



International Seminar on Social Protection in Africa
Conférence Internationale sur la Protection Sociale en Afrique
King Fahd Palace Hotel, Dakar, Senegal
8-9 April 2015

Agenda

Mercredi 8 April	
8:30 – 9:15	<p>Ouverture Officielle - Opening Ceremony</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Mahammed Boun Abdallah Dionne</u>, Prime Minister of Senegal • Bintou Djibo , United Nations Resident Coordinator, Senegal • Celso Marcondes, Africa Director, Instituto Lula • Maria Elisa Teofilo de Luna, Brazilian Ambassador to Senegal • Mustapha Sidiki Kaloko, Commissioner for Social Affairs, African Union
9:30 – 9:45	<p>Point de Press - Key note speech:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Mustapha Sidiki Kaloko, Commissioner for Social Affairs, African Union • Ms. Anta Sarr, Délégation générale à la protection sociale et à la solidarité nationale • Ms. Ruby Sandhu-Rojon, Deputy Director, Regional Bureau for Africa, UNDP • Mr. Celso Marcondes, Africa Director, Instituto Lula • Ms. Marcia Lopes, Brazil • Dr. Fasil Nahom, Minister, Adviser to the Prime Minister
10:00 – 11:15	<p>Roundtable 1: Conceptualizing Social Protection and Policy Implications</p> <p>Objective: The objectives of this session are 1) to deepen the understanding of social protection systems as a means to achieve equitable and sustainable development; 2) to foster a debate to reach a common understanding of social protection systems.</p> <p>Moderator: Romulo Paes, Director, UNDP RIO+ World Centre for Sustainable Development</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Luciana Jaccoud, Researcher, Institute for Applied Economic Planning (IPEA - Brazil) • Adebayo Olukoshi, Director, UN Institute for Economic Development and Planning • Bukar Tijani, Assistant Director-General, Regional Representative for Africa,FAO <p>Q & A (45 mins)</p>
11:15-11:30	Break
	<p>Working Group – Conceptualizing Social Protection and Policy Implications</p> <p>Objective: This working group will discuss what specific social protection</p>





<p>11:30-13:00</p>	<p>approaches, policies or instruments have proven successful in reducing poverty, vulnerability and inequality and in increasing human capital as well as factors that contribute to their effectiveness. The working group will provide suggestions for framing the concept of social protection in Africa and its underpinning policies.</p> <p>Discussion Questions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Different approaches have been used according to the maturity of the SP policies and fiscal space (responsive programmes addressing specific vulnerabilities and risks, versus system/life-cycle approach). How do you classify the kind of approach you have built in your country? 2. What are your country's goals in relation to the future steps? 3. Governmental, private and NGO actors are very active delivering SP programmes. How do you define the desirable contribution of each actor? 4. How can SP interventions (e.g., cash transfers, public works) designed to address a specific deprivation or population move toward a more systemic approach to maximise the impact of social protection on reducing multidimensional poverty, inequality and vulnerability? 5. How can social protection instruments be extended to those attached to the informal labour market and those working in the agriculture? (share successful examples)
<p>13:00 – 14:30</p>	<p>Lunch</p>
<p>14:30 – 15:45</p>	<p>Roundtable 2: Money for the Poor: Strategies for sustainable financing for social protection in Africa</p> <p>Objective: Social protection programmes are in general costly. Governments, in Africa and in the rest of the developing world, face the challenge of finding sustainable funding sources, when designing and implementing social protection policies and systems. This session aims at discussing African countries' capacity to finance social protection policies and systems in long-term and at exploring sustainable financing strategies.</p> <p>Moderator: Massamba Diene, Manager, Strategy and Policy Department, African Development Bank</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tharcisse Nkanagu, Senior Ministerial Advisor on Social Protection, Burundi • Manuel Fontaine, Regional Director for West & Central Africa Region, UNICEF • Luis Henrique Paiva, Visiting Academic, Brooks World Poverty Institute, University of Manchester and Former National Secretary of Ministry of Social Development of Brazil (tbc) <p>Q&A (30 mins)</p>
<p>15:45 – 16:00</p>	<p>Break</p>
<p>16:00 – 17:30</p>	<p>Working Group 2: Sustainable Financing</p> <p>Objective: Despite relatively high levels of growth in many African countries, governments still face challenges in expanding the fiscal space to accommodate social policies. In this working group, the participants will share the financing models supporting social protection programmes and systems in their respective countries and will consider their sustainability. This working group will also make recommendations on viable and sustainable financing strategies to support social protection policies and systems in African countries.</p> <p>Discussion Questions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are the financing models for social protection in your country? Are they sustainable? What is their composition (e.g., domestic versus aid).





