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

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

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