
13:30 – 14:30	Session 8: Recommendations and policy options
	<p>The representatives of workers, employers and governments will discuss concrete recommendations and policy options to extend social protection to older persons.</p> <p>Round table discussion</p> <p>The session will take rounds of comments and positions from tripartite representatives, following short presentations on challenges and strategies of selected countries below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Antonio S. Argabioso, Acting Senior Vice President of the Account Management Group, Social Security System (Philippines)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Napoom Suwannapoom, Actuarial Analyst, Research and Development Division, Social Security Office (Thailand) • Mr Nguyen Huy Tung, Social Security Expert, Ministry of Labour - Invalids and Social Affairs (Viet Nam) <p>Session chair: Ms Ha Thi Minh Duc, Deputy Director General, International Cooperation Department, Ministry of Labour - Invalids and Social Affairs (Viet Nam)</p>
14:30 – 14:45	Break
	Coffee break
14:45 – 15:30	Recommendations and policy options (cont.)
	Cont.
15:30 – 15:45	Session 9: Report of the chair
	<p>The session chair summarises recommendations and policy options discussed in Session 8, which will be a basis for further discussions at the upcoming SLOM Working Group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Ha Thi Minh Duc, Deputy Director General, International Cooperation Department, Ministry of Labour - Invalids and Social Affairs (Viet Nam)
15:45 – 16:00	Closing remarks
	Ms Duangporn Pornpitakpan , Acting Advisor on Efficiency, Social Security Office - ASEAN Chair (Thailand)

Abbreviation

ACE:	ASEAN Confederation of Employers
ASSA:	ASEAN Social Security Association
ATUC:	ASEAN Trade Union Council
DWT-Bangkok:	Decent Work Technical Support Team for East and South-East Asia and the Pacific
SLOM:	ASEAN Senior Labour Officials Meeting
SOMSWD:	ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Social Welfare and Development

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