**PROGRAMME**

**TOWARDS UNIVERSAL SOCIAL PROTECTION (USP) BY 2030 IN EASTERN AFRICA**

**Closing Conference**
09 MARCH 2023 • 14h00-16h00 Eastern Africa Time (UTC +3)

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| 14.00 – 14.05 | **Opening**  
*Welcome address*  
*Cynthia Samuel-Olonjuwon* Assistant Director General and Regional Director for Africa, International Labour Organization (ILO) |
| 14.05 – 14.20 | **Keynote address**  
*Making universal social protection happen in Eastern Africa: reflections on building rights-based systems*  
*Jimi Adesina* Professor and the DST/NRF SARChI Chair in Social Policy at the College of Graduate Studies, University of South Africa (UNISA) |
| 14.20 – 15.20 | **Discussion panel 1**  
*Views on universal social protection from the region*  
- Priscilla Gavi Chairperson, Africa Platform for Social Protection  
- *Omar Faruk Osman* General Secretary, Federation of Somali Trade Unions (FESTU)  
- George Khaki Executive Director, Employers’ Consultative Association of Malawi (ECAM) |
| 15.20 – 15.50 | **Discussion panel 2**  
*Leveraging USP2030 in Africa*  
- *Sofia Mohamed Imam* Senior Program Officer, HelpAge International Ethiopia Office  
- Limbani Kachali Researcher, Malawi Congress of Trade Unions  
- Pontien Hatungimana Permanent Secretary to the Minister in charge of Social Affairs, Burundi  
- Peter Ondabu Ombasa Assistant Director of Children Services, State Department of Social Protection, National Social Protection Secretariat, Kenya |
| 15.50 – 16.00 | **Closing**  
*Conclusions and way forward*  
*Anders Gerdin* Programme Manager, Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency |