



The UoM Trust
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cordially invites you to a symposium on the theme

'Towards Ensuring Sustainability of Social Protection Schemes and Systems in Africa'

Monday 29 August 2011, 4:00 – 6:00 pm
Engineering Lecture Theatre 2 (ELT2), University of Mauritius

- Launched by: **The Honourable Minister, Mrs Sheila Bappoo**,
Minister of Social Security, National Solidarity and Reform Institutions
- Presenter: **Mr Michael Cichon**,
Director of the ILO's Social Security Department
- Moderator: **Mr Amedee Darga**,
Chairman, Managing Committee, UoM Trust
- Panelists: **Prof Soodursun Jugessur** *CSK GOSK, Pro Chancellor & Chairman of UoM Council*
Prof Sheila Bunwaree, *University of Mauritius*;
Mr Nunkoomar Deerpalsing, *Senior Advisor, Ministry of Social Security, National Solidarity and Reform Institutions*
Mr Ansgar Mushi, *Director of Research, Actuarial and Policy Development, Tanzania Social Security Regulatory Authority*

Context

Social security is a fundamental human right recognized in numerous international instruments, in particular the Declaration of Philadelphia (1944) which is an integral part of the Constitution of the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948) adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations. However, the exercise of the right to social security is denied to vast numbers of citizens of Africa because of the limited coverage of existing social protection schemes in many countries of the continent.

A key prerequisite towards enhancing both the coverage and effectiveness of social protection in Africa is proper financial governance of social protection schemes. This is why the ILO, with financing from the Federal Republic of Germany, has implemented the QUATRRAIN AFRICA project. The project focuses on improving national capacities of policymakers, administrators, and financial analysts responsible for the financial planning and management of social protection schemes with the ultimate intended impact of long-term reduction of poverty and the enhancement of welfare in African countries. Indeed, the potential contribution of social protection to individual and societal development cannot be realised if the resources that a society entrusts to its social protection system are not managed with utmost care and responsibility.

The aim of the symposium would be to discuss alongside key stakeholders in Mauritius a number of interrelated issues pertaining to the theme 'Towards Ensuring Sustainability of Social Protection Schemes and Systems in Africa'.

Symposium Programme

Engineering Lecture Theatre 2 (ELT2),
University of Mauritius

4:00 pm – 4:05 pm
Welcome Note by **Assoc. Prof Dr Jay Matadeen**,
Officer in Charge, MIBS

4:05 pm – 4:15 pm
Opening remarks by **Mrs Sheila Bappoo**,
Minister of Social Security, National Solidarity and Reform Institutions

4:15 pm – 4:20 pm
Address by **Prof Konrad Morgan**, *Vice Chancellor (UoM)*

4:20 pm - 4:25pm
Address by **Mr Christoph Schumacher-Hildebrand**,
Senior Advisor, ILO Regional Office for Africa

4:25 pm - 4:30 pm
Introductory Remarks of Moderator and Presentation of Panel Members

4:30 pm - 4:50 pm
Presentation by **Mr Michael Cichon**,
Director of the ILO's Social Security Department

4:50 pm – 5:20 pm Views of Panel Members

5:20 pm – 5:50 pm Questions by the Audience

5:50 pm – 6:00 pm Closing remarks by Panel Members and Moderator

6:00 pm – 6:30 pm Refreshments

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