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## Symposium on Old-Age Income Security and Universal Basic Income in South Asia

NIPFP Auditorium, Satsang Vihar Marg, Special Institutional Area (Near JNU), New Delhi

27 February 2017

Time	Session
9:30 - 10:00	Registration
10:00 - 10:45	<b>Opening Session:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Opening remarks by <b>Dr. Rathin Roy</b>, Director, National Institute of Public Finance and Policy (NIPFP), India</li><li>• Opening remarks by <b>Dr. Nagesh Kumar</b>, Director, Social Development Division, UNESCAP, Bangkok</li><li>• Keynote address by <b>Mr. Hemant Contractor</b>, Chairman, Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority, Government of India, New Delhi</li></ul>
10:45 - 11:15	Tea Break
11:15 - 13:00	<b>Session 2: Income security for older persons in India: status and outlook</b> <b>Chair: Dr. Sudipto Mundle</b> , Emeritus Professor, NIPFP <b>Presentations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Overview of contributory pension systems in Asia and the Pacific and lessons learnt by <b>Dr. Vanessa Steinmayer</b>, UNESCAP</li><li>➤ Income security for older persons in India by <b>Dr. Mukesh Anand</b>, NIPFP</li></ul> <b>Panellists:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ <b>Prof. Ravi Srivastava</b>, JNU</li><li>➤ <b>Dr. Ramgopal Agarwala</b>, Pehle India Foundation</li><li>➤ <b>World Bank</b> representative</li><li>➤ <b>Dr. Aabha Chaudhary</b>, Chairperson, Anugraha</li></ul> Open Discussion
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch break
14:00 - 15:15	<b>Session 3: Income security for older persons in South Asia - overview and lessons learnt</b> <b>Moderator: Mr. Matthew Hammill</b> , UNESCAP-SSWA <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Sri Lanka's experience in providing income security for older persons, <b>Ms. Ganga Tilakaratna</b>, Institute for Policy Studies for Sri Lanka</li><li>➤ Experience with social pensions and their contribution to poverty reduction</li></ul>

	<p>for older people in Nepal, <b>Dr. Dilli Raj Khanal</b>, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The role of social pensions and challenges in expanding coverage of contributory pensions in Bangladesh, <b>Mr. Gulam Mustafa Dulal</b>, Executive Director, Gono Swasthya Kendra</li> <li>➤ Income security for older people in Bhutan, <b>Mr. Yonten Phuntsho</b>, Office of the Gyalpoi Zimpon, His Majesty's Secretariat</li> <li>➤ The role of social pensions for older persons in South Asia, <b>Mr. Mathew Cherian</b>, HelpAge India</li> </ul> <p>Open Discussion</p>
15:15 - 15:30	<b>Tea break</b>
15:30 - 17:15	<p>Session 4: <b>High-level Panel on Universal Basic Income in India: Relevance, Affordability and Implementation Challenges</b></p> <p>Chair: <b>Dr. Nagesh Kumar</b>, UNESCAP</p> <p>Presentation: <b>Dr. Sudipto Mundle</b>, NIPFP</p> <p><b>High-level Panel</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Prof. Jayati Ghosh</b>, JNU</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Sarath Davala</b>, Coordinator, Indian Network for Basic Income (INBI) India</li> <li>• <b>UNICEF</b>, India</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Alakh Sharma</b>, Director, IHD</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Megha Pradhan</b>, Policy Manager, J-PAL South Asia</li> </ul> <p>Open Discussion</p>
17:15-17:30	<p>Wrap up</p> <p><b>Dr. Rathin Roy</b>, NIPFP</p> <p><b>Dr. Nagesh Kumar</b>, UNESCAP</p>