

Minutes

SESSION 1 – DELIVERING ON THE SDGs: UPDATE ON THE GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FOR UNIVERSAL SOCIAL PROTECTION (USP2030)

Presentations on the [partnership](#), progress in 2017 and [way forward](#) for USP 2030:

- **Progress in 2017:** A number of events in support of universal social protection were organized in 2016/17, such as:
 - o Sept. 2016: Launch of the *Global Partnership for Universal Social Protection to achieve SDGs* (USP2030) at the UN New York, and *China South-South High Level Event to Achieve the SDGs on Universal Social Protection* in Beijing after the G20 Summit. <http://Universal.social-protection.org>
 - o May 2017: Financing social protection floors throughout economic cycles - side event at the UN Forum on Financing for Development (FfD)
 - o July 2017: Side Events at UN High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development “[Global Partnership on USP: Ending Poverty by 2030](#)” and “Universal Social Protection: End Poverty and Reduce Inequality”
 - o Nov. 2017: “Universal Social Protection: The Global Partnership 2030” at IV Global Conference on Sustained Eradication of Child Labor
 - o Jan. 2018: UN Commission for Social Development (CSocD) side events on Universal Social Protection

It was agreed:

- **Partnership base:** Chaired by the WBG and ILO, the USP2030 is open to all governments and regional organizations, UN agencies, development banks, CSOs, private sector, academia, research institutions, etc.
- **Two-track approach:** Activities will be clustered into a short-term and a medium-term track, both tracks starting now.
 - o Short-term track: Action plan focused on advocacy, resource mobilization, knowledge generation, country support among others.
 - o Medium-term track: Action Plan focused on UN work, explore working together with *UHC2030* and *Education for all* for a new Global Social Policy Compact, including constitution of a Global forum with all member states, regional organizations, civil society organizations.
- **Steering Group:** An interim steering group (composed by the two Co-Chairs, the World Bank, and ILO, with Germany, Finland, ITUC and a representative of the global coalition on Social Protection Floors) that would reach out to new members (low and middle-income countries).

ACTION POINTS:

- The interim steering group will draft action plans for each of the tracks by 1st of May
- The interim steering group will identify the new members
- The interim group will need to contact *UHC2030* and *Education for All* to consult with them about their interest to align into a broader Global Social Policy Compact

SESSION 2 - OPERATIONALIZING USP2030

- Update from agencies/bilaterals/NGOs on support to SDGs 1.3 and USP2030: EC, FAO, [ILO](#), IMF, [IPC-IG](#), OECD, [UNAIDS](#), UNDESA, UNDP, [UNICEF](#), UNWOMEN, [World Bank](#), [EU-SPS](#), Finland, Germany, Ireland, DFID, ODI, [World Solidarity](#).
- Mainstreaming gender in social protection within the SDGs Framework
- [Social Protection for informal economy workers](#): the discussion following the presentation demonstrated the general interest to further explore the question.

ACTION POINTS:

- Agencies/bilaterals/NGOs will continue to support SDG 1.3 and USP2030
- DFID will launch a consultation to discuss possible collaboration on gender and SP in the context of the SPIAC-B. A related e-mail will be circulated.

SESSION 3 – UPDATE ON ISPA

[ISPA work was presented](#) in terms of tools development, tools application, learning strategy, communication strategy and budget.

ACTION POINTS:

- SPIAC-B members are invited to subscribe to the new ISPA working group on Social Information Systems, launched in New York on January 30th.
- In light of the persisting funding gap, ISPA agencies were strongly encouraged to explore possible contributions (financial or in kind) to ISPA work
- Agencies are encouraged to inform the ISPA coordination team of any ISPA application they carry out in countries in order to better follow up tools uptake and facilitate learning from other countries' experience.
- The ISPA Coordination Team invites agencies to reach out to the helpdesk if they need support in ISPA tool applications, organizing trainings or need communication materials for ISPA tools
- ISPA will collaborate with UNDP to gear ISPA tools more explicitly towards contributing to the agenda 2030 and UN Reform, including exploring their role in MAPS missions.
- Working groups on Social Assistance Cash Transfers and Financing Social Protection will be launched later in 2018.

SESSION 4 - UPDATE ON UN WORK ON SOCIAL PROTECTION

After a brief description of the changes resulting from the UN Secretary General UN Reform, there was a presentation of the [Window for Social Protection Floors of the new Joint Fund](#) for the Agenda 2030.

