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You are invited to the hybrid workshop series:

TOWARD UNIVERSAL SOCIAL PROTECTION under the theme of Health, Social Protection and Equality, WSF2024

Collectively Organized by

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Towards Universal Social Protection

A hybrid workshop series
Meeting hall: Mount Everest, Bhrikutimandap,
Kathmandu, Nepal | 17 Feb 2024

1. Assembly on Universal Social Protection: 9:00 - 11:00
2. Maternity Protection: 11:30 - 13:00
3. Gender Equality: 14:00 - 15:30
4. Impact of Privatisation on Public Services: 16:00 - 17:30

Logos of participating organizations: AROSP, ASEC, AMRC, JCYCN, HNN, HNP, INHE, INSPiR, LIGHT HOUSE, NCWR, PMRS, PSI, SPCSN, WAYVE, and others.

Please join the Workshop Series on the 17th February 2024 via face to face at Mount Everest, Bhrikutimandap, Kathmandu, Nepal and through Zoom.

The link for registration of online participant: <https://bit.ly/UniversalSocialProtection-WSF2024>

Interpretation English - Nepali, Hindi, Bangali, Thai and Bahasa is provided

As the world economy produces more, grows at a rapid pace, and generates more and more wealth and profits, the disparity between those at the top of the pyramid and those at the bottom is increasing exponentially. Instead of having more--- since they produce more, work longer hours, and sacrifice more--- vulnerable people around the world have less access to healthcare, quality education, civic services, and housing. In a world where work and income are far from secure, the lack of guarantees for access to necessities for workers and their families is a serious and often tragic issue. At least 8 million people die every year just because of a lack of quality health care. Every day in 2020, almost 800 women die from preventable causes related to pregnancy and childbirth. Women undertake unpaid care work three times more than men in Asia and two times globally. The aftermath of Covid 19 has left a multitude of public services workers absorbed by private players especially in health and sanitation in dire straits since they were all hired under sub-contractual outsourcing systems having no guarantee of future employment. Inequality is everywhere and it is in diverse forms. In homes, there are inequalities between boys and girls and between men and women. Equality is not maintained in education, in skill, in education and employment. Women are

facing discriminatory behaviours in access to occupation and those women who are in occupation are again struggling with inequalities to access to the financial sources. The gender inequality is fuelling the patriarchies which gathers power with men and forces women to lose making men more powerful and women weaker.

In these circumstances, all working people must be assured of access to comprehensive social protection, including housing and civic services, healthcare, education, unemployment allowance, maternity benefit, child care and pensions for the elderly. In the broad frame of social protection for all, there must be a special focus on the needs of people with disabilities and all attempts to help organise space and systems to help them lead secure and productive lives. And every one should be assured of a decent life right from the womb to tomb.

The workshop series of "**Toward Universal Social Protection**", starts with a thematic panel discussion then follows up with more specific discussions to highlight the social protection gap and to promote the voice of workers, trade unions, NGOs and activists around the world demanding for universal, comprehensive, inclusive and just social protection.

We expect more than 500 participants from over 17 countries of Asia, Africa and Europe and we hope there will be more friends joining us from other regions.

For more details, please see the [concept note](#)

Please join our workshop series on the 17th February, including:

9:00 AM to 11:00 AM - Workshop 1: Assembly on Universal Social Protection

This is a thematic panel on impacts of exclusion of social protection in the lives of vulnerable people and gaps in policy and implementation related to social protection with a diversity of speakers, including representatives from international organizations, workers, trade unions, NGOs and activists from Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Thailand, Palestine and other countries.

11:30 AM to 13:00 PM - Workshop 2: Maternity protection for workers in the informal economy.

This workshop will provide the most updated information on social protection-related vulnerabilities of women in the informal economy, especially as regards maternity protection of women in the agrifood sector. Participants also share good practices regarding maternity protection for workers in the informal economy from the countries.

14:00 PM to 15:30 PM - Workshop 3: Gender equality.

In this workshop, participants will exchange their experiences of the effect of the inequalities in their social, political, economic and cultural life and discuss the possible measures to promote gender equalities in the Asia region and in the world.

16:00 PM to 17:30 PM - Workshop 4: Impact of Privatization on Public Services

The workshop will provide the participants with a better understanding of the recent developments in the world of work and its implications to workers and unions, as well as build advocacy and campaigns for public sector workers.

And, Please join our Statement on the 19th February morning

#SocialProtection4All

#MaternalHealthMatters;

#CareWorkMakesAllOtherWorksPossible;

#GenderEquality4SocialJustice

#QualityPublicServices4All

#NoPrivatisationOfEssentialPublicServices

#PeopleOverProfit

Your participation will bring more insights to the workshops!

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