Pre-conference workshop: The Social Protection Floor Initiative

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Date: June 10, 2010 (Thursday)
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
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Place: Room S423 4/F (Harbour Road Entrance), Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, No.1, Expo Drive, Wanchai, Hong Kong

Programme (Tentative)

Part I Introduction on the Social Protection Floor Initiative

- substantive issues of social protection
- what are the financing issues
- individual countries’ experiences, and in overcoming resistance, etc.

AM 9:00 - 9:10 Opening Comments
Moderator:
Mr. Bob Huber
Chief of Technical Cooperation
United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs

Ms. Christine Fang
Chief Executive
The Hong Kong Council of Social Service

9:10 – 9:25 Welcoming Remark and Hong Kong Experience
Mr. Matthew Cheung
Secretary for Labour and Welfare of HKSAR Government

9:25 – 9:45 Mr. Christian Jacquier
Chief of Country Operations and Technical Cooperation
Social Security Department, ILO-Geneva

Ms. Valérie Schmitt-Diabate
Social Security Specialist, ILO- Bangkok

9:45 – 9:55 Dr. Worawan Chandoevwit
Research Director (Social Security)
Human Resources and Social Development Program
Thailand Development Research Institute

9:55 – 10:05 H.E. Dr. Vathana Sann
Deputy Secretary General
Council for Agricultural and Rural Development, Cambodia
10:05 – 10:15  **Dr. Huck-ju Kwon**  
Associate Professor  
Seoul National University, Republic of Korea

10:15 – 10:45  Discussion

10:45 – 11:00  **Break**

**Part II  Social Protection Floor Initiative in Focus**

- how the initiative was conceived  
- what the process has been to date  
- how UN agencies, civil society and bi-lateral donors have and can be involved, where and how listeners can get involved, etc.

Moderator:

**Mr. Denys Correll**  
Executive Director, ICSW

**Mr. Hoi Wai Chua**  
Business Director, Policy Advocacy & International Networks  
The Hong Kong Council of Social Service

**AM  11:00 – 11:10**  
Role of OECD-POVNET in taking the initiative forward  
**Mr. Timo Voipio**, Vice Chair of OECD-POVNET

**11:10 – 11:20**  
Role of the UN and UN agencies in the initiative  
**Mr. Bob Huber**, Chief of Technical Cooperation  
United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs

**11:20 – 11:30**  
Human face of economic recovery and is the SPF-I possible?  
**Ms. Isabel Ortiz**, Associate Director,  
Policy Advocacy and Knowledge Management, UNICEF

**11:30 – 11:40**  
The review “Social protection in Africa: an overview of the challenges” and next steps in Sudan in October 2010  
**Professor Vivienne Taylor**, Associate Professor, Head of Department, School of Social Development, University of Cape Town, South Africa

**11:40 – 11:50**  
HelpAge International’s work on social protection with focus on social cash transfers as a tool to enhance social protection  
**Mr. Eduardo Klien**, Regional Representative, HelpAge International East Asia/Pacific

**AM  11:50 – 12:30 /PM**  
Discussion and the Steps Forward

1. How can civil society contribute to taking the SPF-I forward?  
2. Who are the partners?  
3. How do we go about achieving national consensus?  
4. What resources does civil society need to take the SPF-I Agenda forward and how do we resource supporting national organisations that want to take up the issue?  
5. What questions can civil society anticipate from e.g. Ministries of Finance?