



Side Event at the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) in New York

Universal Social Protection: End Poverty and Reduce Inequality

Organizing partners:

Permanent Mission of Germany to the United Nations New York
Global Coalition for Social Protection Floors (GCSPF)

The Global Coalition for Social Protection Floors is a global network with members from civil society, trade unions and think tanks. The network advocates for the implementation of social protection floors around the world.

Event focus:

With the adoption of the SDGs in September 2015, the world's nations affirmed that achieving universal social protection is central to the implementation of the new development agenda. The 2030 Agenda commits both industrialized and developing countries to "end poverty in all its forms and everywhere" by implementing "nationally appropriate social protection systems and measures for all, including floors."

Many of the SDGs are inextricably intertwined with social protection. These goals include the eradication of poverty (Goal 1), healthy lives and well-being for all (Goal 3), gender equality (Goal 5), decent work (Goal 8) and reduced inequalities (Goal 10). In total, 11 Goals and 27 targets have direct links to social protection.

The implementation of the 2030 Agenda is possible only with a strong commitment to global partnership and cooperation (Goal 17). This also holds true for the implementation of sustainable social protection systems. It is necessary to enhance global cooperation to support national implementation plans. Cooperation should focus on exchanging knowledge, supporting institution-building, strengthening capacity of domestic resource mobilization and providing additional financial resources to developing countries for the implementation of the SDGs.

This side event will explain why social protection is central to the 2030 Agenda. It will also give participants the opportunity to discuss how national and international actors and initiatives can strengthen and support the implementation of universal social protection floors and systems.

Meeting's contribution to HLPF:

- Keeping and accelerating the momentum behind universal social protection.
- Promoting sustainable financing strategies for universal social protection floors.
- Invitation to joint action for universal social protection.