Concept Note

The last ten years have seen significant international frameworks regarding social security and social protection. The ILO Recommendation 202 on National Floors of Social Protection prescribes – within national fiscal affordability and political path dependencies – four minimum social protection guarantees: (1) Health care for all and minimum income (2) for children, (3) for the unemployed, and (4) for senior citizens or persons living with disabilities. The African Union Social Policy Framework of 2008 defines a “minimum package” which includes “essential health care, and benefits for children, informal workers, the unemployed, older persons and persons with disabilities”. In the view of the AU Social Policy Framework, as such Social Protection “can have a significant impact on poverty alleviation, improvement of living standards, reduction of inequalities and promotion of economic growth and has been shown to be affordable, even in low-income countries, within existing resources, if properly managed”. The SADC Code on Social Security stipulates: “Every Member State should progressively raise its system of social security to a higher level, which should include achieving the meaningful coverage of everyone under the system, bearing in mind the realities and level of development in the particular Member State.” The list goes on, as the AU prepares a Protocol on the Right to Social Security and Social Protection, SADC has adopted a Protocol on Labour and Employment that includes many social protection provisions and so do EAC instruments. These frameworks reflect international political will to increase social protection policies as laid down also in the Agenda 2030 (Sustainable Development Goals) and the AU Agenda 2063.

The United Republic of Tanzania is a strong example of the advancement of social protection, one of the front-runners. Zanzibar has adopted a universal old age social pension for older persons above 70 in the amount of 20,000 Tanzania Shilling per month (approx. 9 USD) in 2016, the first country in East Africa to do so. The new social pension being implemented covers one of seven main vulnerability areas identified by the Zanzibar Social Protection Policy of 2013, which have to be addressed. Tanzania is witnessing one of the fastest national rollouts of a cash transfer scheme in Southern and Eastern Africa, the Productive Social Safety Nets (PSSN) Programme implemented through TASAF (Tanzania Social Action Fund) under the President Office as non-contributory social protection parallel to which there is a comprehensive food voucher programme implemented by
the World Food Programme. Tanzania has also embarked on Informal economy extension. In the contributory social protection system, recent UNICEF findings reveal that coverage is now around 8.1 of the population. However, the ILO reveals that up to 90% of the total population do not have access to any known form of formal social protection coverage against vulnerability to life-cycle risks and livelihood shocks and the consequent poverty. Nevertheless, the apparent advancements in the non-contributory system demonstrate significant political will, not last in the substantial funding made available to these processes, to ensure that households living in chronic poverty have access to basic income security through safety nets as a means to progressively extend social protection coverage to all. In 2014, the Minister of Finance, Hon. Saada Mkuya Salum, signed the “Arusha Declaration on Social Protection in Tanzania”, which symbolically reconnects to the Arusha Declaration of 1967 proclaiming African Socialism, Ujamaa. The 2014 declaration defines the goal of “Poverty reduction and human capital development: Tanzania where poverty is reduced at an accelerated pace to achieve the targets in line with the VISION 2025 (mainland) and VISION 2020 (Zanzibar); future generation being increasingly liberated from inter-generational poverty and exclusion through investments in children’s health and nutrition, education, HIV-prevention/treatment and other social services; structural transformation of the economy that spurs inclusive growth where economic opportunities are created for all and employment opportunities strengthened, especially for women and youth.” On the weaker side, Tanzania has been working on a National Social Protection Framework since over 10 years, meanwhile different government ministries have not always been well coordinated whereas the new Social Security (Amendment) Act 2012 and a number of Social Security Guidelines and Regulations adopted over the past nearly three years have not helped mitigate the problem of early withdrawals of social protection entitlements in the contributory system.

Help Age International Tanzania HAI (www.helpage.org/where-we-work/africa/tanzania/), the Institute for Finance Management IFM (www.ifm.ac.tz), Policy Research for Development REPOA (www.repoa.or.tz), the Tanzania Social Protection Network TSPN (www.facebook.com/tspntanzania), the University of Dar-Es-Salaam School of Law UDSoL (www.udsm.ac.tz/), Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Dar-Es-Salaam (www.fes-tanzania.org) and Lusaka (www.fes-zambia.org), and the Southern African Social Protection Experts Network SASPEN (www.saspen.org) organise a public forum on 16th-17th August, 2016, in Dar-Es-Salaam, Tanzania, to exchange and engage with experts of the network and foster the public discourse on social protection with representatives of international and national bodies including the Government, Employers and Trade Unions and Civil Society, the United Nations and other stakeholders.

