



INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL SECURITY ASSOCIATION

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ISSA Press Conference: "Social Security: the Social Dimension of Globalization"

The recognition and development of social security as a basic human right is one of the most significant achievements of the 20th century. However, demographic evolution, changes in international and domestic labour markets, technological innovations and changing family structures in a context of economic globalization create pressures for social security to adapt.

Over 1,200 ministers, policymakers, CEOs and academics from all regions will debate these issues at the first World Social Security Forum, in Moscow (Russian Federation), 10 to 15 September 2007. Organized by the International Social Security Association (ISSA), the World Social Security Forum will be a unique global platform to discuss today's challenges and identify tomorrow's solutions for social security.

**A press conference to present the first World Social Security Forum
will take place at the Geneva Press Club on Thursday 14 June:**

8.45 Welcome
9.00 Press conference
9.45 Coffee & croissants

Speakers at the press conference will include:

Mr. Hans-Horst Konkolewsky

The Secretary General of the International Social Security Association since 2005, Mr. Konkolewsky has developed the concept of dynamic social security and is a leading advocate of the social dimension of globalization. He will address the International Labour Conference on 13 June 2007.

Dr. Carmelo Mesa-Lago

Professor Emeritus on Economics and Latin American Studies, University of Pittsburgh (USA), Dr. Mesa-Lago has worked closely with the ISSA as an international expert on social security. He is the recipient of the first decent work research prize of the International Labour Organization (ILO) in recognition of his lifelong work in the field of social protection.

Ms. Elena Volohova

Deputy Director, Department of International Cooperation and Public Relations, Ministry of Health and Social Development of the Russian Federation.

*The **International Social Security Association (ISSA)** is the world's leading international organization bringing together national social security administrations and agencies. As the independent voice of social security, the ISSA assists members and policymakers to face challenges and develop social security systems through platforms of cooperation and research, knowledge production and transfer and the promotion of social security at the international level. Founded in 1927, the ISSA today has nearly 370 member organizations in more than 150 countries, and has its headquarters in Geneva. Website: www.issa.int*

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