



Human Rights Council

SOCIAL FORUM 2009

31 August - 2 September 2009
Conference Room XX, Palais des Nations, Geneva

Programme of Work

MONDAY, 31 AUGUST 2009

10h00 – 10h30 **Opening of the Social Forum**

- H.E. Mr. Andrej Logar, the Chairperson-Rapporteur of the Social Forum, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Slovenia to the United Nations Office in Geneva
- H.E. Mr. Alex Van Meeuwen, President of the Human Rights Council

National anti-poverty programmes: best practices of States in implementing social security programmes from a human rights perspective

10h30 – 11h45 **Human-rights perspectives on a social protection floor, approaches for addressing the social protection gap**

- Ms. María Magdalena Sepulveda, UN Human Rights Council's Independent Expert on the question of human rights and extreme poverty
- Dr. Michael Cichon, Director of Department for Social Security, International Labour Organization
- Mr. David B. Evans, Director of the Department of Health Systems Financing, The World Health Organization

11h45 – 13h00 **Open debate in follow-up to Panel discussion**

13h00 – 15h00 **LUNCH BREAK**

15h00 – 16h40 **Best practices of States in implementing social security programmes from a human rights perspective**

- Mr. Stalin Links, Director, Department for Payments Management, Social Security Agency of South Africa
- Ms. Luziele Maria de Souza Tapajós, National Secretary of Assessment and Information of the Brazilian Ministry of Social Development
- Mr. Sahib Mammadov, Head of Division, Ministry of Economic Development of the Republic of Azerbaijan
- Mr Raymond Weber, Premier Councillor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Immigration, Luxembourg

16h40 – 18h00 **Open debate in follow-up to Panel discussions**

TUESDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER 2009

10h00 – 10h20 **Address by Ms. Kyung-wha Kang, the Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights**

10h20 – 11h35 **The role of civil society in improving availability and efficacy of social protection systems**

- Mr. Michael Windfuhr, Director for Human Rights, Diakonie Human Rights, Brot Fuer Die Welt
- Mr. Lalao Harivelo Henri Rambelo, Field Worker in Social Protection Programmes, Madagascar, ATD Quart Monde
- Mr. Peter Prove, Assistant to the General Secretary for International Affairs and Human Rights, Lutheran World Federation

11h35 – 13h00 **Open debate in follow-up to Panel discussions**

13h00 – 15h00 **LUNCH BREAK**

Negative impacts of economic and financial crises on efforts to combat poverty

15h00 – 15h45 **Enhancing efforts to combat poverty in the context of economic and financial crises**

- Mr. Petko Draganov, Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD
- Mr. Martin Khor, Executive Director of the South Centre
- Ms. Maria Virginia Bras Gomes, Member, UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

15h45 – 16h30 **Open debate in follow-up to Panel discussions**

16h30 – 17h15 **Protecting the human rights of particularly vulnerable groups during economic and financial crises**

- Mr. Cephas Lumina, Independent expert on the effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights
- Dr. Francine Mestrum, Member of the Board of the Flemish League of Human Rights and CETIM
- Mr. Katsuji Imata, Deputy Secretary-General, CIVICUS

17h15 – 18h00 **Open debate in follow-up to Panel discussions**

WEDNESDAY, 2 SEPTEMBER 2009

International assistance and cooperation in combating poverty

10h00 – 10h45 **Improving policy coherence in international assistance and cooperation in combating poverty:**

- Ms. Meghna Abraham, Head of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights Section, Amnesty International
- Mr. Steen Lau Jorgensen, Director for Social Development in the Sustainable Development Network, World Bank

10h45 – 11h30 **Open debate in follow-up to Panel discussions**

- 11h30 – 12h15 **Strengthening the effectiveness of international assistance and cooperation in combating poverty:**
- Dr. Margot Salomon, Senior Lecturer, Centre for the Study of Human Rights, London School of Economics
 - Ms. Violette Ruppenner, Director of 3D -> Trade - Human Rights - Equitable Economy
 - Mrs. Tita Prada de Mesa, Officer-in-Charge, Development Partnership Branch, International Labour Organization
- 12h15 – 13h00 **Open debate in follow-up to Panel discussions**
- 13h00 – 15h00 LUNCH BREAK
- 15h00 – 15h15 **Keynote Speech by Mr. Paulo Coelho, UN Messenger of Peace**
- 15h15 – 15h30 **Interactive dialogue with Mr. Paulo Coelho, UN Messenger of Peace**
- 15h30 – 16h45 **Interactive debate with holders of the relevant thematic procedures mandates of the Human Rights Council on issues related to topics of the Social Forum including conclusions and recommendations**
- 16h45 – 17h45 **Conclusions and recommendations to be submitted to the Human Rights Council**
- 17h45 – 18h00 **Closure of the Social Forum**

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