Lusaka Social Protection Colloquium

Exploring the linkages: Strengthening coordination between Social Protection and Agriculture

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The Southern African Social Protection Experts Network (SASPEN), the Platform for Social Protection Zambia (PSP) and Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Zambia (FES) have the pleasure to invite you to the 1st Quarter 2017 Lusaka Social Protection Colloquium.

Social protection policies aim at reducing socio-economic risks, vulnerability, extreme poverty and deprivation, while agricultural policies for “small holder farmer” focus on improving productivity in crops, fisheries, livestock and improving access to markets. Therefore, both social protection and agricultural areas of policy are important in poverty reduction strategies, but little attention has been paid to the interaction between them and how that influences their design and implementation.

The Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations (FAO) has done evidence reviews on this subject which clearly indicates that both support the fulfilment of each other’s objectives.

Presentations by Department of Community Development and Indaba Agriculture Policy Research Institute (IAPRI) will share program specifics and experiences (FSP and e-voucher system) in strengthening coordination of social protection and agriculture policies and programmes for poverty reduction in Zambia.

The quarterly LUSAKA SOCIAL PROTECTION COLLOQUIUM is a joint initiative of SASPEN (www.saspen.org), PSPZ (www.pspzambia.org) and FES (www.fes-zambia.org) to bring internationally renowned social protection experts to Zambia to address the interested public, experts, policy makers and stakeholders.

Tuesday, January 17, 2017 — Southern Sun Hotel Ridgeway

15:00-15:30 Arrival and Registration
15:30-15:45 Welcome Remarks
   PSP Zambia Board Representative Mr. Patrick K. Nshindano
   SASPEN Advisory Council Member Ms. Mutale Wakunuma
   FES Resident Director Helmut Elischer
15:45-16:00 OPENING SPEECH: “Exploring the linkages and strengthening coordination between Social Protection and Agriculture” Minister of Agriculture Hon. Dora Siliya
16:00-16:45 KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Dr. Solomon Asfaw an Economist at the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations (FAO) based in Rome
17:00-17:15 Mr. Stephen Phiri – Director Department of Community Development in the Ministry of Community Development and Social Welfare (MCDSW) to speak on the Food Security Pack (FSP)
17:15-17:30 Mr. Ballad Zulu – Director Outreach Indaba Agricultural Policy Research Institute (IAPRI) to reflect on the theme in answering the question does the e-voucher fix the targeting challenges of FISP?
17:30-18:00 Discussion Facilitator: Mr. Ballad Zulu – Director Outreach IAPRI
   Cocktail Buffet