



# South-South Cooperation for More Inclusive and Sustainable Social Protection Systems in the COVID-19 Recovery and Achievement of the 2030 Agenda

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Since the COVID-19 outbreak, global solidarity has emerged as a necessary antidote. The multi-faceted impacts of COVID-19 have made an inclusive and sustainable social protection system a necessity in the COVID and post-COVID eras, particularly for already vulnerable groups. Efforts to revamp social protection systems across regions need to be complemented by a political discussion in order to provide impetus for strengthened and institutionalized exchange of knowledge and expertise among countries in this area. South-South cooperation, as a complement to North-South cooperation, provides a promising framework as one of the effective models of development cooperation, particularly in the Arab region.

**On the margins of the 2021 HLPF, UNOSSC and ESCWA are pleased to invite you to a virtual side event to discuss:**

- The potential of intra and inter-regional South-South cooperation in advancing more inclusive and sustainable social protection systems in the wake of the COVID-19 crisis and during the Decade of Action; and
- Social protection in the Arab region as a structural entry point for poverty alleviation, reduction of inequality, and building resilience of individuals and societies.



## Welcoming remarks and moderation

Ms. Rola Dashti, Executive Secretary, ESCWA  
Mr. Adel Abdellatif, Director a.i., UNOSSC

## Speakers

H.E. Ms. Nivine El-Kabbag, Minister of Social Solidarity, Egypt  
Mr. Daoud El Deek, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Social Development, Palestine  
H.E. Mr. Rodolfo Solano Quirós, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Worship, Costa Rica  
Mr. Mansur Muhtar, Vice President, Country Programs, Islamic Development Bank (IsDB), Jeddah

## Discussants

Mr. Kaveh Zahedi, Deputy Executive Secretary, ESCAP  
Mr. Mario Cimoli, Deputy Executive Secretary, ECLAC  
Ms. Gala Díaz Langou, Executive Director, Center for the Implementation of Public Policies Promoting Equity and Growth (CIPPEC), Buenos Aires  
Ms. Mariana Balboni, Senior Project Officer, International Policy Centre for Inclusive Growth (IPC-IG), Brazil  
Mr. Ziad Abdel Samad, Executive Director, Arab NGO Network for Development (ANND), Beirut

## Q&A

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