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Decade of Action to achieve Universal Social Protection by 2030

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Katja Hujo is Senior Research Coordinator in the Transformative Social Policy Programme at UNRISD. She studied economics and political science at Eberhard-Karls-University Tübingen, Freie Universität Berlin (FUB) and National University of Córdoba, Argentina, and holds a doctoral degree in economics from FUB. Katja’s academic work focuses on social policy, poverty and inequality, and the sustainability transition. She is coordinator and lead author of the UNRISD flagship report “Policy Innovations for Transformative Change – Implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development” (2016) and coordinated the international conference on “Overcoming Inequalities in a Fractured World: Between Elite Power and Social Mobilization” (2018). Her most recent book, The Politics of Domestic Resource Mobilization for Social Development, was published by Palgrave Macmillan in July 2020.

Section 1: The Contribution of Universal Social Protection to Agenda 2030

Shahra Razavi, Director of Social Security, The International Labour Organisation

Shahra Razavi is the Director of the Social Protection Department at the International Labour Organization (since February 2020). Before joining the ILO she was Chief of the Research and Data Section at UN Women (2013-2020), and prior to that Senior Researcher at the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development, UNRISD (1993-2013), working at the interface of gender, social policy, social protection and the care economy. She obtained her Bsc. from the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), and her Msc. and D.Phil/PhD from Oxford University, and published extensively on social policies, gender and development.
Dr. Michal Rutkowski, Global Director, Social Protection and Jobs, The World Bank

Mr. Michal Rutkowski is the Global Director for Social Protection and Jobs – overseeing the World Bank Global Practice responsible for protecting poor and vulnerable from shocks through improving their job opportunities, earning capacity, and social insurance and social assistance (safety net) coverage. Until July 2016, he was the Director for Multilateral Organizations, and prior to that the Country Director for the Russian Federation and the Resident Representative in Moscow for three years. In the period 2004-12, he was Sector Director for Human Development in the Middle East and North Africa and then South Asia regions of the World Bank.

Before 1996, after a brief period of work on Africa and China, Mr. Rutkowski worked extensively on social insurance and labor market issues in transition economies and as a country economist for Russia and after taking a leave from the Bank, returned as Sector Manager for social protection between 1998-2004, where he led a team of professionals working on pensions, labor market and social assistance reforms in 28 countries of Central and Eastern Europe and former Soviet Union, as well as in Turkey.

During his leave from the World Bank in the period 1996-98 he helped design and implement the new Polish pension system while serving as the Director of the Office for Social Security Reform. He also taught at the Institute of Economic Policy at the Warsaw School of Economics.

Mr. Rutkowski’s published work covers among others, issues on labor markets and social security. He was a core team member of the 2015 World Development Report “Workers in an Integrated World”- the World Bank’s annual flagship research publication.

Mr. Rutkowski holds an M.Sc. and Ph.D from Warsaw School of Economics and finished his post-graduate studies at the London School of Economics. He also graduated from the Executive Development program at the Harvard Business School in 1999, and from the Leadership for Collective Intelligence program run by Dialogos in 2010.
Maliki, Ph.D. Director, Poverty Alleviation and Community Empowerment, Ministry of National Development Planning, Indonesia

Maliki has been working in Bappenas for more than 20 years. Currently he is appointed as Director for Poverty Alleviation and Community Empowerment since 2019, earlier named as Director for Poverty Alleviation and Social Welfare. His portfolio is to design policy recommendation for development of social protection program, community empowerment program, and social welfare and rehabilitation program, especially for disadvantages children population, older person, and people with disability.

With background as an engineer, he earned his doctoral degree in Economics of Population in University of Hawaii at Manoa. He is closely working on poverty, labor, population and social policy issues, especially economics of ageing. Currently, his directorate is working on formulating the national strategy on long term care for older people, national social protection reform, national action plan for inclusive development for people with disability, development of multidimensional poverty indicators, and development of social registry.

Roshni K. Nuggehalli, Global Call to Action Against Poverty Co-Convenor, Wada Na Todo Abhiyan (WNTA), GCAP India and Executive Director, Youth for Unity and Voluntary Action (YUVA)

Roshni K. Nuggehalli is Executive Director at Youth for Unity and Voluntary Action (YUVA) an Indian development organisation set up in 1984. YUVA’s work questions social structures alongside the poor, with the goal of empowering them to participate in a process of meaningful change. YUVA aims to address poverty and social justice through community interventions, research and policy advocacy. Roshni works on issues of youth and child rights, migration, informal economy and governance. She has published on themes of urbanisation, participation and youth citizenship. She is the co-convenor of Wada Na Todo Abhiyan, a civil society coalition on governance accountability and SDGs in India.
Section 2: Partnership for Joint Action

Uzziel Twagilimana, INSP!R West-Africa, on behalf of the Global Coalition for Social Protection Floors

WSM Continental Coordinator & Facilitator of the International Network on Social Protection Rights West-Africa (INSP!R West Africa)

Social Protection Specialist within WSM, supporting six national networks and one regional network INSP!R West Africa in Training, Exchange, Advocacy and Research.

Represents the lead organisation in Senegal (WSM on behalf of the GCSPF) in the global Project entitled “Improving synergies between social protection and public finance management”, implemented with ILO, UNICEF and GCSPF in 8 countries.

Erika Roffler, Secretary of Social Policies, Ministry of Social Development, Argentina

Secretary of Social Policies of the Ministry of Social Development, Argentina. She is a PhD candidate in social sciences (University of Buenos Aires, UBA), she has a Master’s degree in Public Administration and Management (University of Alcalá-INAP, Spain) and a Master’s degree in Public Policy and Gender (FLACSO, Argentina), and a bachelor’s degree in political science (University of Belgrano). She is a specialist in management and evaluation of social programs. At the same time, she is a researcher at the Center for City Studies (CEC-Social) of the University of Buenos Aires. Since 2009, she is a professor at the Urban Social Policies Master’s Degree (National University of Tres de Febrero), of Social Policies Master’s degree (UBA) and Social Intervention (UBA).
Olivier De Schutter, *UN Special Rapporteur on Extreme Poverty and Human Rights*

Olivier De Schutter is professor at UCLouvain and SciencesPo, and he taught in the past at Columbia University, at UC Berkeley, and at Yale University. He was the UN Special Rapporteur on right to food between 2008 and 2014, and a Member of the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights between 2015 and 2020. He is currently co-chair of the International Panel of Experts on Sustainable Food Systems (IPES-Food) and the UN Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights.

Ms. Catherine Gigante, *Head of the Social Development and Building Society Unit (D2.5), Directorate of the Belgian Development Cooperation, Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development cooperation*

Ms. Catherine Gigante is Head of the Social Development and Building Society Unit of the Thematic Directorate of the Belgian Development Cooperation. She coordinates the strategic and institutional relations of Belgian cooperation with UN-Women, UNICEF, UNFPA, ILO, WHO, FAO, CGIAR and OHCHR. Her team also monitors the associated themes, namely: gender mainstreaming, sexual and reproductive rights, health, decent work, agriculture and food security, children’s rights and the rights-based approach to development.

Passionate about the gender dimension, Catherine Gigante has developed more than 20 years of expertise in this field. Before joining the Belgian cooperation 13 years ago, Catherine Gigante worked as an attaché at the Directorate of Equal Opportunities of the French Speaking Community Ministry during five years (management of grants for civil society associations and development of violence prevention campaigns). She holds a Master’s degree in political science from the Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB) and was a researcher and teaching assistant during three years at the ULB, where she worked on women’s political citizenship and reactionary rhetoric.