

# OVERCOMING EXCLUSION AND PROMOTING RIGHTS:

## Challenges and Opportunities in Social Protection

30<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

### Social Protection Human Rights

This event is the first of a 2-day series to launch the Social Protection and Human Rights platform which provides expert legal and development resources on how to better align social protection and human rights. Targeted at policy makers, development practitioners and human rights advocates, it aims to strengthen a growing social protection community across all disciplines. Visit the platform at [socialprotection-humanrights.org](http://socialprotection-humanrights.org)

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#### About the Event

How can a better understanding of human rights norms be used by governments, civil society, and international organizations to ensure that all members of society have, without discrimination, adequate access to social protection measures?

Event participants will discuss specific social groups—such as women, children, LGBT persons, and persons with disabilities—who encounter specific challenges in claiming and realizing their right to social protection.

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