



## THE QUEST FOR DIGNITY: TOWARDS UNIVERSAL SOCIAL PROTECTION COVERAGE

A side event at the occasion of the 54th session of the Commission for Social Development organized by ICSW, ILO, IASSW, FES in cooperation with the Global Coalition for the Social Protection Floors.

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1:15 - 2:30 pm

Conference Room E  
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Human dignity-- the quintessential core of human rights-- has been recognised as an essential element for delivering on the sustainable development goals, while social protection figures prominently among the set of SDGs. Strengthening social protection is seen not only as one of the best ways to reduce poverty, insecurity and inequality in the world, but also as an effective means to achieve sustainability. More and more countries approach social protection as an investment in the present and in the future of societies and as a proven contributor to development.

The side-event seeks to highlight the role of the Social Protection Floor Initiative for implementing existing international human rights law and the newly adopted 2030 Development Agenda. For achieving that “no one is left behind” the value of universal coverage and access to social protection is crucial.

### **Moderator:**

**Dr. Sergei Zelenev**, Executive Director, ICSW

### **Speakers:**

**Hon. Nana Oye Lithur**, Minister of Gender, Children and Social Protection (TBC)

**Mr. Andreas Glossner**, Political Counselor, Germany

**Dr. Cäcilie Schildberg**, Coordinator for Gender-Equal Approaches to Globalisation and Global Social Justice, FES

**Professor Lynne Healy**, UN Representative for IASSW

**Mr. Vinicius Carvalho Pinheiro**, Special Representative to the UN and Director, ILO