ISSA Technical Seminar on Continuity and Resilience of Social Security Services and Systems in Southern Africa

Cape Town, South Africa, 1-3 March 2023

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 1 March 2023

17:00–17:30 **Registration of participants**

17:30–18:30 Welcome speeches

Welcome remarks *Linton Mchunu*

Acting Director-General

Department of Social Development

South Africa

Welcome remarks

His Royal Highness Prince Lonkhokhela Dlamini

Chairperson for the ISSA Liaison Office for Southern Africa

Chief Executive Officer National Provident Fund

Eswatini

Welcome address Lindiwe Zulu

Minister of Social Development

South Africa

18:30–21:00 Welcome dinner

Thursday, 2 March 2023

08:30–09:00 Final Registration

09:00-16:20 Continuity and Resilience of Social Security Services and Systems

Social security institutions are an important face of government. The public turn to social security for support, especially in times of need at various phases of their life course. The public has grown to expect the predictable and timely delivery of social security benefits and services in normal circumstances, as well as in highly disruptive and extreme situations, as evidenced by the recent experience with the COVID-19 pandemic. Unforeseen shocks and extreme events can significantly stress and overwhelm the capabilities of social security

institutions, which can lead to serious disruptions in providing benefits and services and, ultimately, to a loss of public trust. Cognizant that shocks can easily translate to social crises, social security institutions must have the capacity to quickly scale and deploy resources and collaborate with other government units as part of a concerted national response. The objective of the sessions is to present and discuss practices to ensure continuity and resilience in the region in light of the ISSA Guidelines on Continuity and Resilience of Social Security Services and Systems.

09:00-09:10 General introduction to the Technical Seminar Thembinkosi Popho Mnisi Liaison Officer for Southern Africa Eswatini 09:10-09:40 ISSA Guidelines on Continuity and Resilience of Social Security Services and Systems Ernesto Brodersohn Senior Officer in Social Security, Social Security Development Branch International Social Security Association 09:40-10:10 **Discussion** 10:10-10:40 Coffee break and group photo Role of partnerships in times of crisis for continuity and resilience: 10:40-12:10 **Case of South Africa** Eldrid Jordaan Chief Executive Officer GovChat Discussions 12:10-12:30 12:30-14:00 Lunch 14:00-14:30 Country experience: South Africa, Department of Social Development Brenda Sibeko **Deputy Director General** 14:30-15:00 Country experience: Eswatini, National Provident Fund Futhi Tembe General Manager Finance and Business Development 15:00-15:30 Country experience: Kenya, Local Authorities Pension Trust Hosea Kimutai Kili Managing Director Tea break 15:30-15:50

15:50-16:20

Discussions

16:30–17:00	Meeting of the Liaison Office Steering Committee and Directors (Heads of Social Security Institutions)
18:00-21:00	Networking event

Friday, 3 March 2022

09:00-09:30	Country experience: Zambia, National Pension Scheme Authority Ronnie Kamanya Director Strategy and Business Performance
09:30–10:00	Country experience: Zimbabwe, National Social Security Authority Nyaradzai Tasaranarwo Deputy Director, Acturial and Data Services
10:00-10:30	Discussions
10:30-11:00	Tea break
11:00–11:30	Country experience: Madagascar, National Social Insurance Fund Hanitra Ravalison Head of Missions
11:30–12:00	Country experience: Namibia, Social Security Commission Milka Mungunda Executive Officer
12:00–13:30	Country experience: Botswana Public Officers Pension Fund Otlaabotsa Tsie Director, Risk and Compliance
13:30–13:45	Discussion
13:45–14:00	Wrap-up and conclusion