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Panel discussion on the realization of the rights to work and to social security in the
informal economy

Thank you.

At UNDP, we see the expansion of economic opportunities and holistic social protection systems as central to achieving the **Sustainable Development** Goals and -- promoting prosperity for all.

Our work in over **170 countries**, focuses on enhancing people's capacities to access productive assets, quality jobs, and sustainable livelihoods, -- while reinforcing social protection systems to build resilient societies against shocks and crises.

Investments in quality jobs have proven to be **a key driver** of catalytic transformation, -- accelerating progress across sectors and fostering inclusive and sustainable development.

As the world of work evolves due to technological advances, the digital and energy transitions, -- these investments must also support workers in adapting to emerging challenges and to harness opportunities, -- ensuring that no one is left behind.

To make meaningful progress, we must support countries in their efforts to **scale up** and **sustain** what has already proven effective.

By expanding these efforts and ensuring they are adequately financed, -- we can strengthen economic resilience, enhance social inclusion, and uphold the right to work and social security for all.

Thank you.