

Workshop on Policy Options for Effective and Sustainable Social Protection Floors

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Elsa Alfai is the Adviser to the Minister for Social Policies at Mozambique's Ministry of Women and Social Action. In this role she is one of the architects of the framework for Mozambique's Social Protection Law. Ms. Alfai has been a key actor in the design of basic social security sub-system regulation and in the revision of basic social security programs. She took part in designing the guidelines for Mozambique's Productive Social Action focused on labour-intensive public works and is on the team responsible for enforcing reforms of basic social security. Upon her appointment to the Ministry in 2007, Ms. Alfai coordinated the Ministry's Functional Analysis and Restructuring project.

Ms. Alfai has worked in the areas of international trade law, labour law, administrative law, civil law and family law since 2004. Prior to her role at the Ministry, she served as a permanent member of the National Council of Women's Advancement and as the National Deputy Director of the National Institute of Social Action. Ms. Alfai is a regular speaker at national and international events related to social security. She has participated and presented papers in seminars and workshops on social policy in Mozambique and abroad. Ms. Alfai holds a Master's degree in International Trade Law and an undergraduate Law degree from Eduardo Mondlane University in Maputo, Mozambique. She has obtained numerous certifications and trainings internationally in social protection, sustainable development and protection of indigenous and women's rights. She is registered with the Mozambique Bar Association and is a member of the Mozambican Association of Women in Juridical Careers.

Axel Bertuch-Samuels



Axel Bertuch-Samuels is the Special Representative of the IMF to the United Nations and the Deputy Director of the Strategy, Policy and Review Department of the IMF. He has been at the IMF since 1985 and has served as Deputy Director of the Monetary and Capital Markets Department, Deputy Director and Senior Advisor of the International Capital Markets Department, Special Advisor to the Managing Director, Alternate Executive Director and Assistant to Executive Director.

Outside of the IMF, Mr. Bertuch-Samuels has served as Director and Head of the President's Office at the EBRD in London, as Director of the Economics & Financial Markets Department at the German Savings Banks and Giro Association in Bonn, and at the Ministry of Finance in Bonn as a Senior Economist and as Head of Office/Personal Advisor to the Permanent

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Alejandro Bonilla-Garcia



Alejandro Bonilla-García is currently Director, a.i of the ILO's Social Protection Department. He joined the Financial and Actuarial Branch of the Social Security Department of the ILO in 1990 as Senior Actuary. From 1994 to 1997 Mr. Bonilla-Garcia held the position of Senior Social Security Expert in the ILO's Multi-disciplinary Team for Central America and Panama in San Jose, Costa Rica before he was appointed Deputy Regional Director at the ILO Regional Office for the Americas in Lima, Peru. He returned to the ILO's Headquarters in Geneva in 2000 and took the position as Policy and Research Coordinator. In 2005 he was promoted Chief of the Studies and Operations Branch of the International Social Security Association (ISSA) where he became Director of Partnerships in 2007. In 2008 he served as Chief Technical Advisor for Capacity Building and Training on Actuarial Methods and Social Protection Financing for Latin America and the Caribbean of the ILO. Prior to the ILO, Mr. Bonilla-Garcia served as Senior Actuary in the Long-Term Projections Division of the Presidency of Mexico and as Deputy Director of the Planning Division of the Mexican Institute of Social Security.

Mr. Bonilla-Garcia has vast international experience in the field of social protection. He has written numerous publications and lectured at universities, the ILO Turin Centre, the ILO Institute and Inter-American Centre for Social Security Studies. He has represented the ILO in the activities of various multinational organizations. Mr. Bonilla-Garcia holds a PhD in Economic Policy and Development, a Master's degree in Mathematics Applied to Economics and a Diploma in International Studies from Université des Sciences Sociales de Toulouse in France, as well as a Degree in Actuarial Sciences from Anahuac University in Mexico. He is a member of the Mexican College of Actuaries (CONAC), the Mexican Association of Actuaries (AMA) and the Swiss Association of Actuaries.

Nuno Meira Simoes da Cunha

Nuno Cunha is the ILO Coordinator for the STEP Program in Mozambique. He is responsible for providing technical assistance to policy development, supporting national dialogue around Social Protection and coordination with UN, IMF, WB and other bilateral donors. Mr. Cunha joined the ILO in 2005 as a desk officer for Portuguese speaking countries in Africa and has been coordinating ILO activities in the area of Social Protection and Employment Policies in the region since 2008. Prior to joining the ILO, Mr. Cunha worked in the Portuguese Ministry of Labour and Social Security, mostly focused on Portuguese Ministry Cooperation activities in the area of Social Protection, and at the Center for African Studies at the Technical University of Lisbon as a researcher. Mr. Cunha is an Economist with a specialization in Public Policy.

Victor Duarte Lledó



Victor Lledó is currently a Senior Economist in the Fiscal Affairs Department at the IMF. He was the IMF Resident Representative in Mozambique between June 2010 and July 2013, when together with colleagues from the IMF, UN, and the World Bank, he advocated for the strengthening of the social protection floor in that country. Prior to that, Mr. Lledó has worked on a number of positions in the African Department of the IMF, including as country economist for Mozambique based in Washington and responsible for monitoring Mozambique's program with the IMF, the Policy Support Instrument (PSI). Mr. Lledó has written extensively on Mozambique with a number of collaborators, notably several chapters on a 2008 book published by the IMF on Mozambique's lessons for post-conflict low-income countries. Mr. Lledó has joined the IMF in 2003, where he has also worked with South Africa, Lesotho, the Dominican Republic, and Grenada. Before joining the IMF, Mr. Lledó worked as a Research Associate at the Department of Agriculture and Applied Economics at University of Wisconsin-Madison in the United States and as a consultant for DFID on taxation issues in Latin America. Mr. Lledó holds a Doctorate in Development Studies and a Master in Economics from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He also holds a Master in Economics from the Getulio Vargas Foundation (FGV) and a Bachelor degree also in Economics from UnB, both in Brazil.

