63rd United Nations Commission on the Status of Women, Side Event at the UN Headquarters, New York,

**Date:** 11 March 2019, **Time:** 11:15 to 12:45

**Venue:** Conference Room A

Panel Discussion

**Theme:** Promoting Rights-based Social Protection Policies for Gender Equality: A Prerequisite for Social Justice and Sustainable Development

**Moderator:** Mr. Simon Mulenga Kapilima - Assistant Director, Ministry of Gender, Zambia

**Aim:** To share achievements in the promotion of rights based social protection policies for gender equality

**Time** | **Session**
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11:15 | Arrival of participants and registration
11:30 - 11:45 | Opening Session

Opening Remarks by **Ms. Bettina Luise Rürup, Executive Director, FES New York**

Opening Remarks by **Honourable Elizabeth Phiri – MP, Minister of Gender, Republic of Zambia**


11:55 – 12:05 | Civil Society experiences on Social Policy and Legal Advocacy - **Ms. Helen Mudora - Africa Platform for Social Protection (APSP), Kenya**

12:05 – 12:15 | The Rights of Informal Workers in the provision of rights based social protection from a gender perspective - **Dr. Laura Alfers – Women in Informal Employment Globalising and Organising (WIEGO), South Africa**

12:15 – 12:25 | The Role of Trade Unions in advocating for gender sensitive and Rights based social security policies - **Ms. Hilma Mote - International Trade Union Confederation Africa (ITUC), Togo**

12:25 – 12:40 | Plenary Discussion

12:40 – 12:45 | Closing Remarks – **Mr. Helmut Elischer, Resident Director, FES Zambia**