



BRICS NETWORK OF
LABOUR RESEARCH
INSTITUTES-
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Meeting.

Priority 3 Draft Technical Document and Research execution plans

- ✓ This priority is on “Universal access to social protection and ensuring minimum basic income grant” -as adopted with other priorities for South Africa’s presidency;
- ✓ The Research Network will feed into Priority 3 through drafting the 1st Technical document;
- ✓ The Research Network also identified its 2023 research focus on ensuring to be on ensuring social protection for all;
- ✓ Two-day’s work included Presentations on Impact of Covid-19 [economy wide shock] to Labour Market as well as on Social Protection. ILO, ISSA, ARLAC, BRICS Countries and Academic research presentations;

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- ✓ ISSA- Presented Guidelines on Continuity and Resilience in social security services:
 - ❑ Is about institutions' ability to adapt or have capacity to respond positively to disruptive changes;
 - ❑ Shows how to take pre-emptive steps to make institutions of social security ready for crisis in future- ready for extending services and benefits to individuals not previously covered;
 - ❑ Their guidelines are for preparedness and responsive action.

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- ✓ ILO- Lessons learnt from Covid-19 pandemic for building universal social protection systems:
 - ❑ Universal social protection is at the core of a **human-centred recovery**;
 - ❑ **Workers in all types of employment** enjoy adequate and comprehensive social protection; with adequate benefit levels; comprehensive range of benefits; sustainable financing systems; and adaptable to developments;
 - ❑ Countries with solid public social protection systems were able to respond to crisis faster than others;
 - ❑ **Expanding existing coverage and increasing benefit levels.**

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- ✓ ARLAC- Social Protection Situation in ARLAC Member States:
- ❑ Most of the member states of ARLAC have social protection schemes that are limited in coverage;
- ❑ Schemes are guided by the ILO standards and recommendations, especially the social protection floors initiative;
- ❑ South Africa and Mauritius stand out on social protection matters; and they both demonstrated that social protection can be delivered in a manner that addresses the life cycle risks citizens face.

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✓ BRICS Member States:

- ❑ They all have some forms of social protection with varying range of coverage and benefits; e.g. Emergency Employment and Income Preservation benefits in Brazil, protection against work injuries in most, to Stipends and Pension- Russia, China, South Africa;
- ❑ Some of the countries using direct transfer, e.g. South Africa and India;
- ❑ Most of the countries have significant share of employment in the informal sector- which imply deficit on Social Protection in this sector, especially on new forms of work, platform workers and gig-economy workers;
- ❑ Technology usage currently explored to formalize the informal using social protection, e.g. India using E-SHRAM, Brazil with E-Social, China with All-in-one Card. These tools demonstrate the benefits that can be drawn from technology in ensuring implementation of Social Security services;
- ❑ Deficit recognized and addressed partly through labour law amendments, e.g. India, Russia as well as piloting extension of work injury insurance scheme on people in new forms of work.

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- ❑ The title of the Country studies is: “Ensuring social security for all”;
- ❑ Social security plays an important role in reducing and alleviating poverty, preventing social exclusion, and promoting social inclusion;
- ❑ The study aims to assess country situations in BRICS with the aim of closing gaps identified in their social security coverage;
- ❑ The study will focus amongst others on major challenges within BRICS, in realizing the right to social security for all;
- ❑ Using secondary data sources available in our countries we will do analysis and stock take, get strategies for extending social protection to workers who are still uncovered;

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Roadmap:

First draft of country studies	Institutes of Labour	30 May 2023
Review country studies	Institutes of Labour	30 June 2023
Final draft of country studies	Institutes of Labour	15 July 2023
Draft of the summary of country studies	South Africa	30 July 2023
Review summary	Institutes of Labour	15 August 2023
Final draft of the summary	South Africa	31 August 2023
Presentation of final studies	Institutes of Labour (with the participation of ILO)	20 September 2023

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