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SDD/SETS/Social Protection

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Dear Ms. Odisharia,

**Invitation to the Strategic Dialogue on Building Inclusive Social Protection Systems  
14-15 November 2017, Bangkok**

Right now some 60 per cent of all women, men and children in Asia and the Pacific have only partial or no social protection coverage at all.

ESCAP, as the regional development arm of the United Nations in Asia and the Pacific, is therefore bringing together policymakers, practitioners and thought-leaders to discuss how to build effective and inclusive social protection systems in order to extend coverage to all.

Given your expertise in social protection we are pleased to invite you in your expert capacity to join us in Bangkok, Thailand on **14 and 15 November 2017 in our Strategic Dialogue on Building Inclusive Social Protection Systems**. This event, the second in a series of innovative dialogues, will bring together some 30 participants, each of you carefully selected to bring the latest evidence and ideas.

Over the course of two days, we will explore four questions:

- How social protection contributes to economic development and what is the evidence in Asia and the Pacific?
- What barriers do countries in the region face in investing in and implementing inclusive and effective national social protection systems?
- What can be learnt from those countries with more inclusive and comprehensive social protection systems?
- What needs to be done to build commitment to inclusive and more effective social protection across the region?

ESCAP will cover your travel costs to and from Bangkok, as well as daily subsistence allowance in line with United Nation regulations.

Please kindly indicate your interest and availability to participate in this Dialogue at your earliest convenience.

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A detailed programme will be provided in due course.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nagesh Kumar". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Nagesh" being more prominent than the last name "Kumar".

Nagesh Kumar  
Director  
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