



**VIRTUAL SIDE EVENT: MULTI-STAKEHOLDER DIALOGUE ON THE ROLE OF PARTNERSHIPS IN FRAMING A NEW SOCIAL CONTRACT TO ADVANCE THE RIGHT TO SOCIAL PROTECTION AND LNOB PRINCIPLE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AGENDA 2063 AND THE 2030 AGENDA**

**25 February 2023, Niger Time 4:30-6:00 PM (6.30-8:00 PM EAT)**

### **1. Introduction**

The COVID-19 pandemic and other converging crisis have showed cracks in social protection systems across African countries in a number of areas including health care (related to SDG 3), water and sanitation (SDG 6), adequate food (SDG 2), and education (SDG 4). The pandemic also demonstrated innovations and rapid temporary expansions of social protection coverage. Social protection systems play a critical role in strengthening resilience and enabling people to cope with and recover from crisis impacts. Gaps in social protection systems disproportionately affect groups left behind including informal and rural workers, unpaid care workers (the majority of which are women), people living in extreme poverty and specific group facing intersecting forms of marginalisation including persons with disabilities, migrants, indigenous peoples and LGBTI+ among others. The side event will reflect on global and regional instruments and frameworks including the 2030 Agenda, the 2063 Agenda and specific provisions of the African Charter on Human and Peoples Rights which expressly protects economic, social and cultural rights, as well as the NANHRI 2021 Harare Declaration and Action Plan on the need for a human rights-based approach to enhance sustainable recovery from COVID-19".

### **II. Alignment with ARFSD themes**

The event is co-organised by Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), the Danish Institute for Human Rights (DIHR) and the Network of African NHRIs (NANHRI) and aligns closely with the overall theme of the ARFSD-9 in focusing on inclusive recovery from multiple crisis and the integrated implementation of the 2030 Agenda. It adds a clear human rights dimension to the overall theme, **“Accelerating the inclusive and green recovery from multiple crises and the integrated and full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Agenda 2063”**. The issue of social protection cuts across a number of SDGs, including those under review at the 2023 ARFSD and HLPF.

### **III. Overall Objective of the Side Event**

The event will create a platform for multi-stakeholder dialogue and experience sharing on the topic of an inclusive recovery with a focus on implementing the right to social protection. It will draw on lessons learnt and good practices from UN, NHRIs, CSOs and duty bearers. The deliberations will focus on the importance of partnerships and the need to frame and implement a new social contract between rights holders and duty bearers in order to accelerate the realisation of the SDGs and the underpinning economic, social and cultural rights with priority to marginalised groups and people in vulnerable situations affected by multiple crisis in Africa.

Key lessons learnt, good practices and strategic level policy recommendations on measures that Member States and other duty bearers need to undertake to ensure transformative rights-based social protection and recovery initiatives will inform outcomes of the forum.

## PROGRAMME

TIME Niger time PM	SESSION	SPEAKERS
4:30-4:40	Remarks from the Network of African National Human Rights Institutions	<b>Mr. Gilbert Sebihogo</b> Executive Director, Network of African National Human Rights Institutions (NANHRI)
4:40-4:45	Remarks from OHCHR East Africa Regional Office	<b>Mr. Marcel Clement Akpovo</b> Regional Director, UN Human Rights East Africa Regional Office
4:45-4:55	Opening Remarks	<b>Ms. Ilze Brands Kehris</b> United Nations Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights
<b>Context</b>		
4:55-5:00	Overview of facts and figures: advancing the right to social protection in Africa	<b>Ms. Maria Ploug Petersen</b> Senior Advisor, Danish Institute for Human Rights
<b>Panel Session</b>		
5:00-5:55	Moderated discussion with panelists and audience (via the chat)	<b>Moderator:</b> <b>Mr. Olivier De Schutter</b> UN Special Rapporteur on Extreme Poverty and Human Rights,
	<b>Panelists:</b>	
	Overview of the new ACHPR social protection protocol and general comment (on regulation of private service providers) and how these new instruments can inform government policies on the continent.	<b>Hon. Commissioner, Mudford Mwandenga,</b> Commissioner, African Commission on Human and People's Rights (ACHPR)
	Experiences sharing from Uganda: challenges, lessons learnt and good practices from the Social Assistance Grant for Empowerment (SAGE)	<b>Ms. Beatrice Okillan,</b> Deputy Head of the Expanding Social Protection Programme, Ministry of Gender Labor and Social Development in Uganda
	Experience sharing on challenges faced by persons with disabilities in the context of multiple crisis in Africa (COVID 19, Climate change) and proposed solutions to ensuring the progressive realization of the right to social protection for persons with disabilities.	<b>Ms. Shitaye Astawes</b> Director of Advocacy & Communication, African Disability Forum
Experience sharing by Kenya National Commission on Human Rights: showcasing how NHRI can help fill data and evidence gaps by influencing statistical monitoring of rights fulfillment for marginalized groups.	<b>Mr. Patrick Bonyonte</b> Senior Human Rights Officer, Kenya National Commission on Human Rights	
5:55-6:00	Closing by the moderator	