

CSocD61



Justice
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JCoR Guide to the

COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

6-15 FEBRUARY 2023



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This guide was produced by the [Justice Coalition of Religious](#) (JCoR), a coalition of 20 non-governmental organizations that are accredited to collectively represent over 200 congregations of Roman Catholic women and men Religious at the United Nations (UN). For centuries, congregations of Religious have served people who have been rendered poor, vulnerable, oppressed, and marginalized by existing global systems. Through our membership in JCoR, we have united with our sister and brother organizations to enhance collaboration among our members – at UN Headquarters and around the world – in our common mission: to improve quality of life for people who are living in poverty and to enhance our stewardship of the natural environment.

The primary aim of our collaboration is to strengthen the capacity of Catholic Religious and their partners to address the root causes of human and environmental suffering.

We work toward this goal by coordinating national, regional, and global efforts of Religious to call on political leaders to take action for a just, equitable, and rights-based implementation of the [Sustainable Development Goals](#) (SDGs), the United Nations' Agenda for 2015-2030.

We hope these pages will help you join us in this mission!



WHAT IS CSocD ?

COMMISSION for SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

EVERYONE INCLUDED

United Nations Headquarters, New York



The **Commission for Social Development (CSocD)** was established in 1946 with a mandate to oversee an extensive array of social issues that were not addressed by any other specific commissions at the time.

CSocD's focus remained broad in scope until it convened for the Copenhagen Summit in 1995. At this gathering, world leaders adopted a [Declaration and Programme of Action](#) placing **people at the center of development**, and it positioned **poverty alleviation, full employment, and social inclusion** as the highest global priorities.

With the adoption of the United Nations 2030 Agenda in 2015, the body of CSocD's work again shifted focus and turned toward the [Sustainable Development Goals](#) (SDGs).

The priority theme of this year's [61st Session of the Commission for Social Development \(CSocD61\)](#) is "**Creating full and productive employment and decent work for all** as a way of **overcoming inequalities** to accelerate the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development."

CSocD61 DETAILS

When

6-15 February 2023

Where

United Nations Headquarters in New York

Watch

Join online to follow the proceedings of CSocD61 at webtv.un.org (streamed in multiple languages)

Schedule

Click on the following link to view the [organization of the session](#) and a list of official [side events](#)

JCoR Statement for CSocD61

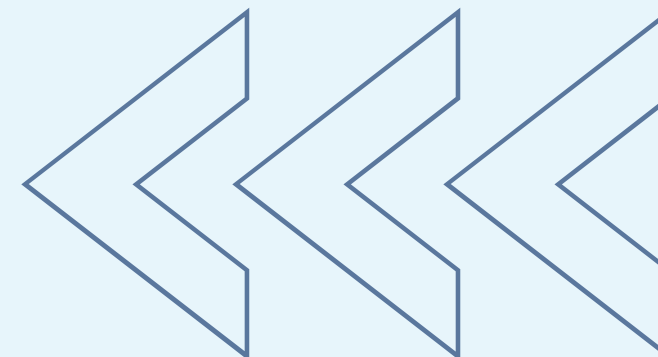
Click on the following link to read [JCoR's written statement](#)

2023 Civil Society Forum

During CSocD, the NGO Committee for Social Development holds a Civil Society Forum and other events. To access the programme of events, please visit the [Civil Society Forum 2023 website](#)

EVERYONE  **INCLUDED**

Click on the following link to view the official [website](#) for CSocD61 and a [recording](#) of the informal briefing on CSocD61.



