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A total commitment for the ISSA

“Sustainable development, social justice, democracy and respect for human rights are priorities for mankind. Leading the ISSA is first and foremost a question of competence but it is also a question of heart. For me, social security is my calling.”

With the full support and backing from his country

“The social focus of Jean-Marc Vandenbergh is undeniable and demonstrates the necessary leadership qualities. His vision of social security at a global level is intelligently constructed and he has the strength of conviction to make things happen. For years, he has consistently demonstrated the highest level of performance”

Kris Peeters, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Employment, Economy and Consumers, in charge of Foreign Trade for the Belgian government

Respected by the academic world

“Jean-Marc Vandenbergh has a thorough knowledge of social security and related matters. He is an inspiring speaker and his proposals are always enriching. He builds bridges between people but also between theory and practice.”

Pierre Vandervorst, Professor at the Université Libre de Bruxelles, Honorary Royal Commissioner for the Codification of Social Security and Honorary General Administrator of the National Social Security Office

Doctor in economics and management and happy father

Dr. Jean-Marc Vandenbergh holds several degrees in economics and management from four different universities in two countries. He is a doctor in Economics and Management at the University of Liège. His favorite subjects are public management and change management. He is Vice-President of Airmap, an international research association in Paris. He has published various scientific articles and contributed to several books. He is also invited all over the world to share his scientific expertise, from France and the US to the Republic of Korea, and beyond.

Jean-Marc Vandenbergh will be 50 next year. He lives in Liège, Belgium and is the proud father of four children.

A life dedicated to social security

Jean-Marc Vandenbergh invests all his heart and energy in the field of social security, where he has worked most of his life. As a consultant and project manager first, as chief executive officer afterwards. His areas of management expertise are: strategic management, change management, human resources management and financial management. He is active internationally on many levels: within social security through the management of European projects as well as within the International Social Security Association of which he is Chairman of the Control Commission and Vice-Chairman of the Technical Commission for Organization, Management and Innovation. His government recently entrusted him with the responsibility of organising the World Social Security Forum to be held in Brussels from 14 to 18 October 2019.



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“The members of the ISSA are the *raison d'être* of the ISSA. A proactive vision”

Social protection affects only 30% of the world's population. It is therefore a priority to implement more dynamic and supportive social security policies and systems around the world to pursue the goals of sustainable development, social justice and respect for human rights.

A proactive vision at the service of members

The ISSA, through its members, is a major player in the development of social security.

ISSA members are the ISSA's *raison d'être*

The ISSA is a membership association and fostering a long lasting link with its member organizations is a crucial part of its mission. The quality and diversity of ISSA services to its members is therefore a priority. Both technical services and more strategic elements need to evolve continuously.

The development of services to members

The current ISSA activities and services are a good operational basis and are widely communicated. However, we must go further.

It is necessary to substantially strengthen three areas:

- *to offer more direct services to members*
- *to have a dynamic study and prospective department*
- *to intensify contacts between members.*



Relations with other international organizations

It is important that the ISSA strengthens its links with all international and regional organisations related to social security, while respecting their individual identities.

The ISSA President's efforts in his representational role must be followed and supported.

Good governance

The ISSA needs to reinforce its accountable and transparent approach, respectful of gender, culture, language and other sensitivities while remaining cost-effective, making the best use of available resources.

Social security brings stability, freedom and peace to the world.

It is our duty to implement increasingly dynamic and supportive social security policies and systems around the world to achieve our goals.

As Secretary General of the ISSA, this is the challenge I have set out to meet.

