Deliberate strategies should be developed to synergize a country’s social and economic policies, as there is no dualism between the social and the economic in development endeavors. Given the drivers of equity, inclusion and political empowerment, social policy necessarily includes a transformative agenda that impacts on more equitable social relations (for example, gender relations) and institutions. Social policy is inherently a political process. Thus, institutional arrangements involved in social policy formation and delivery should be designed to be democratic, participatory and based on respect for human rights. Namibia’s draft Social Protection Policy process has applied these principles...