

Shifting the paradigm: centring care society and social protection for social development

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Speakers' Bios

Introductory remarks



Roberto Bissio, Member, Global Coalition for Social Protection Floors (GCSPF)

Roberto Bissio is a Uruguayan journalist. He is coordinator of Social Watch, a member of the International Coalition for Social Protection Floors - GCSPF.

Roberto co-chaired the Development Caucus in the preparatory process of the 1995 World Summit on Social Development and coordinated the drafting of the Civil Society "Quality Benchmark for the Social Summit".

Roberto is a member of the International Committee for October 17 (poverty eradication day) and was a member of the board of WEDO (Women's Environment and Development

Organization) and of the civil society advisory group to the UNDP administrator.

Panelists



Asako Hattori, Human Rights Officer, Women's Human Rights and Gender Section, <u>Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights</u> (UN Human Rights)

Asako is serving as a human rights officer at the Women's Human Rights and Gender Section, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (UN Human Rights). Currently she is leading Socio-Economic Equality Cluster of the Section. Gender-responsive, disability-inclusive and agesensitive care and support systems is one of the priority areas of her Cluster.

At the UN Human Rights, Asako has worked on the rights of women, children, and persons with disabilities, as well as on the right to food and land and human rights. Prior to the UN Human Rights, Asako worked at the World Health Organization (WHO) and supported the integration of the right to health into WHO's work.



Valentina Contreras Orrego, Programme Officer on Public Services and Care, Global Initiative for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Valentina Contreras Orrego is the Programme Officer on Public Services and Care at the Global Initiative for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (GI-ESCR). In this role, she advances the recognition of care as a human right and a public good—essential to equality, dignity, and sustainable societies. Her work focuses on grounding the right to care and support within the right to an adequate standard of living for both carers and cared-for persons, through an

intersectional and ESCR-based approach. She also highlights the intrinsic link between care and environmental sustainability, understanding care for the planet as the foundation of this human right.

Valentina integrates feminist, environmental, and rights-based perspectives into social, economic, and environmental policy, advocating for care to be recognised, valued, and shared collectively.

Originally from Chile, she is a lawyer with over 16 years of experience in human rights, gender equality, and access to justice. Before joining GI-ESCR, she contributed to legal reforms in Chile's justice system, led class action cases benefiting thousands of people, and participated in the country's constitutional reform process.

She is deeply committed to advancing ecofeminist and decolonial visions of public policy that place care, equity, and interdependence at the heart of transformative change.



Olivier De Schutter, <u>UN Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights</u>

Olivier De Schutter is professor at UCLouvain and SciencesPo, and he taught in the past at Columbia University, at UC Berkeley, and at Yale University. He was the UN Special Rapporteur on right to food between 2008 and 2014, and a Member of the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights between 2015 and 2020. He is currently co-chair of the International Panel of Experts on Sustainable Food Systems (IPES-Food) and the UN Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights.



Florencia Caro Sachetti Associate Researcher at CIPPEC's Social Protection Program, Centro de Implementación de Políticas Públicas para la Equidad y el Crecimiento, Argentina (CIPPEC)

Florencia Caro Sachetti is Associate researcher at CIPPEC and PhD candidate at Carlos III University of Madrid. She holds a MSc in Development Studies (LSE) and a degree in Economics (Torcuato di Tella University). As a researcher and practitioner, she works to promote better policies on care, gender equality, migration and labour. She was selected as a Policy Leader Fellow at EUI and a Young Global Changer by the Global Solutions

Initiative. She has previously worked in economic development projects in the public sector and as economic consultant.

Concluding remarks

Ana B. Moreno, Technical Secretary, Global Alliance for Care (TBC)

Social anthropologist and journalist with over 30 years of experience in public policy, international, and local sustainable development projects. Specializes in defining and implementing collaboration platforms and multi-stakeholder alliances, participating in intergovernmental processes, and designing advocacy and outreach strategies for sustainable development and resource mobilisation.

Notable roles include serving as Coordinator for the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) and the UN-Habitat World Urban Forum (2012-2018), as well as Director of the UN-Habitat Office for Brunei-Darussalam, Malaysia, Singapore, and Thailand. Additionally, Ana, has held key positions with the Barcelona City Council, Spain's Ministry of Industry, Tourism and Trade, and the Ministry of Economy and Finance.

Moderator

Farah Arabe, Representative to the UN, Make Mothers Matter

Farah is a passionate advocate for the transformative power of early relationships, experiences and environments for sustainable and inclusive global development. Upon experiencing motherhood, she became the Founder of itotheN |Intergenerational Impact, an international policy consulting firm that focuses on the early formation of the human mind and heart as a catalyst for global change. Currently she is also head of Make Mothers Matter UN advocacy in New York, serves on the advisory board of the Global Mental Health Action Network and co-presides the Harvard

Kennedy School Women's Alumni Network.

