



International Conference on Social Protection in contexts of **Fragility & Forced Displacement**

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DRAFT CONFERENCE AGENDA



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Programme Day 1 – 28 September 2017

8:15 - 9:30 REGISTRATION AND WELCOME COFFEE

9:30 - 10:30 WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

The high-level panel will open the conference by staking out the role and importance of social protection in humanitarian, fragile, and protracted crises, zoom in on the motivation of this conference and underscore the need to fill evidence and operational gaps in leveraging social protection in contexts of fragility and forced displacement.

- **Monique Pariat**, Director-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid, DG ECHO
- **Stefano Manservisi**, Director-General for Development and International Cooperation, DG DEVCO
- **Government of Estonia (TBC)**
- **Ted Chaiban**, Director, Programme Division, UNICEF
- **Ingrid-Gabriela Hoven**, Director-General, Department for Global Issues, Sector Policies and Programs, German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)

10:30 - 11:15 KEY NOTE SPEECH

Stefan Dercon will reflect on key challenges of evidence agenda for social protection, in contexts of protracted crises and forced displacement, and future promise - drawing from his own expertise - and laying out challenges for the conference. This session welcomes an audience discussion.

- **Chair: Sarah Cook**, Director, UNICEF Office of Research
- **Keynote Speaker: Stefan Dercon**, Chief Economist, UK Department of International Development

11:15 - 11:45 COFFEE BREAK

11:45 - 13:00 HIGH-LEVEL PANEL

High-level panellists from different backgrounds discuss experiences, existing challenges and potential of social protection in contexts of protracted crises and forced displacement, including political and advocacy efforts. The panel will be followed by a question and answer session with audience members, intended to set the stage for debates that will follow during the next sessions.

- **Moderator: Jean-Louis De Brouwer** - Director of Europe, Eastern Neighbourhood and Middle East, DG ECHO
- **Judith Karabo**, Rwanda, individual refugee to recount their experience (TBC)
- **James Ebitu**, Director of Social Protection, Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development, Uganda (TBC)



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- (TBC)
- **Göran Holmqvist**, Head of Department for Asia, Middle East and Humanitarian Assistance, SIDA

13:00 - 14:00 **LUNCH**

14:00 - 15:30 **PARALLEL SESSIONS:**
SOCIAL PROTECTION IN CONTEXTS OF PROTRACTED CRISES

The first session will reflect on the design and implementation features that are associated with existing successful social protection interventions in countries which have experienced lengthy crises. The second session will focus on social protection systems design, implementation and effectiveness in contexts of significant instability, specifically from the perspective of peacebuilding and state building and the link between civilian-crisis management and systemic social protection development. Evidence from rigorous analyses and evaluations will be presented on the adequacy and cost-effectiveness of cash, in-kind transfers, vouchers, public works, and the use of technology. Links to sustainability and productive practices of these programmes will be also explored. The third session will focus on how to overcome the humanitarian-development divide associated with social protection interventions that respond to humanitarian crises within a very short-time horizon. Panellists will present approaches that have proven successful at contributing to improved outcomes over the longer term for child and family wellbeing and livelihood resilience in contexts of protracted crises. The three sessions will focus on institutional, political economy and legitimacy issues beyond simply “technical” challenges to facilitate longer-term planning and systems strengthening.

PARALLEL SESSION 1A: DESIGNING, IMPLEMENTING AND EFFECTIVENESS OF SOCIAL PROTECTION SYSTEMS IN CONTEXTS OF PROTRACTED CRISES

- **Chair: Dominique Bourgeon**, Strategic Programme Leader and Director of Programme on Resilience, FAO
- **Minister Maryam Qaasim**, Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs and Disaster Management, Somalia (TBC)
- **Researcher** (TBC)
- **Panellist 3**: Donor representative (DFID or SIDA or COOPITA) (TBC)
- **Panellist 4**: Donor representative (USAID's or FFP or OFDA) (TBC)

