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## Promoting and Building Social Protection and Employment Services for Vulnerable Groups in Mongolia, Learning from ASEAN (MAPS)



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### National Consultation on:

## Old Age pension Extension for Mongolian Herders, Self-employed and Informal economy workers

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Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

### Background

In twenty years since Mongolia embarked on its transition towards a market-based economic framework, the Government of Mongolia introduced a new social protection system comprising (i) social insurance to support employees and self-employed from the risk of falling into poverty; and (ii) social welfare services and social assistance benefits to protect minimum living standards for the poor and vulnerable.

At the current stage, the social insurance system, and in particular the component providing for old age pensions, has reached a point in its development at which financial imbalances are evident and other features of its design should be reassessed. One of the pressing problems is the coverage of the herders, self-employed and informal sector workers with social security schemes. Today, more than 80 per cent of them live with insufficient income security as they participate in the social insurance old-age pension scheme on a voluntary basis. Together, these three groups account for more than half of the labour force in Mongolia.

The ILO/Japan MAPS Project aims to advice on concrete sustainable measures to increase old age pension coverage for vulnerable groups, including herders, self-employed and informal sector workers, based on actuarial, legal and institutional assessments in accordance with the ILO Conventions and Recommendations.

A one day National consultation will help to validate the fact –finding developed by local consultant, describe the possible broad scenarios of the OA pension design for herders, self-employed and informal economy workers.

## **Purpose of the National Workshop**

The National workshop aims to:

- Present preliminary findings of the national consultation results and desk review analysis on policy gaps and implementation issues related OA pension accessibility for herders, self-employed and informal economy workers
- Explain OA pension extension scenarios, which will be proposed with ABND III and discuss possible design of the OA pension schemes for specific groups.

## **Participants**

The MAPS will invite technical staff from relevant government and non-government institutions, workers and employer's organizations, UN agencies and the WB involve in the design and implementation of social security policies. The number of participants is approximately 50 persons.

A proposed list of invitees is attached in Annex 1.

## **Language of the consultation**

The consultation meeting will be run in Mongolian with interpretation in English language.

## **Place and time**

September 10 from 09.30 to 17.00.

UN Building, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
United Nations Street-12  
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## **For more information**

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