Strengthening the security in social security
Conference on the ISSA Initiative
Vancouver, 10-12 September 2002

Programme

Monday, 9 September 2002

15:00 - 17:30 hrs. Registration of participants

Tuesday, 10 September 2002

08:00 - 09:00 hrs. Registration of participants

09:00 - 10:00 hrs. Opening ceremony

Master of Ceremonies: Edward Tamagno, Director General, Migrants and International Affairs, Human Resources Development Canada

Invocation: Leonard George, Burrard Band First Nation, Canada
Speech: Johan Verstraeten, ISSA President
Speech: Hon. Jane Stewart, P.C., M.P., Minister of Human Resources Development Canada

10:30 - 11:00 hrs. Keynote address: Strengthening the security in social security

Bernard Kouchner, Founder of Médecins sans frontières and Médecins du monde, Former Minister of Health, France

11:00 - 11:10 hrs. Introduction to the Conference

Dalmer D. Hoskins, ISSA Secretary General

11:10 - 12:30 hrs. Session 1: Public expectations of social security

Moderator: Johan Verstraeten, ISSA President

Report: Public expectations of social security in the future
James G. Parkel, President, AARP, United States

Discussants:
Ian Carrington, Director, National Insurance Office, Barbados
Jean-Marie Spaeth, President, National Sickness Insurance Fund for Employees, France

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14:00 - 15:30 hrs. **Session 2: Providing social security in the future**

*Moderator:* Paul Migus, Assistant Deputy Minister, Human Resources Development Canada

*Roundtable:*
Paul Hewitt, Director, Global Aging Initiative, Center for Strategic and International Studies, United States
Guy Standing, Director, InFocus Programme on Socio-Economic Security, International Labour Office
David Stanton, Director of Analytical Services Division, Department of Work and Pensions, United Kingdom
René Valladon, National Secretary, CGT-FO, France

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16:00 - 17:30 hrs. **Session 3: The foundations of social security rights**

*Moderator:* Patrick Hermange, Director, National Old-Age Insurance Fund for Employees, France

*Report:* Foundations and guarantees of social security rights at the beginning of the 21st century
Joakim Palme, Professor, Swedish Institute for Social Research
University of Stockholm, Sweden

*Report:* The role of international standards in strengthening social Security rights
Jean-Claude Javillier, Director, International Labour Standards Department, International Labour Office

*Discussant:*
Franz Ruland, General Manager, Federation of German Pensions Insurance Institutions, Germany

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Wednesday, 11 September 2002

09:00 - 12:30 hrs. Session 4: Coverage and public policy

Moderator: Warren R. McGillivray, ISSA

Report: Gaps in social security coverage: The issues
Simon Roberts, Research Fellow, Centre for Research in Social Security, Loughborough University, United Kingdom

Roundtable:
Benjamín González Roaro, Director General, State Employees’ Social Security and Social Services Institute, Mexico
Jiraporn Kesornsutjarit, Deputy Secretary General, Social Security Office, Thailand
Bernard N’Doumi, Director General, Social Insurance Institute – National Social Insurance Fund, Côte d’Ivoire
Herbert Rische, President, Federal Insurance Institute for Salaried Employees, Germany

Discussant:
Michael Cichon, Chief, Financial, Actuarial and Statistical Services Branch, International Labour Office

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14:00 - 17:00 hrs. Session 5: Protection of rights under private benefit plans

Moderator: Catherine Drummond, Regional Director General, Newfoundland and Labrador, Human Resources Development Canada

Report: Provision of social benefits: A historic shift in responsibilities from the State to the private sector?
Nicholas Barr, Professor of Public Economics, London School of Economics and Political Science, United Kingdom

Roundtable:
Robert D. Baldwin, National Director, Social and Economic Policy, CLC-CTC, Canada
Juan Fernando Berchesi, President, República AFAP, Uruguay
Steven A. Kandarian, Executive Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, United States
Blaise Matthey, Vice-Secretary General, Federation of Employers' Organizations of French-speaking Switzerland
Walter Schulthess, Social Security Consultant, Argentina

Discussant:
Alejandro Bonilla-García, Policy and Research Coordinator of the Social Protection Sector, International Labour Office

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Thursday, 12 September 2002

09:30 - 10:00 hrs. Canadian Museum of Civilization: Launching of Website

10:00 - 12:00 hrs. Closing session: Policymakers’ views on strengthening social security

Moderator: Santiago Levy Algazi, Director General, Mexican Social Insurance Institute, Mexico

Roundtable:
José Cechin, Minister of Social Insurance and Social Assistance, Brazil
James B. Lockhart, Deputy Commissioner of Social Security, Social Security Administration, United States
Yury Lublin, First Deputy Minister, Ministry of Labour and Social Development, Russian Federation
Finn Mortensen, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Social Affairs, Denmark
Mutale Nalumango, Minister of Labour and Social Security, Zambia

12:00 - 12:30 hrs. Closing ceremony