2. What legal mechanisms exist and are applied to ensure budget and implementation of social protection policies ?
3. How can the state increase its fiscal space for social protection?
4. What are the innovative financing mechanisms for social protection policies and systems that can be adopted and adapted by countries in Africa ?

April 9	
9:00-10:00	<p>High-Level panel on Social Protection and South-South Cooperation (Davos style)</p> <p>Objective: This session aims at discussing the relevance of Brazil’s experience in social protection for Africa and cooperation modalities (i.e. SSC and TrC).</p> <p>Moderator: Ruby Sandhu-Rojon, Deputy Director, Regional Bureau for Africa, UNDP</p> <p>Ministers and high level UN representatives</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are key lessons from Brazil experience and how relevant to African context? 2. What are cooperation modalities we can deploy share experiences from Brazil? 3. How can development cooperation support this exchange?
10:00 – 11:15	<p>Roundtable 3: Challenges in Implementing and Managing Effective Social Protection</p> <p>Objective: Social protection policies and systems rely on the capacity of national and local institutions, including local government units, to identify and effectively reach the most vulnerable segments of the population; effective horizontal and vertical coordination across government agencies and institutions; robust monitoring and evaluation systems. This objective of this session is to provide an overview of institutional capacity gaps for the implementation of social protection programmes and policies, and identify solutions that could be adopted to overcome them.</p> <p>Moderator: Marcia Lopes, Instituto Lula</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tereza Campello, Minister of Social Development, Brazil • Anta Saar, Delegate General for Social Protection and National Solidarity, Senegal • Tavengwa Nhongo, Executive Director, African Platform for Social Protection <p>Q&A (30 mins)</p>
11:15 – 11:30	Break
11:30 – 13:00	<p>Working Group 3: Implementation and Management</p> <p>Objective: During this working group, the participants will analyze drivers of success in the management of social protection policies and systems, and will make specific recommendations for addressing some of the most recurrent institutional capacity bottlenecks to the effective implementation of social</p>





	<p>protection programmes</p> <p>Discussion Questions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are the institutional arrangements for delivering social protection interventions in your country? 2. What are the most recurrent/most serious institutional capacity bottlenecks? 3. What can be done to address such institutional capacity gaps? 4. How have other countries addressed such gaps and can such solutions be adopted and adapted by other countries in Africa?
13:15 – 14:30	Lunch
14:30 – 15:45	<p>Roundtable 4: Governing Social Protection in Africa: sound M&E systems and peoples’ participation</p> <p>Objective: Social Protection programmes are effective in addressing people vulnerability and in reducing poverty when they reach the right people and deliver quality services. The objective of this session is to discuss systems and processes that countries can adopt, to ensure that social protection programmes are effectively and efficiently delivered in a participatory manner, with a focus on people-centered monitoring and evaluation systems and processes.</p> <p>Moderator: Johan Stirjdom, Head of Division, Social Affairs Department, African Union</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maria Luiza Rizzotti, Former National Secretary of Ministry of Social Development of Brazil and Professor, University of Londrina (Brazil), • Luis Henrique Paiva, Visiting Academic, Brooks World Poverty Institute, University of Manchester and Former National Secretary of Ministry of Social Development of Brazil • Ebrima Sall, Executive Director, Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa CODESRIA <p>Q&A (45 mins)</p>
15:45 – 16:00	Break
16:00 – 17:30	<p>Working Group 4: Transparency and Governance</p> <p>Objective: In this working group, participants will discuss specific institutional arrangements – in particular people-centered design and M&E systems and processes - for monitoring the implementation of social protection policies and systems in their countries and assess to what extent they follow the principles of transparency, accountability and participation.</p> <p>Discussion Questions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What accountability mechanisms have been put in place in your country in regard to social protection programmes? How are social protection programmes beneficiaries targeted in your country? Which are the pros and the cons of the targeting systems under review? 2. How is the implementation of social protection programmes monitored? Which system/process has been adopted? 3. In case of a sudden natural or man-made disaster, how quickly do institutions in your country reach the population most affected? Through which system? 4. Are social protection programmes in your countries subject to periodical or





	<p>occasional evaluation?</p> <p>5. How are communities (and civil society) involved in their design, implementation, monitoring or evaluation?</p>
<p>17:30 – 18:00</p>	<p>Seminar Recap and Actions for Follow Up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Romulo Paes, Director, UNDP RIO+ World Centre for Sustainable Development• Johan Stirjdom, Head of Division, Social Affairs Department, African Union• Milton Rondó, Coordinator-General of International Action against Hunger, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Brazil

