

**Global Social Protection Week**  
**“Achieving SDG 1.3 and Universal Social Protection (USP2030)  
in the Context of the Future of Work”**

**High-Level Conference**  
Financing social protection: Creating fiscal space at the national level and  
providing support at the international level

**Tuesday, 26 November 2019**  
**From 10:45am to 12:00am**

## **BACKGROUND**

Over the past two days, we have taken stock of where we stand when it comes to making the right to social protection a reality for all. We have moved the discussion on social protection towards an investment paradigm, illustrating that universal access to comprehensive and sustainable social protection is key for bringing economic and social prosperity to all. Despite unprecedented consensus on and commitment to the crucial role of social protection at the global level, we have also seen that this human right is a reality for far too few people. Innovative solutions to extend social protection exist and countries and development partners have often already joined forces – with laudable achievements – to work towards achieving SDG 1.3. However, if we are serious about reaching our goals within the next decade, progress cannot continue at the same pace, but needs to accelerate considerably.

A major bottleneck to achieving the SDGs is closing the financing gap. This is why this last session is dedicated to exploring the options that countries, and actually the international community, have at their disposal to increase fiscal space and to deliver on their promises.

This session brings together representatives from governments, social partners, the G20, UN and international financial institutions, as well as leading human rights and public finance experts, in order to exchange their views on the different options that countries have to close financing gaps, both domestically and at a global level.

**MODERATOR:** Nozipho Mbanjwa

## **SPEAKERS**

Panel chaired by **Ms Valérie Schmitt**, Deputy Director, ILO Social Protection Department, with

- **Mr You Jun**, Vice-Minister, Ministry of Human Resources and Social Security, China
- **Ms Anousheh Karvar**, G7/G20 Sherpa (Labour & Employment) of France representing the G7 Presidency
- **Mr Joachim Breuer**, Professor, President, International Social Security Association
- **Ms Jennifer Topping**, Executive Coordinator at United Nations Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office (video message)
- **Ms Liina Carr**, Confederal Secretary of the European Trade Union Confederation
- **Mr David Coady**, Division Chief, Expenditure Policy, International Monetary Fund
- **Ms Magdalena Sepúlveda**, Executive Director, Global Initiative for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights