

AGENDA

4th EU-China High Level Round Table on Social Security

“MANAGING SOCIAL SECURITY IN PERIODS OF ECONOMIC UNCERTAINTY”

Thursday 15th & Friday 16th October 2009
Drottningholm Rooms
Sheraton Hotel, Stockholm

DAY ONE

Thursday October 15th 2009

- 9:00 – 9:30 Arrival and registrations
Tea/Coffee/Snacks to welcome (Mezzanine Foyer)
- 9:30 – 10:00 (VIP meeting – Haga Room 1) Reception of the visiting Chinese, EU Member State and EU High Level Guests by Minister for Social Security, Swedish Ministry for Health and Social Affairs Ms. Cristina Husmark Pehrsson
- 10:00 – 10:30 Opening Ceremony
- Chair: Carl Shaw, EUCSS Project Component 1 Team Leader
- Welcoming speeches by:
- Ms. Cristina Husmark Pehrsson, Minister for Social Security, Swedish Ministry for Health and Social Affairs.
 - Mr Chen Mingming, Chinese Ambassador to Sweden
- 10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break (Mezzanine Foyer)
- 11:00 – 12:00
- Chair: Dai Xiaochu, Deputy Director General, International Cooperation Department, MoHRSS.
- Keynote speeches by:
- Mr. Xavier Prats-Monné, Director for Employment, Lisbon Strategy and International Affairs
 - Vice-Minister, Mr Hu Xiaoyi, Ministry of Human Resources and Social Security, Beijing, PRC
 - Franz Thönnies, Parliamentary State Secretary & Member of Parliament, German Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs
- 12:00 – 13:30 Lunch - (Gripsholm A+B at Lobby Level)
- 13:30 – 15:00
- Sub topic 1:** *“Responses to adverse impacts of the global economic downturn in the areas of labour market policy and delivery of services”*
- Chair: Michael Morass, Acting Head of Unit, Enlargement and International Affairs, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, EU Commission

Session One: ***Impacts of the global economic downturn on labour markets and recovery policies – the wider perspective:***

Panel speakers:

- Prof. Yang Weiguo, School of Labour and Human Resources, Renmin University, Beijing PRC
- Søren Kaj Andersen, Director, Employment Relations Research Centre, University of Copenhagen
- Dr. Lv Xue Jing, School of Labour Economics, Capital University of Economics and Business, Beijing, PRC
- Jose Daniel Martin Gonzales, General Secretary, Regional Ministry of Education, Training and Employment, Region of Murcia, Spain

Panel discussion
Participant interventions and Q&A session

15:00 – 15:30 Coffee Break - (Mezzanine Foyer)

15:30 – 17:00

Chair: Wang Zhe, Director Unemployment Insurance Department of MoHRSS

Session Two: ***Implications of the global crisis for unemployment insurance and services?***

Panel speakers:

- Wu Youliang, Deputy Director of Suzhou Municipal Labour and Social Security Bureau
- Ms. Maria Hemström, Division Director Unemployment Insurance Policy, Swedish Ministry of Employment

Panel discussion
Participant interventions and Q&A session

Concluding summary by Chair

17:00 End of Day One

18:30 Banquet Dinner – (Haga Room 1-3)

DAY TWO Friday October 16th

8:30 – 9:00 Arrival and registrations
Tea/Coffee/Snacks to welcome (Mezzanine Foyer)

Session three

Sub Topic 2: *Social insurance and individual accounts - a debate on the motion “In the light of the current financial crisis, individual pension accounts are not an adequate mechanism to provide a decent retirement income”*

9.00 – 10.15

Chair: Georg Fischer, Acting Director for Social Protection and Integration, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, EU Commission

Panellists:

- Professor Edward Palmer, Social Insurance Economics, Uppsala University; and Senior Adviser to the Swedish Social Insurance Agency
- Professor Li Zhen, School of Public Administration, Renmin University, Beijing PRC
- Vincenzo Galasso, Bocconi University, Milan
- Professor Zheng Bingwen, Director of the Institute of Latin America Studies Chinese. Academy of Social Sciences, PRC

10.15 – 10.45 Tea/Coffee Break (Mezzanine Foyer)

10.45 – 11.45

Chair: Georg Fischer, Acting Director for Social Protection and Integration, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, EU Commission (continued)

11.45 – 11.50 Further Discussions / Participant interventions and Q&A session
Closing Remarks – Lead speakers

11.50 – 12.00 Closing Summary by Chairman

12.00 – 13.30 Buffet Lunch (Gripsholm A+B at Lobby Level)

Chair: Dai Xiaochu, Deputy Director General, International Cooperation Department, MoHRSS

13.30 – 15.00 Keynote Speeches on the Future of Pensions:

- Ms. Angela Eagle, Minister of State, Department of Work and Pensions, UK
- Cai Zhenhong, Director-General, Department of Pension Insurance, of MoHRSS



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- Mr Raphaël Hadas-Lebel, President of the COR - Conseil d'Orientation des Retraites (Pensions Advisory Council, Ministry of Social Affairs, France)

15.00 – 15.30 Tea/ Coffee Break (Mezzanine Foyer)

15.30 – 16.00 Round Table Closing Speeches:

Chair: Dai Xiaochu, Deputy Director General, International Cooperation Department, MoHRSS

- Vladimír Špidla, Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, European Commission
- Hu Xiaoyi, Vice-Minister, Ministry of Human Resources and Social Security, Beijing, PRC