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Invitation
Regional Social Security Forum for Europe 2024
Porto, Portugal, 16–18 April 2024

Dear Ms Maripuu,

I am writing with regard to the upcoming Regional Social Security Forum for Europe (RSSF Europe 2024) that will take place in Porto from 16 to 18 April 2024 and is organized by the International Social Security Association (ISSA) in collaboration with the General Directorate for Social Security (*Direção-Geral da Segurança Social*), the Social Security Institute (*Instituto da Segurança Social*) and the Informatics Institute (*Instituto de Informática*) of Portugal.

The RSSF Europe will provide an important platform for senior representatives of ISSA members to exchange on social security challenges, be inspired by innovative solutions and define strategies to shape the future of social security in Europe. Simultaneous interpretation in English, French, German, Spanish, Portuguese and Russian will be provided during the Forum in the plenary room to facilitate the exchanges. More information on the programme, venue and registration for the Forum is available on the ISSA website (www.issa.int/rssf-europe2024).

It is my pleasure to invite you to play an active role during the Forum and, specifically, to chair and moderate the parallel session on *Addressing gender inequalities and supporting families*, which will take place on Wednesday, 17 April 2024, from 11:30 to 12:30. The objective of this session is to allow for the sharing of experiences and good practices of ISSA member organizations from the region. The role of moderator at the session would include introducing the speakers and moderating the discussion. For organizational and logistical reasons, please note that the working language of this parallel session will be English only. A detailed script for the session would be prepared by the ISSA and sent to you in due course to assist you in the moderation of the session.



I look forward to your positive response to this invitation, ideally **by 5 March 2024** and to the active participation of your institution in the ISSA Regional Social Security Forum for Europe. In accordance with the usual practice, the travel, hotel and daily expenses of all delegates are to be met by their own organizations.

Please do not hesitate to contact me, or Ms Marjorie Lestienne, Regional Coordinator for Europe in the ISSA General Secretariat (lestienne@ilo.org; T: +41 79 593 13 22), should you have any questions concerning the Forum or this invitation.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Marcelo Abi-Ramia Caetano". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a thin horizontal line.

Marcelo Abi-Ramia Caetano
Secretary General

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