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The logo features a stylized illustration of a family of six people (two adults and four children) under a large umbrella. The family members are represented by simple human figures in various colors (blue, orange, green). The umbrella is orange and white. Below the illustration, the text 'ASIA-PACIFIC' is in blue, 'SOCIAL PROTECTION WEEK 2023' is in orange, and 'Social Protection in a Changing World' is in blue.

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Lauren Whitehead leads a global portfolio of work strengthening gender-responsive and transformative social protection globally. She works to provide technical assistance, support global advocacy, and steer global partnerships in support of this work with regional and country offices. Previously, she was Chief Technical Specialist for the Generation Equality Action Coalitions at UN Women, overseeing delivery of thematic coalitions to accelerate progress towards SDG 5 on gender equality. Prior to this, Lauren spent six years at BRAC, where she led as the Director of Technical Assistance managing 40+ global staff to design and deliver technical assistance, advisory services, and policy advocacy to governments, bilateral and multilateral institutions, and international NGOs.

She has also worked with UNHCR, ADB, IDB, and various non-profit organizations in Asia, Africa, and Latin America. She holds an M.A. from Georgetown University and a B.A. from Princeton University.

Panelists



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Qin Sen has a Master's degree in Software Engineering. His work includes: (i) formulation of financial policies for social insurance funds, (ii) formulating financial and budget management policies for social insurance funds, (iii) formulating policies that benefit families, (iv) coordinate with relevant departments on research to formulate support policies for the development of children aged 0-3, jointly promote family friendliness and research on social insurance topics, (v) prepare and review of social insurance budgets and final accounts, (vi) undertake the preparation and review of central and local social insurance fund, (vi) undertake financial supervision and management of social insurance, (vii) undertake the implementation and supervision of the financial system of social insurance funds, and (viii) collaborate with experts to conduct research on social insurance policies.



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Nantanoot Suwannawut obtained her Master's Degree in European inclusive education and policy from the Roehampton University, UK, and a doctoral degree in information science from the Indiana University, U.S.A. She is currently a social development officer at the Department of Persons with Disabilities, Thailand Ministry of Social Development and Human Security. She also guides academic researchers and practitioners in areas of disability employment and barrier-free society and inclusion. She is one of the key leaders of Thailand Association of the Blind and has served in several advisory committees such as the promotion of information access for persons with visual impairments and print disability program. Moreover, she has been appointed to help with many projects, such as learning management system development for all. Her areas of specialization are information accessibility, especially educational media production and Human Computer Interaction (HCI). In addition, she is joining the team of Thailand digital accessibility and got involved in several ICT projects. She also has been elected as the ASEAN sub-regional chair of the World Blind Union.



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including the recent ILO major report “Care at Work: Investing in care leave and services for a more gender equal world of work” (2022). Recently, she has led the development of the “ILO Care policy investment simulator”, the largest care policy-modelling tool available online in English, French and Spanish). Laura has 20 years of experience within the UN system, including UNDP in Comoros Union and ILO in Central America, Geneva and New York.



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Luisa Manuofeta is currently serving Tonga vulnerable population as Deputy Chief Executive Officer (D/CEO) for Social Protection, Disability and the Vulnerable at the Ministry of Internal Affairs (MIA). Prior to joining the MIA Focal Point, Luisa helped build human capacity of staff and clients and communities, at the Tonga Development Banking industry with a focus to improve the culture of the organizations, the design, the workforce transitions, business performance, as well as the clients capacity to produce results.