



**Global Coalition for
SOCIAL PROTECTION FLOORS**

Social Protection: A Universal Rights-Based Development Goal

A side event at the occasion of the 52nd session of the Commission for Social Development organized by the Global Coalition for the Social Protection Floors, the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung and the International Labour Office

New York, 18 February 2014

1.15 - 2.30 pm

Conference Room 7 (NLB)

Well into the 21st century, the world remains an unfair, unequal, insecure and unhealthy place for the majority of its people. About 80 per cent of the global population live in social insecurity and face a complete loss of income security when a personal or national economic crisis strikes. About half of our insecure population lives in abject absolute poverty, the cruelest form of insecurity. Every second child is poor and millions of children die every year of preventable causes. Millions of older persons face poverty, hardship and disease. Inequality is increasing in many parts of the world. Social progress is uneven, unacceptably modest and slow. The state of global social realities is not inevitable and can be changed by decisive action.

Social protection is one of the foundations for inclusive, equitable and sustainable development and addresses simultaneously the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainability. Moreover, it has a transformative role in contributing to long-term inclusive and sustainable growth while also enhancing resilience against natural and manmade disasters, as well as economic and social crisis.

The **Global Coalition for Social Protection Floors** is a coalition of more than 70 civil society and trade union organizations from all parts of the world. The Coalition has developed a proposal for a universal rights-based development goal on social protection for the Post-2015 Development Agenda based on the two-dimensional strategy of the ILO Recommendation NO.

202 (concerning national floors of Social Protection) of 2012, to first extend basic social security guarantees to all and then improve the quality of protection as soon as possible.

The **purpose of this side event** is to launch the proposal of the Coalition and initiate a wide debate among governments, civil society and social partners on the objective and content of the proposal

Tentative Agenda

Duration: 1.15 hours

Chair: Cäcilie Schildberg, FES Berlin

1. Introductory remarks and presentation of the Global Coalition

Cäcilie Schildberg, FES Berlin

2. The Coalition Proposal for a social protection development goal

Michael Cichon, President ICSW

3. Comments from

The Government of Argentina

*NN, Government or UN Mission
Argentina*

The Government of Zambia

*Trevor Kaunda, Permanent Secretary
of the Ministry of Labour and Social
Security, Zambia (tbc)*

The Government of Germany

*Janina Hasse Moshin, German
Foreign Ministry and Member of the
UN Mission at CSocD (tbc)*

The International Labour Office

Vinicius Pinheiro, ILO New York

4. General discussion

5. Concluding Remarks

NN, ILO
