

## **The Social Protection Floors: achieving social security for all Implementing an international concept on the national level**

**Geneva, 8-11 March 2016**

The concept of the Social Protection Floors (SPF) was adopted by the International Labour Conference in June 2012 and since then has gained tremendous support on the international level. The potential of SPF to eradicate poverty and to balance economic and social uncertainties has been reaffirmed by its prominent role in the Sustainable Development Goals.

The Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung has decided to put the concept of SPF at the centre of its activities in the area of social justice. Therefore, some country offices wish to intensify their work around SPF. This seminar aims at providing indepth conceptual knowledge of SPF, a better understanding of possible stumbling blocks for achieving SPF and assisting to develop projects in the respecting countries.

### **Tuesday, 8 March 2016**

Topic of the Day: Networking with the Global Coalition for Social Protection Floors

Venue: Best Western Hotel Chavannes de Bogis

14:30-17:00

#### **Meeting with the Core Team of the Global Coalition for Social Protection Floors**

Presentation of the Global Coalition's Joint Strategy and discussion on potential partnership with ILO and FES

*The Global Coalition for Social Protection Floors was created in summer 2012 and consists today of more than 80 NGOs and Trade Unions from all parts of the world. The Coalition operates within a worldwide network structure without formal headquarter, secretariat, and sponsorship department.*

<http://www.socialprotectionfloorscoalition.org/>

## Wednesday, 9 March 2016

Topic of the Day

Venue: ILO building (4 route des Morillons), Room VI (R.3 level)

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| 9:30-10:45  | <b>ILO and SPF: Activities and main challenges</b><br><i>Isabel Ortiz</i> , Director, Social Protection Department and <i>Christina Behrendt</i> , Social Protection Policy Specialist, ILO |
| 10:45-11:00 | Coffee/Tea Break  |
| 11:00-12:15 | <b>SPF and the Informal Economy, Part I</b><br><i>Christina Behrendt</i> , Social Protection Policy Specialist, ILO   |
| 12:15-14:00 | Lunch Break   |
| 14:00-15:00 | <b>Financing social protection in developing countries</b><br><i>Christoph Ernst</i> , Senior Public Finance Economist, ILO   |
| 15:00-15:30 | Coffee/Tea Break  |
| 15:30-16:30 | <b>SPF: a key priority for FES</b><br><i>Cécilie Schildberg</i> , Coordinator, Gender and Global Social Justice, FES Headquarter  |

## Thursday, 10 March 2016

Topic of the Day

Venue: Château de Penthes (18, chemin de l'Impératrice), Pavillon Fontana

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| 9:15-10:45  | <b>The SPF-Puzzle: What did you learn about SPF and what do you not fully understand yet?</b><br>Moderated by <i>Yvonne Theemann</i> , Senior Program Officer and <i>Laura Carolin Freitag</i> , intern, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Geneva Office |
| 10:45-11:00 | Coffee/Tea Break   |
| 11:00-11:15 | <b>Short movie on SPF</b>  |

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| 11:15-12:30 | <b>Developing your SPF project check list</b><br>Moderated by <i>Yvonne Theemann</i> , Senior Program Officer and <i>Laura Carolin Freitag</i> , intern, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Geneva Office               |
| 12:30-14:00 | Lunch Break  |
| 14:00-16:00 | <b>Designing a new model of your future FES-SPF project</b><br>Moderated by <i>Yvonne Theemann</i> , Senior Program Officer and <i>Laura Carolin Freitag</i> , intern, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Geneva Office |
| 16:00-16:15 | Coffee/Tea Break   |
| 16:15-17:30 | <b>SPF and the Informal Economy, Part II</b><br>Karin Pape, European Regional Advisor, WIEGO   |

## Friday, 11 March 2016

Topic of the Day

Venue: Palais Wilson (52 rue des Pâquis), Room 1-016, and FES Geneva office (6bis, Chemin du Point du Jour)

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| 10:30       | Security Check at Palais Wilson (don't forget your passport!)  |
| 10:45-12:00 | <b>The Right to Social Security</b><br>Christian Courtis, Human Rights Officer, Human Rights and Economic and Social Issues Section, OHCHR |
| 12:15-13:15 | Lunch Break at the OHCHR   |
| 14:00-15:00 | <b>SPF for People with Disabilities</b><br>Catalina Devandas Aguilar, UN Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities     |
| 15:00-16:00 | Going to FES Geneva office   |
| 16:00-17:00 | <b>Social Protection and Human Rights</b><br>Doreen Akiyo Yomoah, Development Communications Consultant, UNRISD                            |
| 17:00-17:30 | <b>Evaluation and Closure of Seminar</b>   |