The objectives of the workshop are

i. to bring together the international and national conversation on social protection;
ii. to reflect on relevant social protection issues in Tanzania;
iii. to provide occasion and opportunity for Tanzanian stakeholders and experts to engage in the SASPEN network;
iv. to contribute to new linkages, improved networking, and dissemination of information/experience sharing;
v. to facilitate inputs into the Tanzanian Social Protection policy field through both domestic exchange and international contributions; and
vi. to make Tanzanian social protection advancement better known to partners in other African countries.
Workshop Programme

Workshop Master of Ceremony: Mr Vince Chipatuka (FES Lusaka)

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I. SESSION: Opening

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II. SESSION: Social Protection in the United Republic of Tanzania

| 9:30 – 10:00 | Scoping Social Protection: Definitions, Concepts and Policy Frameworks. Introduction into the Workshop |
|              | Mr Daniel Kumitz         |
|              | FES Zambia & SASPEN Coordinator |

| 10:00 – 10:30 | Discussion |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | Health Break |
11:00 – 11:30 Challenges Facing Social Protection in Tanzania and Plans for the Future
Mr Joseph Mutashubilwa
Manager Planning, Social Security Regulatory Authority (SSRA)

11:30 – 12:00 Social Protection of Persons with Disabilities in Tanzania: Policies, Legislations and Frameworks
Dr Simeon Mesaki
University Dar-Es-Salaam

12:00 – 12:30 Discussion

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch

III. SESSION: Towards Comprehensive Social Protection
Moderators: Dr Flora Myamba (REPOA) & Dr Juliana Masabo (UDSoL)

14:00 – 14:20 Social Protection for Informal Workers: International Perspectives
Ms Jane Barrett
Director Organization & Representation, Women in Informal Employment: Globalizing and Organizing (WIEGO)

14:20 – 14:40 Social Protection for Informal Workers in Tanzania
Ms Vicky Kanyoka
Regional Coordinator (Africa), International Domestic Workers Federation (IDWF)

14:40 – 15:00 Discussion
15:00 – 15:30 Health Break
15:30 – 16:00 Zambia on the Way to a Comprehensive Social Protection System
Prof Evance Kalula
Director Confucius Institute and Director International Academics Programmes Office, University of Cape Town

16:00 – 16:30 Towards a Transformative Social Protection System in Tanzania: Policy Reflections from South-Asian Countries
Ms Zubeda Chande
Institute for Finance Management (IFM)

16:30 – 17:00 Discussion

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IV. SESSION: Social Assistance, Cash Transfers and Social Pensions
Moderators: Ms Vicky Kanyoka (IDSW) & Mr Smart Daniel (HAI)

8:30 – 9:00 The Productive Social Safety Nets (PSSN) Programme
Mr Amadeus Kamagenge
Director Programmes & Research, Tanzania Social Action Fund (TASAF)

9:00 – 9:30 Food Voucher Baseline Evaluation: The Impact of Cash Transfers on Women’s Empowerment
Dr Flora Myamba
Policy Research for Development REPOA
9:30 – 10:00 Social Protection from a Human Rights Perspective. Implications for Policy Makers and Rights Holders
Ms Vuyokazi Obakhe Futshane
Studies in Poverty and Inequality Institute (SPII) Johannesburg, SADC BIG Campaign

10:00 – 10:30 Discussion

10:30 – 11:00 Health Break

11:00 – 11:30 Social Pensions in Zanzibar
Mr Salum Rashid Mohammed
Head of Social Protection Unit Zanzibar

11:30 – 12:00 One Century of Social Pensions in Africa: From South Africa in the 1920s to Zanzibar Today
Prof Jeremy Seekings
Centre for Social Science Research, University of Cape Town

12:00 – 12:30 Discussion

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch

V. SESSION: The Way Forward

14:00 – 14:20 The SASPEN Network – how to engage
Mr Daniel Kumitz
FES Zambia & SASPEN Coordinator

14:20 – 14:40 The draft Social Protection Framework for Tanzania
Mr Asanterabi Sang’enoi, PMO
Assistant Director Policy and Coordination, Prime Minister’s Office

14:40 – 15:00 Preliminary Summary Workshop Report by Workshop Rapporteur
Dr Simeon Mesaki
University Dar-Es-Salaam

15:00 – 15:30 Health Break

15:30 – 16:45 Panel Discussion – The Way Forward
- Social Protection in the United Republic of Tanzania
- The roles of SASPEN and FES
Asanterabi Sang’enoi, PMO
Omari Malilo, TASAF
Flora Myamba, REPOA
Jane Barrett, WIEGO and SASPEN
Michael Schultheiß, FES Tanzania

Moderators Panel Discussion:
Emmanuel Magoti, IFM
Anna Mbise, FES Tanzania

16:45 Distribution of SASPEN USB flash disks

16:45 – 17:00 Vote of Thanks
Closing Remarks
Farewell

17:00 End of Conference