# **World Social Security Forum**

29 September-3 October 2025 | Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

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## Shaping social security for a world in transition

The World Social Security Forum (WSSF 2025), organized by the International Social Security Association (ISSA), will be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 29 September to 3 October 2025. It is hosted by the Social Security Organisation (PERKESO) and the Employees Provident Fund (EPF), with support from the Retirement Fund (Incorporated) (KWAP) and the Implementation Coordination Unit, Prime Minister's Department (ICU JPM) as the secretariat of the Malaysia Social Protection Council (MySPC).

The World Forum is the most important international event in social security. It will gather more than 1,500 participants from over 130 countries, including ministers, CEOs, senior executives, experts and international organizations.

# Participate in the WSSF to:

- Shape the future of social security
- Network with global leaders in social security
- Learn from good practices, innovations and guidelines
- Share experiences, challenges and solutions
- Celebrate achievements and progress

#### Shaping social security for a world in transition

The WSSF 2025 will focus on *Shaping social security for a world in transition*. As societies face profound demographic, labour market, green and technological transformations, social security is essential for protection, empowerment and resilience. To fulfil these key objectives, social security systems and organizations must adapt to changes and seize opportunities for innovation.





Discussions during the World Forum will be underpinned by the ISSA's new flagship report on global developments and trends in social security. The report will highlight innovations and good practices as well as outline key reforms. The ISSA will also launch new ISSA Guidelines on Administrative Solutions for Long-Term Care Services, and nine sets of revised guidelines.

## A rich programme

200 speakers, panellists and moderators are expected to contribute to over 80 sessions, including interactive sessions, workshops and tutorials, as well as the ISSA Innovation Zone. Sessions will focus on a wide range of priorities under daily themes, from key social security management and innovation topics to the discussion of social security policies to meet the needs of populations in a world in transition. The World Social Security Summit at ministerial level concludes the WSSF programme. See the <u>outline programme</u>.

#### **Technical Commissions and Working Groups**

The work and outputs of the Technical Commissions, Working Groups and the Collaborative Innovation Hub will be presented and discussed. Topics include pensions, health, family benefits, unemployment, prevention, work injury, rehabilitation, actuarial work, investments, policy analysis, mutual benefit societies, international agreements, platform workers, youth and many more. See the <u>outline programme</u>.

## ISSA community, regional meetings and networking

The ISSA regional structures will meet during the event to discuss regional work plans and developments. A unique networking event, several special events, bilateral meeting facilities and the ISSA Events application will ensure that participants will benefit from the ample opportunities to connect with delegates and promote collaboration.

## Video Festival and Outstanding Achievement Award

The new International Social Security Video Festival and Awards Ceremony will be held as part of the WSSF. This is a unique opportunity for ISSA member organizations to showcase their commitment to promote social security. In addition, the ISSA Outstanding Achievement Award in Social Security will be given to a country that has made exceptional progress in social security.

# **Statutory meetings**

The World Forum will include the 35th ISSA General Assembly for ISSA

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members. Votes will be taken on important amendments to the ISSA Constitution. The 40th Session of the ISSA Council (restricted participation) will adopt the ISSA Programme and Budget for 2026–2028 and elect the President, Treasurer, the Control Commission and the members of the Bureau. Both the outgoing and the incoming ISSA Bureau members will meet during the event.

# Simultaneous interpretation and practical information

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English, Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Russian and Spanish. The *ISSA Events* app will have the detailed programme in English, French, German and Spanish. It will provide opportunities for contacting and networking with all registered participants. The World Forum is open to ISSA member organizations and invited guests. There is no registration fee for ISSA members.



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