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Xin Long is the focal person on social protection for Central West and East Asia regions. She has been working on human and social development through investment support for education and social protection sector projects, knowledge products, policy and strategic dialogues, and results-based management. In her earlier career she worked as a policy analyst and a regional economist for Southern Africa. Xin published a paper on Factor Income Taxation in a Horizontal Innovation Model published in the Journal of Public Economics. She holds a PhD degree in economics.

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Herwig Immervoll is Senior Economist and Head of Employment-Oriented Social Policies at the OECD, where he heads work on income and employment support policies, the future of social protection, policy evaluation and distributional consequences of climate change. Dr. Immervoll has held earlier staff positions at the World Bank and at the University of Cambridge and is a Research Fellow at the IZA in Bonn. He has led research projects and policy dialogues on inequality trends and redistribution, income and employment support for working-age people and their families, population aging, and on social policy responses to economic crises. His recent and ongoing work includes analyses of minimum-wage provisions, Basic Income proposals, adapting social protection to a "future of work" and a "green transition", and working with countries to make income and employment support more accessible, people-centered, and fiscally sustainable.



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Parbati Aryal is associated with the department of foreign employment under the Ministry of Labor, Employment and Social Security. The major functions of the department are related to policies and regulatory actions on foreign employment. The department also works toward creating public awareness, providing support and cooperation regarding safe migration, and identifying areas of demand in the labor market.



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