



2024 UNITED NATIONS CIVIL SOCIETY CONFERENCE

SIDE EVENT: SOCIAL PROTECTION;

Why universal social protection is essential for inclusive development, peace and security in the present and future.



Thursday, 9 May 2024



1300-1430 Hrs (EAT)



Tribe Hotel
Nairobi, Kenya

Note: This is a hybrid event with limited in-person attendance by invite only. To join the online discussion, please register [here](#).

CONTEXT

The 2030 Agenda (SDG 1.3) outlines a clear commitment to “implement nationally appropriate social protection systems and measures for all, including floors, and by 2030 achieve substantial coverage of the poor and vulnerable”. But with only six years to 2030, less than half the global population have access to social protection. Fewer than 1 in 10 children in low-income countries have access to [child benefits](#), a figure which is 10 times lower than for those living in high-income countries.

We are failing.

Please join us for the 2024 UN Civil Society Conference webinar: ***Why universal social protection is essential for inclusive development, peace and security in the present and future.***

Participants will discuss how the Pact for the Future can focus more on expanding social protection coverage and its financing; and develop concrete proposals for the UN Civil Society conference, and the 2025 World Social Summit.

MODERATOR: Ingo Ritz, Director, Global Call to Action Against Poverty (GCAP)

SPEAKERS

- Jane Anyango, Founder, Polycom Development Project, Nairobi
- David Lambert Tumwesigye, Global Policy & Advocacy Lead, Child Poverty, Save the Children International
- Umberto Cattaneo, Public Finance Economist, Universal Social Protection Department (SOCPRO), International Labour Organization (ILO)
- TBC, Africa Platform for Social Protection (APSP)

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Ingo will moderate a discussion and to sum up with recommendations for wording/asks

SPEAKERS (10 minutes)

- Jane Anyango, Founder, Polycom Development Project, Nairobi
 - Jane is a grassroots activist with young women in Kibera.
 - Gender and SP: Why SPFs matters for marginalised women in underserved communities focus on Kibera.
 - How SotF and World Social Summit can galvanise political decision making to ensure social Protection commitments are followed through on.
 - Civil society recommendations for these actions.

- David Lambert Tumwesigye, Global Policy & Advocacy Lead, Child Poverty, Save the Children International
 - Presentation of the child benefits tracker, what it is showing, gaps and what needs to be done.
 - Why it is important for SDG progress and SOTF Pact for the Future to have clear and strong commitments to ensure universal child benefits.
 - Save the children recommendations for Pact for the Future language.

- Umberto Cattaneo, Public Finance Economist, Universal Social Protection Department (SOCPRO), International Labour Organization (ILO)
 - Review of SPF implementation gaps in coverage, technical capacity and finance globally and in Africa.
 - Solutions being discussed to cover gaps including Global Accelerator and Global Fund.
 - Why SPF is a key driver for SDG implementation and its importance in the Pact for the Future.
 - Presentation of the [Financing gap for universal social protection: Global, regional and national estimates and strategies for creating fiscal space](#), ILO Working paper 113 (April 23, 2024).

- *TBC*, Africa Platform for Social Protection (APSP)
 - Role of legal frameworks including constitutions in y to embed social protection in national policies and policies.
 - Description of and significance of Africa Union Protocol on the right of all African citizens to social protection.
 - Actions that are needed now by governments and their citizens to make the protocol happen (not just a piece of paper).

CO-ORGANISERS

Save the Children International, Global Coalition for Social Protection Floors (GCSPF), Global Call to Action Against Poverty (GCAP), UNANIMA International, Institute of the Blessed Virgin

Mary (IBVM), International Presentation Association (IPA) and Building Blocks for Peace Foundation.

RELATED INFORMATION

- [UN Global Accelerator on Jobs and Social Protection for Just Transitions](#)
- [Global Fund for Social Protection](#)
- [Global Child Benefits Tracker](#)
- [High-Level Seminar: Towards the Second World Summit for Social Development \(Video\)](#)
- [Financing gap for universal social protection: Global, regional and national estimates and strategies for creating fiscal space](#), ILO Working paper 113 (April 23, 2024)
Author(s): Umberto Cattaneo, Helmut Schwarzer, Shahra Razavi and Andrea Visentin
- [Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights to Social Protection and Social Security](#)
- Contributions of the Global Coalition for Social Protection Floors (GCSPF) to the Summit of the Future ([inputs](#) and [contribution](#)) and to the [Global Digital Compact](#).

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