It was followed by a [presentation](#) of the final paper for the UN Interagency Task Force on Financing for Development on Social Protection, distributed to all SPIAC-B members for comments on November 2017.

ACTION POINTS:

- Donors are invited to start contributing to the Window for Social Protection Floors of the new Joint Fund for the Agenda 2030.
- A call for proposals to apply for receiving the funds will be launched but the exact modalities, which country teams can apply and how, has yet to be determined. Proposals have to be elaborated jointly by a minimum of 2 UN agencies.
- The final FfD paper “*Financing social protection in the context of the AAA Social Compact: a baseline for 2015*” was validated.

SESSION 5 - UPDATE ON SPIAC-B WORKING GROUPS “HUMANITARIAN-DEVELOPMENT NEXUS” AND “CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT”

After [The SPIAC-B Joint Statement of Social Protection Actors to the World Humanitarian Summit \(2017\)](#), the session [presented](#) an update on the [International conference on Social Protection in Contexts of Fragility and Forced Displacement](#). The discussions and results of the conference were presented, including the outcome statement.

Update on the [Capacity Building Working Group](#): The agreed 5 priority areas of work of the Capacity Building Working Group were explained (1) Make use of socialprotection.org (2) Gender-sensitive SP (3) Disability inclusive SP, (4) [TRANSFORM](#), (5) SP curricula at universities

ACTION POINTS:

- SPIAC-B members are invited to join the group on the humanitarian-development nexus, to discuss next steps / follow-up to the conference. The up-coming [South-South Forum on adaptive social protection in Frankfurt in February 2018](#) will be first opportunity for this.

SESSION 6 - GENERATING KNOWLEDGE ON SOCIAL PROTECTION – FLAGSHIP REPORTS AND INTERAGENCY PUBLICATIONS

Summary presentations on:

- [The UNDESA 2017 Report on World Social Situation: Promoting inclusion through social protection](#),
- [The ILO World Social Protection Report 2017-19: Universal social protection to achieve the SDGs](#)
- UNDP report Social Protection for Sustainable Development in Africa
- [World Bank’s State of Safety Nets report](#) announced for April 2018

The UN reports are periodical flagship publications that use the ILO’s [World Social Protection Database](#) but then supplement it with more specific information as needed.

SESSION 7 - UPDATE ON THE WORKING METHODS AND GOVERNANCE WORKING GROUP

In this session, a preliminary paper on a proposed [SPIAC-B governance structure](#) was presented and discussed, recalling some of the problems raised at the last SPIAC-B meeting in Algiers, such as clarification of membership, agenda setting, working methods, among others.

- There was agreement that the SPIAC-B so far has been tremendously successful in improving collaboration, policy coherence and building a platform for joint activities like ISPA.
- The Chairmanship of the SPIAC-B was also discussed, with a majority of members agreeing to maintain ILO and the World Bank as co-chairs.

- There was shared concern about the creation of overly complicated, cumbersome and costly structures that would overburden the members, in particular in light of the lack of funding. There was agreement that the SPIAC-B needs to stay agile and flexible, should focus on USP and country work rather than building a bureaucracy that eats up a lot of energy.

ACTION POINTS:

- A working group will be constituted that invites all SPIAC-B members who wish to participate.
- The working group will start by identifying the problems that should be addressed first, and, as a second step, identify possible solutions, avoiding excess administration and keeping SPIAC-B light, lean and agile. Unless funding is provided for the SPIAC-B Secretariat, any proposed solution cannot create additional administrative burden.
- Belgium will continue to facilitate the work of the working group that will develop a new proposal to be discussed during the next SPIAC-B meeting.

SESSION 8: OTHER UPDATES, CLOSING DISCUSSION AND WAY FORWARD

[Presentation](#) of the draft joint statement “*Towards inclusive social protection systems supporting the full and effective participation of persons with disabilities*”, which was developed over three years through a series of [expert meetings](#) including several SPIAC-B members. It was presented at the [Global Action on Disability \(GLAD\)](#) meeting in Helsinki on 1 February and received its support.

The Chairs closed the 10th SPIAC-B meeting, thanking all participants for their inputs and commitment.

ACTION POINTS:

- All SPIAC-B members are invited to endorse the [Joint Statement](#) on disability and social protection if they have not already done so.
- All agencies that are interested to continue the collaboration on disability are invited to reflect on next steps.
- The next SPIAC-B will be piggybacked to a regional (eg. Africa) or global social protection event relevant to USP2030.