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***Social Protection related SDGs targets**

Goals

Targets

Goal 1. End poverty in all its forms everywhere

1.3 Implement nationally appropriate social protection systems and measures for all, including floors, and by 2030 achieve substantial coverage of the poor and the vulnerable

Goal 3. Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages

3.8 Achieve universal health coverage, including financial risk protection, access to quality essential health-care services and access to safe, effective, quality and affordable essential medicines and vaccines for all

Goal 5. Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls

5.4 Recognize and value unpaid care and domestic work through the provision of public services, infrastructure and social protection policies and the promotion of shared responsibility within the household and the family as nationally appropriate

Goal 8. Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all

8.5 By 2030, achieve full and productive employment and decent work for all women and men, including for young people and persons with disabilities, and equal pay for work of equal value

Goal 10. Reduce inequality within and among countries

10.4 Adopt policies, especially fiscal, wage and social protection policies, and progressively achieve greater equality





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Draft Program

10 :00 – 10 :10

Welcome and Introduction

Armand Drews, President of the Cercle de Coopération des ONG de développement

Conny Reuter, Secretary General of SOLIDAR

10:10- 11:10

Taking Stock of Sustainable Development Goals Negotiations: from engagements to the implementation of the social protection-related SDGs targets

Chair: Eppu Mikkonen-Jeanneret, Head of Policy, HelpAge International

Romain Schneider, Minister of Social Security, Minister for Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Affairs of Luxembourg

Nemen Mimica, European Commissioner in charge of International Cooperation and Development (TBC)

Linda McAvan MEP, Chair of European Parliament DEVE Committee

Charles Goerens MEP, ALDE DEVE Coordinator

Debate with MEPs and participants

11:10 – 12:10

From engagements to implementation: financing social protection (mobilizing domestic resources and the role of international solidarity)

Chair: Seamus Jeffreson, Director of CONCORD

Olivier De Schutter, Member of the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Sharan Burrow, General Secretary of the ITUC (TBC)

Isabel Ortiz, ILO Director of Social Protection (TBC)

Elly Schlein MEP, Member of DEVE Committee and Rapporteur on





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tax avoidance and tax evasion as challenges for governance, social protection and development in developing countries

Debate with MEPs and participants

12:10 – 13:00

From engagements to implementation: views from CSOs

Chair: Pascale Bodinaux, Director Solidarité Socialiste

Edmond Odaba, Coordinator of the African Platform for Social Protection

Juliette Compaoré, General Secretary of ASMADE (Burkina Faso)

Igor Kisale Masudi, General Secretary of Prodess (DRC)

Maria Arena MEP, Delegation to the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly

Debate with MEPs and participants

13:00 – 13:10

Closing Remarks

Dr. Luise Steinwachs, Brot für die Welt

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**SOCIAL PROTECTION FOR ALL: PUTTING SDGS COMMITMENTS INTO PRACTICE
ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION
THURSDAY 22 OCTOBER 2015 - 10:00 – 13:00
EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT**

Background and objective of the event

Since the International Labor Conference adopted, in June 2012, the Recommendation No. 202 on National Floors of Social Protection, there is a global consensus on the necessity to introduce or maintain National Social Protection Floors (NSPFs) which guarantee a minimum of income security and access to essential health care to all.

This consensus has been confirmed, in the framework of the negotiations of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), by the UN Secretary General Synthesis Report as well as the “Final draft of the outcome document for the UN Summit to adopt the Post-2015 Development Agenda” that have recognized the role of social protection in fighting poverty and inequality.

Moreover, the recently adopted Addis Accord recognizes social protection as one of the core cross-cutting areas where initiatives are needed in order to be able to achieve the SDGs. More in particular, paragraph 12 on ‘delivering social protection and essential public services for all’ states that “...*In our effort to end poverty in all its forms everywhere, we commit to implement nationally appropriate social protection systems and measures for all, including floors, with a focus on those furthest below the poverty line and people in vulnerable situations ...*”.

At the EU level, the Foreign Affairs Council (FAC) of the European Union adopted, on 20th of July 2015, the EU Action Plan on Human Rights and Democracy covering the period 2015-2019 that commits the EU to increase ...*the focus on ESCR in its external policy, including in its programming of external assistance, while also underlining that human rights are indivisible and interlinked; emphasize the clear recognition of the human rights dimension in areas such as social policy, health, education, access to food and water, or standard of living; promote and support the development and increased coverage of national social protection floors and gradual implementation of higher standards of social guarantees.*

With this background, the round table discussion “Social Protection for All: Putting SDGs Commitments into Practice” aims at

- Taking stock of the results of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) negotiations
- Discussing how to move from engagements to the implementation of the social protection-related SDGs targets* and the role of different actors (European Commission, European Council, European Parliament, UN, and CSOs)
- Highlighting the interconnections between the right to social protection and the progressive realization of economic, social and cultural rights.

