

Exchange on wider support for a global fund for social protection in the global south

As a response to the discussions held during the Core Team meeting of April 2022, on the proceedings of the GCSPF (Global Coalition for the Social Protection Floors) working group on a Global Fund for Social Protection, we want to organize an exchange on wider support for such a global fund.

The meeting will be held on **Wednesday September 14th, 2022, from 12 to 1:30 pm UTC**. Local times are [here](#).

We kindly invite you to register here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUuc-CrqDMiE9dw8N5EME6nEr2gpYUNy1Z8>

Both at government level and at the level of civil society, there seems to be only limited support for the establishment of a new international financing mechanism for social protection. Several concerns have been raised by LDC country-officials. There might not be active opposition, but the issue isn't raised in an active way by the potentially most important beneficiaries of a global fund for social protection.

The debate on new financing mechanisms for social protection seems to be limited to international seminars and conferences, at UN and ILO gatherings and between donor country governments and NGO's and trade unions (often limited to the ministries for international cooperation).

Given the fact that most members of the GCSPF working group on the global fund for social protection are from global/international networks and confederations or from northern NGO's, we feel the need to discuss how to overcome this challenge with a larger constituency. We therefore plan an exchange with all interested members of the GCSPF and the national and regional/continental organizations and networks linked to/supported by GCSPF members.

- What are the most important thresholds withholding CSO's in the global south to raise the issue with their governments?
- What reasons/concerns are there for Southern governments not to embrace the idea of a global fund?
- What can the GCSPF-working group do to support CSO's and networks in the global south to strengthen support for this idea?
- What can de GCSPF-working group do to address the concerns raised by LDC-countries?

The working group has recently updated the Civil Society Call for the establishment of a global fund for social protection.

You can find it here:

<https://www.socialprotectionfloorscoalition.org/civil-society-call/>

The call is available in [English](#), [French](#), [Spanish](#) and [Arabic](#).