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**EXPERT CONSULTATION MEETING
ON CHILDREN AND SOCIAL PROTECTION SYSTEMS IN AFRICA
CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA
28-30 April 2014**

Theme: “Children and Social Protection Systems: Building the African Agenda

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

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EXPERT CONSULTATION: PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Monday: 28 APRIL 2014

15:00 – 19:00 **REGISTRATION at Conference Center, Cape Town, South Africa**

18:00 – 20:00 **GALA DINNER and OPENING SESSION hosted by the Minister of Social Development, Republic of South Africa**

Master of Ceremony: **Mr Vusi Madonsela**, Director General, Department of Cooperative Governance, and **Dr. Makhosi Busisiwe Khoza**, Chairperson, Ministerial Advisory Committee on the future Payment System for Social Grants, Republic of South Africa

- Statement by **Mr. Jeffrey O'Malley**, Director, Division of Policy and Strategy, UNICEF
- Statement by **H.E. Amb. Mustapha Kaloko**, Commissioner, Department of Social Affairs, African Union Commission
- Statement by **H.E. Ms. Bathabile Dlamini**, Minister of Social Development, Republic of South Africa

Tuesday: 29 APRIL 2014

08:00 – 09:00 **REGISTRATION (continued)**

09:00 – 09:20 **WELCOME and INTRODUCTIONS**

Chair: **Dr. Johan L. Strijdom**, Social Affairs Department, African Union Commission

- Remarks by **H.E. Amb. Maiygeun Olawale**, Director, Department of Social Affairs, African Union Commission
- Remarks by **Mr. Coceko Pakade**, Director General, Department of Social Development, Republic of South Africa

09:20 – 09:30 **ITEM 1: Adoption of the Programme of Work**

09:30 – 10:30

ITEM 2: Progress and Opportunities for Expanding Rights-Based Social Protection in Africa

- **Dr. Agnes Akosua Aidoo**, National Partnership for Children, Ghana
- **Prof. Vivienne Taylor**, University of Cape Town, South Africa

10:30 – 11:00

Tea/Coffee Break

11:00 – 13:00

ITEM 3: Consideration of Country Experiences in Social Protection across Africa: Evidence on Impacts, Financing, Scaling Up and Implementation

Chair: **Dr. Johan L. Strijdom**, Social Affairs Department, African Union Commission

- **Ms. Winnie Mwasiaji**, National Coordinator, Social Protection Secretariat (Kenya): *Cash Transfer for Orphans and Vulnerable Children: Achievements, Key lessons and move towards a National Social Protection System*
- **Mr. Lawrence Ofori-Addo**, Deputy Director, Social Protection, Department of Social Welfare (Ghana): *Livelihood Empowerment Against Poverty (LEAP): Achievements, Key lessons and Way Forward*
- **Brenton Van Vrede**, Chief Director, Social Assistance, Department of Social Development (South Africa): *Child Support Grant in South Africa: Achievements, Key lessons and Way Forward*
- Panel of discussants, facilitated by **Mr. Selwyn Jehoma**, Economic Policy and Research Institute, South Africa:
 - **Prof. Nathaniel Welington**, University of Sierra Leone
 - **Dr. Mary Nyamongo**, African Institute of Health
 - **Prof. Edwell Kaseke**, Wits University
 - **Prof. Alex Van Den Heever**, Wits University

13:00 – 14:30

Lunch Break

14:30 – 16:00

ITEM 4: Consideration of Country Experiences in Social Protection across Africa: Evidence on Impacts, Financing, Scaling Up and Implementation

Commission 1: Impacts and results for children

Moderator: **Mr. Maxton Tsoka**, University of Malawi

- **Mr. Andrew Tehmeh**, Deputy Minister for Planning and Administration, Ministry of Gender and Development (Liberia): *Liberia Social Cash Transfer Program: Evidence on impacts and Results on Children and families*
- **Mrs. Carren Ogoti**, OVC Secretariat, Department of Children Services, Ministry of Labour, Social Security and Services (Kenya): *Cash Transfer Program for Orphans and Vulnerable Children: Evidence on Impacts and Results on Children and adolescent wellbeing*

Commission 2: Lessons on design & implementation

Moderator: **Ms. Mary Bintou Djibrilou**, Directrice de la Solidarité Nationale (Niger)

- **Dr. Adedayo Adeyanju**, Commissioner for Health, Ondo State (Nigeria): *Free health care provision at sub-national level in Nigeria*
- **Mr. Meried Mengesh Berhe**, Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs (Ethiopia): *The new stage of the Productive Safety Net Program: Moving towards a systems approach to social protection*
- **Dr. Esmie Kainja**, Director of Social Support Services, Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Welfare (Malawi): *Community Participation in the design and implementation of the Malawi Social Cash Transfer Program*