PARALLEL SESSION 1B: CIVILIAN-CRISIS MANAGEMENT AND SYSTEMIC SOCIAL PROTECTION DEVELOPMENT IN CONTEXTS OF PROTRACTED CRISES

- **Chair: Eppu Mikkonen-Jeanneret**, Senior Adviser for Global Social Policy, Finnish Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- **Dr Alema**, Deputy Minister of Refugees and Repatriation, Government of Afghanistan
- **Sheree Bennet**, International Rescue Committee
- **MfFA or CMC Finland Peacebuilding and Civilian Crisis Management Studies**



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- **Pia Stjernvall**, Head of Mission of EUPOL or **David Korpela**, Senior Adviser, Development Policy, Conflicts and Development of Societies, Finnish Ministry of Foreign Affairs

PARALLEL SESSION 1C: THINKING LONG(ER) TERM IN FRAGILE CONTEXTS

- **Chair: Joanne Bosworth**, Regional Adviser - CECIS, UNICEF
- **Dr Riaz Tanoli**, Project Director (SHP Initiative for the KPK region in Pakistan) at the Provincial Health Department, Pakistan
- **Tilman Bruck**, International Security and Development Centre: will talk on how best to provide long term evidence in contexts of humanitarian disasters, fragility and conflict, particularly from a social protection angle, but also from a more technical, data collection and evidence-gathering point of view.
- **Paul Harvey**, Chief Executive of Secure Livelihoods Research Consortium

15:30 - 16:00 COFFEE BREAK

**16:00 - 17:00 PLENARY 1 - SOCIAL PROTECTION IN FRAGILE CONTEXTS:
LESSONS LEARNED AND MOVING FORWARD**

This session will bring together the main lessons and conclusions from the parallel sessions on social protection in fragile contexts, from research, policymaker and donor perspectives. Drawing from these conclusions, expert opinions will be presented in order to gain consensus on how to move forward as an international community to address outstanding issues and key challenges in the future. The session will begin with a 5-minute summary from each of the three parallel session chairs. The plenary Moderator will then ask questions to the panel to respond to what they have heard in preceding parallel sessions.

- **Moderator: Steen Jorgensen**, Director for Social Protection, Labour and Jobs, World Bank
- **Natalia Winder Rossi**, Deputy Director, Social Protection Team Leader and Delivery Manager, FAO
- **Carell Laurent**, Division Chief at USAID
- **Fabio Veras**, International Policy Centre for Inclusive Growth

17:00 - 18:00 SPEED NETWORKING SESSION 1

Rapid exchange consisting of 10 mins (e.g. 5 min presenting/ 5 mins audience discussion) pitches on interactive topics of key interest. Stakeholders present an operational project or research poster they are working on in their countries, at any stage of the project cycle and get feedback from researchers and government officials, technical and political expertise; present and share interactive tools, multimedia and other materials.

1. **World Bank: Ethiopia's PSNP: A linkage between humanitarian response and the PSNP contingency plan (a joint effort by ECHO, DFID, WB and WFP in support to the Govt.-led system) (TBC)**



