

Thematic Working Group on Social Protection in Europe and Central Asia:

ADDENDUM to Terms of Reference

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Roadmap for Building an Issue-based Coalition

The Thematic Working Group on Social Protection in Europe and Central Asia (TWG SP ECA) was created to more closely integrate the action of UN agencies working to advance social protection in the region. As it works towards the realization of ambitious social protection related targets of the 2030 Development Agenda, the TWG SP ECA recognizes a need for partnerships beyond the internal structures of the UN in order to leverage all of the available resources, technologies and human capacities necessary to fully achieve its aims. The creation of a broader-based coalition among likeminded organizations, including those outside the UN system, dedicated to ensuring a rights-based approach to social protection expansion in the region is needed.

With support from the TWG SP ECA, an Issue-based Coalition for Social Protection in the ECA region will bring together partners from across the UN system, member states, relevant and representative civil society organizations, think tanks and other entities to realize our common objectives.

Purpose of an Issue-based Coalition for Social Protection in ECA

Among the barriers to improvements in social protection entitlements and access are disjointed approaches employed by important social protection actors and a diffusion of activity across scattered, uncoordinated interventions. The Issue-based Coalition will seek to gradually engender greater coherence among the wide range of relevant organizations in the social protection sector and the development of common advocacy and joint activities among members of the newly-formed Coalition.

Methods of work

Common positions and advocacy – The Issue-based Coalition will eventually seek to harmonize the series of definitions and positions on social protection across members and to develop common advocacy messages that can be delivered and amplified using a single voice.

Exchange of knowledge, experiences and good practices – The Coalition will serve to facilitate the exchange of a broad spectrum of knowledge and experience across Coalition members and to eventually document good practices to be distilled from these experiences with support from the TWG SP ECA.

Joint efforts for resource mobilization and in-country activities – As the Coalition seeks to integrate members' various social protection interventions, members will eventually engage in joint resource mobilization efforts to leverage the additional resources needed to pursue projects of appropriate scale and ambition for sustainable impacts.

Phases of implementation

By way of this Addendum to the TWG SP ECA Terms of Reference, the TWG commits to the following Road Map for building the Issue-based Coalition.

- **Phase 1 – Consolidation of the core group of regional and national TWG SP ECA members**
This phase consists of adopting the provisional annual work plan at the meeting of core TWG SP ECA members in late May 2016, and the drafting of key policy positions to serve as precepts for guiding the work of the core group and that of the eventual Coalition.
- **Phase 2 – Greater engagement with UN members**
This phase consists of expanding the existing core TWG SP ECA membership to include a broader range of UN agencies and to refine of the key policy positions to reflect the comments, inputs and discussions had among an expanded set of TWG SP ECA members by autumn 2016.
- **Phase 3 – Outreach to a broader group to form Issue-based Coalition**
This phase consists of concerted outreach by core TWG SP ECA members to bring in key non-UN actors, including UN member states, relevant and representative civil society organizations, think tanks and other entities to realize the objectives articulated in the TWG SP ECA TORs and the key policy priorities.