

# Second Voluntary National Report of Paraguay 2021

## *Side Event*

### **"Opportunities and challenges of Public Policies for the Life Cycle: The case of the Social Protection System of Paraguay"**

Friday July 9th, 2021  
1:00 to 2:30 PM ET

The COVID-19 global crisis has exposed the systemic weaknesses and the high degree of vulnerability of our peoples and its serious consequences on all the sectors of society, and their most basic and imperative needs, from life itself, to health, education and technology gaps, poverty and food security, employment. However, this crisis does not diminish the importance of the 2030 Agenda, on the contrary, it highlights the urgent need to work collectively in pursuit of a sustainable economic and social recovery that allows reducing the deep inequality gaps, and providing special attention to those who have been the most vulnerable, under the premise of leaving no one behind.

Paraguay, as a social State of Law, is in the process of implementing the Social Protection System *Vamos!* (Let's go!) as a public policy based on human rights approach that seeks to improve the quality of life of the population, throughout the life cycle of people, acting as a protection insurance for people, especially the most vulnerable. This system articulates the government's action to improve the delivery, quality, and management of services, benefits and protection, with the purpose of improving the quality of life of households and their communities, placing the person at the center of the System.

Currently, by defining objectives and strategic actions based on the needs of the different stages of the life cycle, as well as the environment, three basic pillars converge in the system: i) Social Integration, ii) Labor Insertion and Productivity, and iii) Social Security. The roadmap for the implementation of this program is set for the period 2019-2023, which includes the implementation in the territory of a set of social benefits, called service packages.

Despite all the advances that the country has reached, we are conscious of the numerous challenges that arise for the implementation in terms of the availability of reliable empirical evidence that enables efficient and timely state action until the necessary prioritization of areas or sectors given the magnitude of the needs, all of them imperious.



Paraguay, through this Side Event within the framework of the Presentation of its Second Voluntary National Report, seeks to provide a space for dialogue and exchange of good practices in addition to the identification of the main challenges towards 2030 in the three dimensions of the SDGs that converge in the Social Protection System.

1. Opening remarks

- Ambassador Julio César Arriola, Permanent Representative of Paraguay to the United Nations
- Mrs. Silvia Morimoto, UNDP Resident Representative in Paraguay
- Mrs. Adriana Camacho, UNDP Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean Senior Economist -Consultant

2. Panelists:

- Mrs. Carmen Marin, Chief and General Coordinator of the Social Cabinet of the Presidency of the Republic of Paraguay
- Mr. Daniel Titelman, Director of the Economic Development Division of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
- Mr. Paul Glewwe, Professor of Economics, University of Minnesota
- Mr. Francesco Maria Chiodi, Coordinator of the Social Policies Area of the European Union Programme EUROsociAL

Moderator: Mrs. Lyliana Gayoso

Commentator: Mrs. Verónica Serafini, Researcher at the Center for Analysis and Dissemination of the Paraguayan Economy (CADEP)

3. Closing remarks

Ambassador Helena Felip, Representative of the Coordination of the SDG Commission of Paraguay

