

ISSA strategy and activities for promoting the extension of coverage

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- International organization bringing together government departments, social security administrations and agencies
- Founded in 1927 under the auspices of the ILO, the ISSA currently has 337 member institutions in 157 countries
- Focus on promoting dynamic social security through excellence in social security administration
- Covers all social security risks and a number of cross-cutting topics (actuarial, financial, ICT, good governance, investment of social security funds etc.)



Role of the ISSA in social protection

- Efficient and effective implementation of social security is a key to good social security outcomes, and particularly important for the successful extension of coverage

- Means of action of the ISSA
 - **Center of Excellence** in Social Security Administration (guidelines for various areas of administration linked to good practices, administrative performance benchmarking)
 - **Technical activities and meetings** (World and Regional Social Security Forums, Seminars)
 - **Social security databases and publications** (e.g. country profiles, development and trends reports)



ISSA strategy for the extension of social security coverage

- ISSA strategy for the extension of social security coverage adopted at the ISSA World Social Security Forum 2010 in Cape Town focusses ISSA activities on assisting its members to work towards:
 - Better compliance and contribution collection
 - Gradual extension of existing schemes to groups difficult to cover
 - Implementing, or assisting in the implementation of, national social protection floor initiatives
 - Strengthening advocacy for the extension of coverage at national levels



Current activities as regards coverage extension (1)

- **Handbooks to assist members in extending coverage to difficult-to-cover groups:**
 - Review and structure existing evidence and provide good practice examples
 - Focus on administrative complexities and solutions
 - Handbook on the self-employed to be published in August 2012
 - Handbook on migrant workers to be published in early 2013

- **Strengthen social security protection for migrant workers**
 - Focus on administrative solutions for covering migrant workers in Eurasia in view of experiences such as Mercosur
 - Guidance document to provide a concrete and practical tool to enhance coverage of migrant workers



Current activities as regards coverage extension (2)

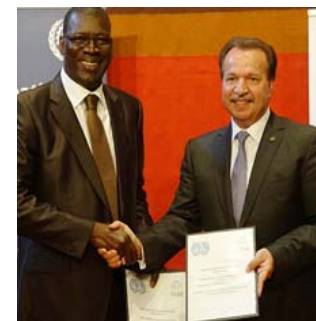
- **ISSA project on coverage extension in BRICS countries**
 - Identified common challenges due to country size, fragmentation of administration and delivery, pressure on frontline services etc.
 - ISSA provides platform for exchange on practical issues in social security extension for BRICS countries
 - Five-country comparative study (to be published in September 2012)
 - Monitor of coverage extension activities in BRICS countries on the ISSA website



- **General ISSA activities that promote high-performing and well-governed social security administrations contribute to coverage extension through enhancing efficient/effective delivery and scheme legitimacy**

Contribution of the ISSA to the social protection floor agenda

- ISSA brings to this group a specific expertise on the implementation of social security arrangements as well as a unique network
- ISSA is committed to the Social Protection Floor agenda as expressed in the recent ILO recommendation
- ISSA welcomes the increased recognition of the importance of the implementation level of extension initiatives
- Strategic agreement concluded with the ILO in form of a comprehensive MoU in March 2012 (technical assistance, capacity building, data and research)



Thank you

