



REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA
MINISTRY OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Interregional training workshop on strengthening capacity for evidence-based social protection policies for responding to the triple global crisis in fuel, food and finance

8 to 10 July 2025, Livingstone, Zambia

Tentative Agenda

Time	Session
Day 1	Tools, digital innovation and financing strategies
08:30 - 09:00	Registration
<i>National Anthem and prayer</i>	
<i>Framing the Agenda and Context</i>	
9:00 - 9:30	Session 1: Opening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Amson Sibanda</i>, Chief of service, Division for Sustainable Development Goals, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DSDG/DESA) <i>Angela Chomba Kawandami</i>, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Community Development and Social Services (MCDSS), Zambia Introduction of Participants Review of the Project's history, Workshop Agenda and Objectives, <i>Mamusa Siyunyi</i>, Social Affairs officer, Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)/ <i>Claudio Santibanez</i>, Inter-Regional Adviser, DESA - Virtual Moderator: Patrick Choolwe , Director Planning and Information, Ministry of Community Development and Social Services (MCDSS) Zambia .
9:30 - 10:00	Keynote Address: Resilience and Adaptation in the Face of the Triple Crisis, <i>Michael Samson</i> , Director, Economic Policy and Research Institute, South Africa_ Virtual
10:00 – 10:30	<i>Andrew Allieu</i> , Senior Economist, International Labour Organization Regional Office for Africa - Virtual

10:30 – 11:00	Group photo and Coffee break
11:00 – 13:00	<p>Session 2: Tools and frameworks for adaptive social protection design and targeting</p> <p>Moderator: Zuhura Yunus, Deputy Permanent Secretary, Prime Ministers' Office, Labour, Youth, Employment & Persons with Disabilities, Tanzania</p> <p>Presentations from project partners: (20 min each)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI), Corinne Mitchell, Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI). • Social Protection to Leave No One Behind (SP2LNOB), Selahattin Selsah Pasali, Social Affairs Officer, Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP). • Social dimension interface, Christian Oldiges, Chief of Section, Social Policy, Economic Commission for Africa (ECA). • Discussion: Hands on Exercise of the MPI / Adaptation and use by countries.
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break
Digitalization, Data and Financing	
14:00 – 15:00	<p>Session 3: Social Registries</p> <p>Moderator: Christian Oldiges, Chief of Section, ECA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Digital Public Good for Social Protection Systems: OpenIMIS and the Digital Convergence Initiative (DCI) Saurav Bhattarai, Lead openIMIS, GIZ Global Alliances for Social Protection / Andrea Martin, Social Protection Specialist, World Bank - Hybrid • Discussion: country experiences
15:00 – 15:30	Tea/Coffee break
15:30 – 17:30	<p>Session 4: Data challenges/solutions and financing adaptive social protection</p> <p>Moderator: Matar Sene, General Delegate, General Delegation for Social Protection and National Solidarity, Senegal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data for social protection policy and programming, Monica Pinilla-Roncancio, Researcher, Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (20 min) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mbewe Kalikeka, Research Fellow on Public financing, Zambia Institute of Policy Analysis and Research on challenges and lessons learned (10 min) • Titus Johannes, Statistician: Welfare and Gender Statistics, Namibia Statistics Agency, Namibia • Sothy EAR, Head of the Research Unit, General Secretariat of the National Social Protection Council, Cambodia on challenges and lessons learned (10 min)

