

Side event during the 59th Session of the
Commission for Social Development

Social protection floors for a just transition to the green and digital economy

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The **Government of Switzerland**, the **International Labour Organization (ILO)** and **partners of Universal Social Protection 2030** invite you to a virtual side event during the 59th Session of the Commission for Social Development on the theme, "Social protection floors for a just transition to the green and digital economy."

The COVID-19 pandemic has accelerated the rise of the digital economy. It has also opened new opportunities to accelerate the transition to a green economy. These trends will cause disruptions in labour markets and affect millions of people. There will be job losses in some sectors, and gains in others. Many workers will have to acquire new skills. In these times of rapid change, social protection floors will be essential to ensure a human-centered recovery from COVID-19 and a future of work that leaves no one behind. The ILO Centenary Declaration (2019) calls for enhanced social protection systems that are adapted to these new developments in the world of work.

This side event will bring together governments, social partners, development partners, civil society and academics. The focus will be on setting the scene, identifying challenges and opportunities based on sharing concrete country experience, and coming up with concrete actions, with a view to ensuring that the human right to social protection becomes a reality for all and to achieving the goals set by the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda.

Speakers include:

- Opening remarks: **Mr. Adrian Dominik Hauri**, Deputy Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the UN
- Moderator: **Ms. Shahra Razavi**, Director, Social Protection Department, ILO
- **H.E. Mrs. Colette Roberts Ridsen**, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Labour and Social Security, Jamaica
- **H.E. Ms. Valérie Berset Bircher**, Ambassador, Federal Department of Economic Affairs, Education and Research (EAER), State Secretariat of Economic Affairs SECO, Labour Directorate / International Labour Affairs, Switzerland
- **Dr. Malik Amin Aslam**, Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Climate Change, Pakistan
- **Ms. Aileen O'Donovan**, Social Protection Policy Lead, Irish Aid
- **Mr. Sounya Orre**, Director, Technical Services, National Drought Management Authority, Kenya
- **Ms. Katharina Diekmann**, Technical Advisor, Social Protection, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)
- **Mr. El kebir Mdarhri Alaoui**, Deputy Resident Representative - Programme, UNDP Senegal
- **Mr. Robert Marinkovic**, Adviser for SDGs and the Green Economy, International Organisation for Employers (IOE)
- **Ms. Montserrat Mir Roca**, Special Advisor for the Just Transition Centre, International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC), and Former ETUC Confederal Secretary Representative

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