Hideki Mori



Hideki Mori has been the manager of RSR (Rapid Social Response) Program at the World Bank since its establishment in 2009. Prior to joining the Bank, he worked for UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) in Santiago, Chile as an environmental economist. In earlier years, he was also a system engineer/analyst of a private firm in Tokyo, Japan specialized in geographic/management information systems. Most of Hideki's career at the Bank has been dedicated to social protection, particularly on safety net issues in Latin America and the Caribbean as well as Europe and Central Asia while he also worked on education for several years. In the mid-2000s, Hideki became Human Development (HD) Sector Coordinator for Ukraine, Moldova and Belarus, and from Kiev, Ukraine oversaw Bank operations in education and health besides social protection in those countries. Prior to the current position, he served as Manager, Young Professionals Program. Hideki holds an MA in International Development from the American University and an MBA from Duke University.

Vinicius Pinheiro



Vinicius Pinheiro was appointed Deputy Director of the ILO Office for the United Nations in August 2012. He joined the ILO in 2005 as Social Protection Programme Officer at the ILO International Training Centre in Turin. In 2007 he was transferred to the Social Security Department as the Social Security Regional Coordinator for the Americas. From 2009 to 2012, Mr. Pinheiro served in the Office of the Director General, advising the Director General and the Executive Director on issues related to the Social Protection Sector and to the G20. He acted as ILO Sherpa to the G20 Development Working Group and provided technical support to the ILO participation in the overall G20 process. Mr. Pinheiro also served as Executive Secretary of the Social Protection Floor Advisory Group, headed by Ms. Michele Bachelet, and coordinated the drafting team of the report Social Protection Floor for a Fair and Inclusive Globalization. He was also the focal point for Gender issues and for the preparation of the UN Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio +20).

Prior to joining the ILO, Mr. Pinheiro was the National Secretary for Social Security of Brazil, responsible for designing and implementing the Brazilian Pension reform, including measures to increase coverage and strengthen the social protection system. During this period he acted as Vice-Minister and Interim Minister of Social Security and as Executive Secretary of the National Social Security Council. In 2001, Mr. Pinheiro was elected Vice-President of the Inter-American Social Security Conference. Between 2002 and 2005 he worked at the OECD in Paris and consulted for the Inter-American Development Bank and to the World Bank on projects in Africa and Latin America. Mr. Pinheiro holds a Master's degree in Political Science from the University of Brasília and specializations in Public Administration and Public Policies (National School of Public Administration, Brasília); and in Evaluation of Social Programmes and Projects (ILPES-ECLAC, Santiago de Chile). He has taught in the Economics Department of the University of Brasília and authored various articles in the area of pensions and social protection.

Vathana Sann



Vathana Sann has been the Deputy Secretary General, equivalent rank of Under Secretary of State, of the Council for Agricultural and Rural Development, a supreme national coordination body for agricultural and rural development in Cambodia since October 2008. He is also the Chief of Secretariat for Social Protection Coordination, where he oversees coordination and implementation of National Social Protection Strategy. He has written several articles on social protection policy.

H.E. Dr. Vathana Sann began his career in the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery, as the PhD and MSc Programme Coordinator of the Royal University of Agriculture in Phnom Penh. He is a lecturer and researcher in the fields of Institutional and Technological Innovation and Livestock Production Systems. Vathana Sann

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Valerie Schmitt is the social security specialist of the ILO Decent Work Team, based in Bangkok. She is responsible for the provision of policy and technical advice to over 20 ILO member states across Asia. The programme of work that she has developed in the region includes evidence-based research, support to national social protection strategies and social security laws, support to the design and implementation of national floors of social protection and various social security schemes (unemployment, health, old age pensions, long term care and so on), support to the design and implementation of innovative approaches such as the social service delivery (or single window service) mechanism, regional research, training and education. She has in the past been working for ILO's social protection department in Geneva; a French consulting firm specialized in the field of social health protection and for a NGO on the development of micro health insurance in Africa. Valerie has over 16 years of experience in the field of social security and social protection. She holds a Master of Business Administration and a Master of Advanced Studies in Economics, as well as a Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy.

Claudia Vinay

Claudia Vinay is a Policy Specialist at the UNDP focusing on employment and social protection, conditional cash transfer programmes and gender in the context of economic crisis and taxation. Prior to her current role she was a Project Officer at the UNDP working on fiscal space, fiscal decentralization, food crises, gender and taxation. Before joining the UNDP Ms. Vinay consulted for the World Bank, conducting research on gender equality in Latin America. She has been a research fellow at the IDB, a Fulbright fellow at the UN, a researcher at the Open Society Institute and several public sector organizations in Mexico. Ms. Vinay holds a PhD in Public Policy from the University of Maryland, a Master's in International Development from George Washington University and a BA in International Affairs from Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México.