

# Tripartite Regional Meeting on Social Protection and Formalization

15-16 November 2022 | Bangkok, Thailand  
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## Agenda

### Tuesday, 15 November 2022

Time	Activity
<b>Opening ceremony</b>	
09.00 - 09.20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Mr. Daniel Urai Manufolau, President of the Fiji Trade Unions Congress</li> <li>▶ Ms. Siriwan Romchatthong, Secretary-General of the Employers Confederation of Thailand</li> <li>▶ Ms. Chihoko Asada-Miyakawa, Assistant Director General and Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific, International Labour Organization</li> </ul>
09.20 - 09.35	<p>A global perspective on Social Protection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Mr. Pierre Vincensini, Senior Adviser, International Organization of Employers</li> </ul> <p>Keynote speech on the importance of social protection and formalization in the current context in Asia and the Pacific</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Ms. Sara Elder, Senior Economist and Head of the Regional Economic and Social Analysis (RESA) Unit at the ILO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific</li> </ul>
09.35 - 10.35	<p>Tripartite panel discussion on the importance of social protection and formalization in the current context in Asia and the Pacific</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Ms. Regzen Sanjmyatav; Senior Expert of the Department on Population Development and Poverty Reduction; Ministry of Labour and Social Protection of Mongolia (TBC);</li> <li>▶ Mr. Jitendra Shrestha; Vice-President of the General Federation of Nepalese Trade Unions (TBC);</li> <li>▶ Mr. Kameli Batiweti, Chief Executive Officer, Fiji Commerce &amp; Employers Federation;</li> <li>▶ Ms. Sara Elder, Senior Economist and Head of the Regional Economic and Social Analysis (RESA) Unit at the ILO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: Patrik Anderson, Chief of the Sustainable Socioeconomic Transformation Section, Social Development Division, at the UN ESCAP</p>
10.35 - 10.50	Coffee break
<b>Session One - The state of social protection in Asia and the Pacific</b>	
10.45 - 10:50	Video on social protection in Asia and the Pacific
10.50 - 12.00	<p>Panel discussion – Setting a vision for the future of social protection in Asia and the Pacific</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Setting the scene – Nuno Cunha, ILO Senior Social Protection Specialist DWT for East and South-East and the Pacific</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Ms. Pataraporn Laowong; Plan and policy analyst, NESDC Thailand</li> <li>▶ Ms. Elsa Valenzuela; ECOP, Membership Manager and Member of ECOP Committee on Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Philippines Export Confederation (TBC)</li> <li>▶ Mr. Pulak Rajnjan Dhar, Secretary, Bangladesh Free Trade Union (TBC)</li> </ul> <p>Moderator – Andrea Rossi, Regional Advisor Social Policy and Economic Analysis UNICEF East Asia and Pacific Regional Office (EAPRO)</p>
<b>12.00 - 13.00</b>	<i>Lunch</i>
<b>13.00 - 14.00</b>	<p><b>Session One (a) - Governance and the role of social partners in designing and monitoring social protection implementation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Social security systems in ASEAN: An overview and strategy guide for employers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Dong Eung Lee, ILO Senior Specialist in Employer’s Activities for East and South-East and the Pacific</li> </ul> </li> <li>▶ Social protection governance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Markus Ruck, ILO Senior Social Protection Specialist DWT for East and South-East and the Pacific</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Moderator – Kyounghee Chong, Social Security Expert at the DWT for East and South-East and the Pacific in secondment from COMWEL, Korea</p>
<b>14.00 - 15.00</b>	<p><b>Session One (b) - The state of social protection in Asia and the Pacific</b></p> <p>Panel discussion: Future of work and social protection (the high-income countries perspective)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Mr. Luis Frota; Technical Officer at the International Social Security Association</li> <li>▶ Mr. Sang Hyon Lee; Research Fellow at the Korean Employment Information Services</li> <li>▶ Ms. Yuki Otsuji, ILO Workers Activities Specialist, DWT for East and South-East and the Pacific</li> </ul> <p>Moderator – Simon Brimblecombe – Chief Technical Adviser and Head of the Regional Actuarial Unit for Asia and the Pacific</p>
<b>15.15 - 15.30</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ The ILO/ACTRAV social protection resource package <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Ursula Kulke, Specialist Workers Activities</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>15:30 – 15:45</b>	Coffee break
<b>15.45 - 16.15</b>	<b>Fish Bowl: The social protection formalization nexus: Is formalization the key for the extension of social protection?</b>
<b>16.15 - 16.30</b>	Main lessons from day one and introduction to day 2

## Wednesday, 16 November 2022

Time	Activity
09.00 - 09.30	<p><b>Session Two – Formalization: ILO integrated approach to promote decent work in Asia and the Pacific</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction: Setting the stage for the discussions: Objectives and key definitions</li> <li>• An integrated approach for formalization in Asia and the Pacific: Technical Brief "ILO integrated approach to formalization in Asia and the Pacific" R204 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Fredy Guayacan, Specialist, Formalization Strategies</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
09.35 - 10.35	<p><b>Panel discussion (tripartite): Formalization: an integrated approach to promote decent work in Asia and the Pacific</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Ms. Marielle Phe Goursat, Programme Manager</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Dandu Raj Ghimire, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security, Nepal</li> <li>• Ms. Huynh Thi Hai Van, Senior Specialist of Women's Affairs Department of VGCL, Vietnam</li> <li>• Mr. Hansa Ram Pandey, Senior Specialist, FNCCI, Nepal</li> </ul>
10.35 - 10.50	<b>Coffee break</b>
10.50 - 12.00	<p><b>Session Two (a)– Formalization: International good practices to promote in formalization</b></p> <p>Mr. Gonzalo Xavier Estupiñan (Wage Specialist, ILO/DTW-Bangkok)</p> <p><b>Q&amp;A</b></p>
12.00 - 13.00	<b>Lunch</b>
13.00 - 14.10	<p>Panel discussion: <b>New policy challenges in new forms of work</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Ms. Reiko Tsushima, Chief of the Regional Programme Services of the ILO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Niroth Chhy, Researcher, General Secretariat of the Committee on Economic and Financial Policy, Ministry of Economy and Finance.</li> <li>• Mr. Marco Gojol, Representative of the Workers Organisation SENTRO, Philippines.</li> <li>• Mr. Dragos Adascalitei, Research Officer, Unit B Employment, European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (Eurofound).</li> <li>• Mr. Sunggil Son, Chief Technical Advisor to the ILO/Korea Partnership Programme, ILO ROAP.</li> </ul>
14.10 - 16.00	<p><b>Interactive activity: Shaping a formalization strategy in a tripartite manner (world-café methodology)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>MSMEs formalization pathways</i></li> <li>• <i>Platform economies and the future of work</i></li> <li>• <i>Strategies for being successful in formalization</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Moderation and facilitation:</b> ILO team (Fredy Guayacan, Saurabh Shah). <i>Coffee break will be provided in this session</i></p>
16.00 - 16.15	<p>Next steps and concluding remarks</p> <p>Ms. Panudda Boonpala, Deputy Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific, International Labour Organization (ILO)</p>