Commission 3: Financing and scaling up

Moderator: **Dr. Mary Nyamongo**, African Institute of Health

- **Mr. Shale Takatso**, Social Protection Manager, Ministry of Social Development (Lesotho): *Impacts on Children, expansion , scale-up and move towards an integrated national social protection system in Lesotho*
- **M. Mohamed Ould Bedda**, Directeur de l'Enfance au Ministère des Affaires Sociales, de l'Enfance et de la Famille (Mauritania): *Building a social protection system in Mauritania*
- **Mrs. Elisifa Kinasha**, Senior Manager, Tanzania Social Action Fund (Tanzania): *Scaling up of Productive Social Safety Net under TASAF in Tanzania*

16:00 – 16:15

Tea/Coffee Break

16:15 – 17:45

ITEM 4 (continued): Consideration of Country Experiences in Social Protection across Africa: Evidence on Impacts, Financing, Scaling Up and Implementation

Commission 1: Impacts and results for children

Moderator: **Prof. Gelson Tembo**, University of Zambia

- **Mr. Nidhal Ben Cheikh**, Directeur des Etudes, Centre de Recherches et des Études Sociales (Tunisia): *School Allowance Program: Evidence on Impact and Results on Children*
- **Mr. Thabani Buthelezi**, Chief Director, Monitoring and Evaluation, Department of Social Development (South Africa): *Child Support Grant: Evidence on Impacts and Results on children and adolescent wellbeing*

Commission 2: Lessons on design & implementation

Moderator: **Ms. Hariguietta Arilorez Congo/Zongo**, Ministry of Social Action and National Solidarity (Burkina Faso)

- **Mr. Faouzi Amokrane**, Chef de division des études sociales, Conseil National Économique et Social, and **Dr. Nacereddine Hammouda**,

CREAD-Centre de Recherche en Economie Appliquée pour le Développement (Algeria): *Les systèmes de protection sociale en Algérie: évaluer l'impact sur les enfants*

- **Mr. S. G. Mhishi**, Principal Director, Ministry of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare (Zimbabwe): *Harmonized Social Cash Transfer: Experience with using Management Information Systems to integrate support for economic and social vulnerabilities*

Commission 3: Financing and scaling up

Moderator: **Ms. Gisèle Gbenimet-Kozo**, Directrice a.i. Planification du Développement Social (Central African Republic)

- **Mr. Papa Malick Gningue**, Directeur des stratégies de protection sociale, Délégation Nationale de Protection Sociale et Solidarité Nationale (Senegal): *Programme National de Bourse de Sécurité Familiale*
- **Mr. Vandrás Luywa**, Senior Social Welfare Officer, Social Welfare Department, Ministry of Community Development (Zambia): *Expansion, scale-up and move towards an integrated social protection system in Zambia*

End of Day One

Wednesday: 30 April 2014

9:00 – 10:30

ITEM 5: Lessons on Impact, Implementation, Financing and Scaling Up Social Protection Interventions in Africa

Chair: **H.E. Amb. Maiygeun Olawale**, Director, Department of Social Affairs, African Union Commission

- Rapporteurs from Commissions 1, 2 and 3, facilitated by **Dr. Wiseman Magasela**, Deputy Director General: Social Policy, Department of Social Development, South Africa:
 - **Prof. Nathaniel Wellington**, University of Sierra Leone
 - **Dr. Mary Nyamongo**, African Institute of Health

- **Prof. Edwell Kaseke**, Wits University
- **Prof. Alex Van Den Heever**, Wits University

10:30 - 11:00

Tea/Coffee Break

11:00 – 13:00

SIDE EVENT (OPTIONAL): Improving Child Outcomes through Social Protection

Chair: **H.E. Amb. Maiygeun Olawale**, Director, Department of Social Affairs, African Union Commission

- **Dr. Sudhanshu Handa**, Chief of Social and Economic Policy, UNICEF
- **Prof. Michael Samson**, Director, Economic Policy Research Institute, South Africa
- **Dr. Benjamin Davis**, Senior Economist, FAO
- **Dr. Tavengwa Nhongo**, Executive Director, African Platform for Social Protection, Kenya

Discussants: **Dr. Timo Voipio**, Senior Advisor, Finland, and **Mr. Luis Frotta**, International Labour Organization

13:00 – 14:30

Lunch Break

14:30 – 15:30

ITEM 6: Consideration and adoption of the AU Experts Meeting Draft Recommendations and Draft Report to be submitted to the Fourth Conference of African Ministers of Social Development

Chair: **H.E. Amb. Maiygeun Olawale**, Director, Department of Social Affairs, African Union Commission

15:30 - 16:00

Tea/Coffee Break

16:00 – 17:00

ITEM 6 (Continued): Consideration and adoption of the AU Experts Meeting Draft Recommendations and Draft Report to be submitted to the Fourth Conference of African Ministers of Social Development

Chair: **H.E. Amb. Maiygeun Olawale**, Director,
Department of Social Affairs, African Union Commission

17:00 – 17:15

ITEM 7: Closing Ceremony

- Closing remarks by **Mr. George Laryea-Adjei**, Deputy Representative, UNICEF South Africa
- Closing remarks by **H.E. Amb. Maiygeun Olawale**, Director, Department of Social Affairs, African Union Commission
- Closing remarks by **Mr. Coceko Pakade**, Director General, Department of Social Development, Republic of South Africa