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The topic of one of the [United Nations Economic and Social Council \(ECOSOC\)](#) Division for Social Policy and Development [Commission for Social Development](#) High-Level Panel Discussions was “Social Protection, Including Floors: A Preeminent Strategy to Eradicate Poverty and Achieve Sustainable Development for All.”

The purpose of the event was to prepare civil society participants to engage in the 55th session of the Commission for Social Development (1-10 February 2017) as well as ongoing discussions related to the implementation of social protection, including floors, at national and local levels. This space created an inclusive dialogue to foster cooperation between member states, civil society, and the United Nations.

The event was held 31 January – 1 February 2017 at the United Nations Headquarters, New York, New York, United States.

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Speakers were invited to address and critique the Commission’s 2-year focus on “Strategies for the Eradication of Poverty to Achieve Sustainable Development for All”—specifically, how social protection can help fulfill this objective. The aim was that, at the end of the forum, participants would have developed concrete recommendations for the Commission, honed their understanding of the relationship between poverty eradication and social protection, and been galvanized to engage meaningfully with governments in New York and at the grassroots level. I found this session informative. My primary objective was to identify where STTI fits with the Commission for Social Development. Involving a smaller group, the session offered good networking opportunities, encouraged dialogue, and created breakout groups that brought back good examples, lessons learned, and models to highlight for the Commission. During the rest of the conference, which I followed in person and online, I saw each group give summaries of what its members had learned (grouped by regions and common interests) and make policy recommendations to be brought forward for consideration by the member states for this year’s outcome Declaration. See the attached flier for members of the panel.

View Part 1 of the briefing at <http://webtv.un.org/search/part-1-civil-society-forum-55th-session-of-the-commission-for-social-velopment/5305554604001?term=social%20protection%20including%20floors>

and Part 2 at <http://webtv.un.org/search/part-2-civil-society-forum-55th-session-of-the-commission-for-social-development/5306538041001?term=social%20protection%20including%20floors>.