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Day 2	Country progress and shared challenges
08.30 - 9:00	Registration
9:00 – 10:00	<p>Session 5: National Progress on Adaptive Social Protection</p> <p><i>Country discussion on their policy response to triple crisis challenges with focus on tackling poverty and inequality; measuring root causes of poverty and inequality; and institutional advances on their social protection agendas.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Fathimath Nisha Fahmy, Maldives</p> <p>Country Presentations (15 minutes each from project countries in ECA region)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wilbard Nashandi, Director- Policy, Planning and Research, Ministry of Gender Equality and Child Welfare, Namibia • Abdou Mbow, Technical Advisor, General Delegation for Social Protection and National Solidarity, Senegal • Discussion: Q&A
10:00 – 10:30	Tea/Coffee break
10:30 – 11:15	<p>Session 5: Cont'd</p> <p>Moderator: Fathimath Nisha Fahmy, Maldives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frank Kilimba, Assistant Director, Prime Ministers' Office, Labour, Youth, Employment & Persons with Disabilities, Tanzania • Susan Kampamba Musonda, Acting Chief Planner- Policy, Ministry of Community Development and Social Services, Zambia • Discussion: Q&A
11:15 – 12:00	<p>Session 5: Cont'd</p> <p>Moderator: Maxwell Kudjoe, Assistant Economics Officer, Ministry of Finance, Ghana</p> <p>Country Presentations (15 minutes each from project countries in ESCAP region)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pichenda Koeut, Deputy Secretary General, General Secretariat of the National Social Protection Council, Cambodia • Fathimath Liusha Nasheed, Senior Political Director, Ministry of Social and Family Development and Fathimath Nisha Fahmy, Manager of Policy and Programmes, Maldives Pension Administration Office, Maldives

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion: Q&A
12:00 – 13:00	<p>Session 6: Presentations by invited non-project countries on their social protection agendas.</p> <p><i>Country discussion on their policy response to triple crisis challenges with focus on tackling poverty and inequality; measuring root causes of poverty and inequality; and institutional advances on their social protection</i></p> <p>Moderator: <i>Marta Kanyama</i>, Chief Economist- Policy, Planning and Research, Ministry of Gender Equality and Child Welfare Namibia</p> <p>Country Presentations (15 minutes each from non-project countries in ECA region)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Florence Ayisi Quartey</i>, Director Policy Planning Monitoring and Evaluation, Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection, Ghana • <i>Kate Langwe</i>, Director, Poverty reduction and social protection, Malawi • <i>Joel Murenzi</i>, Social Protection Policy Advisor, Ministry of Local Government, Rwanda • Discussion: Q&A
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break
14:00 – 15:30	<p>Session 7: Peer Exchange and Evolving Priorities</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Corinne Mitchell</i></p> <p><i>A facilitated space for senior policymakers and practitioners from participant countries to exchange candid reflections on what has worked, what hasn't, and why, in implementing adaptive social protection reforms and innovations to deal with ongoing crises in their country contexts.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interactive Roundtable on implementation challenges and enablers.
	Tea/coffee during interactive roundtable
15:30 – 16:00	<p>Report back in plenary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group 1: Maldives, Malawi and Zambia • Group 2: Namibia, Ghana and Cambodia • Group 3: Tanzania, Senegal and Rwanda
16:00 – 17:00	<p>Session 8: Presentation of case studies by project countries</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Abdou Mbow</i>, Technical Advisor, General Delegation for Social Protection and National Solidarity, Senegal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mally Likukela</i>, National Consultant, Namibia - Strengthening Social Protection for Human Capital Development

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussion Q&A • Bacary Diabate, National Consultant, Senegal - Analysis of social protection coverage ○ Discussion Q&A • Sharing of other country experiences
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09:00-10:00	<p>Session 8: Cont'd</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Abdou Mbow</i>, Technical Advisor, General Delegation for Social Protection and National Solidarity, Senegal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vincent Peter Leyaro, National Consultant, Tanzania – Digitalizing social protection systems for targeting and accessibility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussion Q&A • Mutale Monde Wakunguma, National Consultant, Zambia - Exploring Means of Sustainable Financing for Social Protection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussion Q&A • Sharing of other country experiences
10:00 –10:30	Tea/coffee break
10:30- 11:30	<p>Session 9: The World Summit for Social Development 2025</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Amson Sibanda</i>, Chief of service, Division for Sustainable Development Goals, Department of Economic and Social Affairs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Framing Second World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD2) and its implications for Adaptive Social Protection (API), Claudio Santibanez, Inter-Regional Adviser, DESA - Virtual • Regional perspectives
11:30- 12:30	<p>Session 12: Consolidation and Next Steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mamusa Siyunyi (ECA) and Selahattin Selsah Pasali (ESCAP)
12:30- 13:00	<p>Closing Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amson Sibanda, Chief of service, Division for Sustainable Development Goals, Department of Economic and Social Affairs • Patrick Choolwe, Director Planning and Information, Ministry of Community Development and Social Services (MCDSS) Zambia