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2. **DFID: Kenya's Hunger Safety Net Programme: Innovative tools to deliver cash at scale** (Presentation supported by DAI or OPM (TBC))
3. **FAO: CASH+ approach in fragile contexts** (TBC)
4. **FAO: Risk-informed and shock-responsive social protection Interactive learning tool** (TBC):
5. **Heiko Hering**, Senior Public Health Officer, Division of Programme Support and Management, **UNHCR** and **James Canonge**, Social Protection Policy Officer, Social Protection Department, **ILO: Building social protection floors in contexts of fragility and forced displacement** (TBC)
6. **Arthur van Diesen, Regional Adviser - MENA, UNICEF: Outcome of Lessons learnt on the use of humanitarian cash transfers in the MENA region** (TBC)
7. **WFP** (TBC)
8. **WFP** (TBC)
9. **German Development Institute**, *Cash transfer programmes and food security in fragile states - case studies in DRC, Somalia, Sierra Leone, Uganda and Chad* (TBC, 28th)
10. **GIZ**, Forced displacement in the MENA region (TBC, 29th)
11. **Chrystelle Tsafack Temah**, UNICEF Mali and EU (TBC)
12. **Harry Mwamlima**, Director, **Poverty Reduction and Social Protection, Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning and Development (MoFEPD)**, *Weaving social safety nets in fragile contexts: Building a more agile, integrated and shock-sensitive social protection system in Malawi* (with support from DFID, EU, GIZ, UNICEF, WFP, World Bank)
13. **Principal Secretary, Ministry of Social Development, Lesotho** (with support from FAO, UNICEF, WFP), *Shock-Responsive Social Protection Systems: Lesotho experience in Emergency Response* (TBC)
14. **Nestor B. Ramos**, Regional Director, **Department of Social Welfare and Development, Philippines**: *DSWD Social Protection Intervention for Internally Displaced Families during Natural and Manmade Disasters: The Case of Typhoon Haiyan and Malawi Armed Conflict* (TBC)
15. **Irenée Arimanana Ravelojaona**, Director General of Social protection, **Ministry of Population, Social Protection and Promotion of Women, Madagascar**, *How Madagascar is Scaling up Shock-responsive Social Protection to Improve Poor Families' Lives (French)* (TBC)
16. **Dr Jean Robert Brutus**, Social Protection Advisor, **Ministry of Social Affairs and Labor, Haiti**, *Social Safety Nets as a Response to Hurricane Matthew in October 2016 in Haiti's South and Grand'Anse Departments (French)* (TBC)
17. **Charles Knox-Vydmannov**, Global Adviser, Social Protection, **HelpAge International**, *Universal pension systems in fragile contexts – something unique?* (TBC)

18:00 - 19:00

WELCOME RECEPTION



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Programme Day 2 - 29 September 2017

9:00 - 9:30

WELCOME 2nd DAY

A series of short compelling videos will be shown that focus attention on forced displacement. The host will recap day 1.

- **Host:** (TBC)

9:30 - 11:00

PARALLEL SESSIONS:

THE NEEDS OF FORCED DISPLACED POPULATIONS AND THE ROLE OF SOCIAL PROTECTION

PARALLEL SESSION 2A: THINKING LONGER TERM IN CONTEXTS OF FRAGILITY AND FORCED DISPLACEMENT

The session will focus on how to respond to the social protection needs of refugees and vulnerable populations in host communities, and in a context where it is difficult to foresee whether the forced displacement will become protracted. This situation requires all actors involved to respond to both the immediate crisis, as well as underscoring the increasing relevance of thinking longer-term, and how to transform temporary social protection schemes into more sustainable national systems that can respond to ongoing and future shocks. To achieve these twin goals, it seems essential to overcome the humanitarian-development divide and to strengthen national capacities to expand social protection coverage to those vulnerable households most affected by crises. Recognising the specific contextual circumstances of the country examples presented in this session, this discussion will examine the challenges and promising approaches to achieve improved outcomes over the longer term for wellbeing and livelihood resilience in contexts of fragility and forced displacement. The session will examine these possibilities for both target groups - refugees just as host communities, while focusing on institutional, political economy and legitimacy issues beyond simply “technical” challenges to facilitate longer-term planning and systems strengthening.

- **Chair:** Dr. Silvia Morgenroth, Head of BMZ Division 321 Tackling the Root Causes of Displacement
- **Ministry of Social Affairs Lebanon (TBD)**
- **Kenn Crossley**, Deputy Director, Programme and Policy Division, World Food Programme
- **Violet Warney**, UNICEF Lebanon



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PARALLEL SESSION 2B: MEETING COMMITMENTS IN RECEIVING COUNTRIES: EXTENDING SOCIAL PROTECTION TO DISPLACED PERSONS

Participants in this session will examine questions around 'adequate' social protection in receiving countries, taking into account opportunities and limitations for extending coverage or developing specific social protection provision to the refugee population in receiving countries with varying domestic political and public support. It will also look into evidence on the effects of social protection systems on mental well-being and social tensions in and between displaced and host communities with important implications for programme design.

