

DISCUSSION OF ASIAN REGION

DECEMBER 2, 2010 – THEMATIC BLOCK I

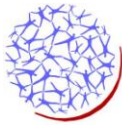
The reasons and opportunities for the construction of Universal Systems in their ethical and democratic imperatives:

1. System should be selected based on equality in supporting all segments of society.
2. Should be formulated upon rights based approaches
3. The USS should be announced in the Declaration Mode
4. Best practices of Universal SS should be incorporated .
5. The fragmentation of social safety nets should be addressed and be implemented by a single entity.
6. In framing and implementing USSS involvement of the entire government is required since it requires political commitment of the government.
7. The Universal Social Security being a broad área, it is needed that There should be a clear definition of USSS.
8. Appropriate targetting mechanism should be evolved to provide equal Access to marginalised communities.
9. Citizenship rights of the migrant population should be well guarded in conformity with the indigenous population in the contexto f large number of migration from asian countries.
10. The civil society should be proactively involved in the framing of policy and its implementation.
11. There should be universal consideration and standardisation of SS measures.
12. There should be compatability between the UN Declarations and the National Charters .
13. The USSS should provide protection from the pressures in developing sovereign policies.

DECEMBER 3, 2010 – THEMATIC BLOCK II

The challenges to reach the universalization of Social Security:

1. For any Universal SSS, equitable tax system will be needed because taxes in general put more burden on the poor.
2. Efforts should be made to address concerns pertaining to the informal economy.
3. The notion of development should be reviewed, and the marginalized communities must also be involved in the decision making process.
4. The conflicting situation in implementing USSSs and withdrawal of subsidies needs rethinking.
5. Governments should have more action than words.



6. Certain governments are ignorant about the SS measures needed in certain vital sectors like health workers and helpers.
7. Cross country coalition should be worked out for pursuing the policies needed for universal Access.
8. Social security initiative Models like *Bolsa Familia* (Brazil) should be created in countries for future wider application of social security measures.
9. In a fragmented society, dual character of state is a cause of concern. Governments are deviating from welfare state towards privatizing. As a result socio-economic inequalities are increasing.
10. The role of public sector should be emphasized in this period of global economic crisis.

DECEMBER 4, 2010 – THEMATIC BLOCK III

The political paths to the construction of Universal Systems: definition of the political agenda and strategies of mobilization:

1. Starting point of universalization should be minimum wages particularly inflation protected.
2. Imperialistic and hegemonic designs on the curtailment of the sovereign governments in the areas like minimum wage and pension benefits.
3. There should be global commitment to establish social democracy.
4. The operational costs of the social services interventions should be bare minimum.
5. A focus is needed for integration and networking within the nation and amongst the nations.
6. Implementation should only be confined to public initiative.
7. Defense expenditure around the globe should be diverted towards expansion of social services.
8. There should be requisite reformation of constitutions so as to enable to social security measures.
9. Essential inter linkage of multi-sectoral administrative laws and regulations.
10. Collective efforts of countries requisite to defuse the external pressure.
11. Stronger social movements at national, regional and global levels essential for establishing the SS system.