

Priority Theme: “Addressing inequalities and challenges to social inclusion through fiscal, wage and social protection policies”.



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Social Protection is a human right and key to achieving the sustainable development. Only 45 per cent of the global population is effectively covered by at least one social benefit, while the remaining 55 per cent– 4 billion people are left unprotected. ([World Social Protection Report 2017/19: Universal social protection to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals](#))

Social protection floors are nationally defined sets of basic social security guarantees that should ensure, as a minimum that, over the life cycle, all in need have access to essential health care and to basic income security which together secure effective access to goods and services defined as necessary at the national level.

What happens at the Commission?

The Member States reaffirmed various commitments made and reminded themselves the importance of the implementation of social protection policies to reduce inequalities and to leave no one behind.

The most significant thing is the Resolution agreed by the Member States during the commission sent to the Economic and Social Council for consideration and adoption. It is important for those of us who advocate at local, national and international level to know what our leaders have agreed upon on the priority theme. They have agreed/committed themselves to:

- Address inequality in all its dimensions
- Promote nationally appropriate social protection system including social protection floors and universal access to social services to addressing and reducing poverty, inequality and social exclusion and promoting inclusive economic growth.
- Ensure active labour market policies to provide decent work for all and provide adequate labour protection to all workers
- Accelerate efforts to eliminate barriers to social inclusion.
- Ensure meaningful and active participation of all particularly those who are vulnerable or marginalised for the sustainable development.