- **Co-Chair: Massimo La Rosa**, Global Thematic Coordinator on Forced Displacement and Migration, DG ECHO & **Ms. Camilla Hagstrom**, Head of Sector Migration and Asylum, DG DEVCO
- **Ramazan Ozdag**, Deputy Director General, Ministry of Family and Social Policies, Turkey
- **Jonathan Campbell**, Deputy Country Director, WFP Turkey
- **Loren Landau**, Southern African Research Chair on Mobility and the Politics of Difference with the African Centre for Migration & Society at the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg

PARALLEL SESSION 2C: EFFECTIVE SOCIAL PROTECTION FOR DISPLACED PERSONS IN THE URBAN SETTING

Urbanisation now looms large as a critical dimension of providing social assistance to displaced populations. Approximately 60% of refugees end up in urban areas; a trend that looks destined to continue. This urban gravitation generates very specific needs and challenges. It presupposes the development of social protection provision suited to these circumstances in receiving countries. Assisting policy makers to adapt their social protection approaches in such a direction would ensure better provision for displaced persons. This session will discuss these issues and provide existing empirical evidence on the consequences of and solutions for unburdening basic social support services in urban areas.

- **Chair: Andrew Mitchell**, Senior Solutions Officer, Social Protection and Resilience, UNHCR
- **Government of Iran (TBC)**
- **Amber Peterman**, UNICEF Office of Research: will present research among Colombian displaced persons in urban areas of Ecuador and the effects of social protections on their wellbeing
- **Ugo Gentilini**, World Bank

11:00 - 11:30

COFFEE BREAK

11:30 - 12:30

PLENARY 2 - FORCIBLY DISPLACED POPULATIONS AND THE ROLE OF SOCIAL PROTECTION: LESSONS LEARNED AND MOVING FORWARD



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This session will bring together the main lessons and conclusions from the parallel sessions on meeting the needs of forced displaced populations, from the viewpoints of research, policymaker and implementer perspectives, as well as draw on expert opinions to gain consensus on how to move forward as an international community to address outstanding issues and key challenges in the future. The session will begin with a 5-minute summary from each of the three parallel session chairs. The plenary Moderator will then ask questions to the panel to respond to what they have heard in preceding parallel sessions.

- **Moderator: Ewen Macleod**, Senior Advisor for Development, UNHCR
- (TBC)
- **Francesca Bastagli**, Overseas Development Institute
- **Valérie Schmitt**, Deputy Director and Flagship Head, Social Protection Department, Integrational Labour Organization

12:30 - 14:00 LUNCH

14:00 - 15:30 SPEED NETWORKING SESSION 2

Rapid exchange consisting of 10 mins (e.g. 5 min presenting/ 5 mins audience discussion) pitches on interactive topics of key interest. Stakeholders present an operational project or research poster they are working on in their countries, at any stage of the project cycle and get feedback from researchers and government officials, technical and political expertise; present and share interactive tools, multimedia and other materials.

See list of possible presentations in SPEED NETWORKING SESSION 1.

15:30 - 16:00 COFFEE BREAK

16:00 - 17:00 TRANSLATING LESSONS INTO PRACTICE: HIGH-LEVEL PANEL

- **Moderator: Leila Pakkala**, Regional Director, Eastern and Southern Africa, UNICEF
- **Dominique Bourgeon**, Strategic Programme Leader and Director of Programme on Resilience, FAO
- **Christoph Beier**, Vice Chair of the Management, GIZ
- **Minister Maryam Qaasim**, Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs and Disaster Management, Somalia (TBC)
- (TBC)

17:00 - 17:30 CLOSING REMARKS



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