



Global Coalition for
SOCIAL PROTECTION FLOORS

Side-event at the official CESCR meeting

“The Social Protection Floor: a critical step in realizing the right to universal social security for all”

**Friday, 21 November 2014, 13.00 – 15.00, Room RS 181 at Palais Wilson,
Geneva, Switzerland**

The right to social security is one of the foundations of equitable and sustainable development. It can have a transformative role in contributing to long term inclusive growth while enhancing resilience against natural and manmade disasters, including economic, financial and social crisis. The Global Coalition for Social Protection Floors, a coalition of more than 80 NGOs and trade unions, therefore appeals to the members of the CESCR to issue a statement recognizing the ILO's Social Protection Floors Recommendation 202 as instrumental to the realization of the right to social security. Recognition of Recommendation 202 by the Committee will ensure operationalization of General Comment 19 and will be a step towards realization of the right to social security for all. This event will address the following questions:

- ✓ Why is the ILO's Social Protection Floor so important especially for developing countries?
- ✓ Why should the CESCR be engaged to ensure the global implementation and monitoring of Recommendation 202?
- ✓ What are the challenges in establishing and managing social security systems?

Moderator:

Priti DAROOKA, Executive Director, The Programme on Women's Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, India

Speakers:

- Viennarat CHUANGWIWAT, Independent Consultant, Thailand
- Katja HUJO, Research Coordinator, United Nations Research Institute for Social Development
- Manuel MONTES, Senior Advisor on Finance and Development, The South Centre, Switzerland
- Judith RANDEL, Executive Director, Development Initiatives, United Kingdom
- Valerie SCHMITT, Chief, Social Policy, Governance and Standards Branch, Social Protection Department, International Labour Organization
- Timo VOIPIO, Senior Adviser, Social Policy and Decent Work, Department for Development Policy, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Finland

☞ Sandwiches and refreshments will be served at 12:45 pm ☞