EVENTS

Civil Society Forum 2023

The Forum is hosted jointly by the NGO Committee for Social Development, UNDESA-DISD, and the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) Foundation. It is a time for NGOs worldwide to learn about each other's work, to prepare for the Commission, including by working on position papers and interventions. For more information, please visit: <https://ngosocdev.org/what-we-do/commission-for-social-development/civil-society-forum-2023/>

Register: Orientation <https://bit.ly/3HFWcQu> Forum <https://bit.ly/3kVrRog>

CLICK ON THE FLYERS BELOW FOR DETAILS. All listed times are in reference to New York time (EST)

Orientation & Networking

5 February
11:00am-3:00pm

61st COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT
5th February 2023
11:00 AM to 03:00 PM
UN Church Center, Floor 2

THE SPEAKERS

- Jean Quinn - Chair of NGO CSocD
- Member of the NGO CSocD Bureau (TBC)
- Dr. Michael Bröning - Executive Director of Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, NY
- Wenyang Yang - Chief of GOSDB, UN DESA
- MaryAnn Dantuono, Vice-Chair of NGO CSocD
- Lara Hicks - Chair of the Civil Society Forum, NGO CSocD

ORIENTATION AND NETWORKING SESSION

The objective of the Orientation Session is to introduce participants to the Commission's organization of work and the Priority Theme that will shape the debate of its 61st session. The Networking Session will continue as a dynamic way to interact with one another ahead of the official start of the Commission for Social Development. Icebreakers and introductions between participants will be facilitated around the Priority Theme.

REGISTER HERE
Civil Society Declaration 2023

Opening Ceremony

10 February
9:00am-11:00am

61st COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT
10th February 2023
09:00 AM to 11:00 AM

THE SPEAKERS

- Jean Quinn - Chair of NGO CSocD
- Member of the CSocD61 Bureau (TBC)
- Olivier de Schutter - UN Special Rapporteur on Extreme Poverty
- Dr. Michael Bröning - Executive Director of Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, NY
- Daniela Bas - Director of Social Inclusion for UN DESA
- Li Junhua - Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs
- Lara Hicks - Chair of the Civil Society Forum, NGO CSocD

Moderated by MaryAnn Dantuono

OPENING CEREMONY AND CIVIL SOCIETY FORUM

The opening panel of the Civil Society Forum will convene high-level stakeholders on the priority theme of CSocD61.

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Thematic Session No.1

10 February
11:00am-12:45pm

61st COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT
10th February 2023
11:00 AM to 12:45 PM

THE SPEAKERS

- H.E. Amara Soua - Deputy UN Permanent Representative of Sierra Leone (TBC)
- Guillaume Charvon - Co-Founder of "Working and Learning Together Electronics Recycling"
- Richa Gupta - SDG Young Leader, UN
- Alphonse Sefu - Youth Representative for the Baha'i International Community
- Elizabeth Moshirian - Youth Representative for the Baha'i International Community
- Khaled Emam - Executive Director of Justice Call, UN Major Group for Children & Youth

Moderated by Ania Ribbens

THEMATIC SESSION N°1

Marginalized youth living in poverty often face a range of challenges, including limited access to job opportunities and decent work. Many marginalized youth are subjected to exploitative working conditions, lack of a living wage, and forced layoffs.

This panel will look at how work should enable youth to live in dignity and be recognized as useful members of society.

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Regional Groups

10 February
1:45pm-2:45pm

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10th February 2023
01:45 PM to 02:45 PM

THE GROUPS

- Latin America and the Caribbean
- Africa (Francophone)
- Asia
- The U.S. and North America
- Europe

Moderated by Dr. Ify Ofong

REGIONAL GROUPS

Moderated by Dr. Ify Ofong, WorldWIDE Network Nigeria. Dr. Ify will facilitate Regional Groups to discuss region-specific issues related to the CSocD61 priority theme.

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Thematic Session No.2

10 February
3:00pm-4:30pm

61st COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT
10th February 2023
03:00 PM to 04:30 PM

THE SPEAKERS

- H.E. Ana Paula Zacarias - Permanent Representative of Portugal to the UN
- Dr. Arash Fauti - Asst. Professor, Head of Baha'i Chair for Studies, Dev.
- Sharan Leslie Burrow AC - Former General Secretary of the International Trade Union Confederation
- Laure Descoubes - Co-Director of the Local Committee for Employment "Zero Long-term Unemployment Zones"
- Annick Vera - Activist, Poverty & Unemployment
- Paul Ladd - Director, United Nations Research Institute for Social Development

Moderated by Li Ribbens

THEMATIC SESSION N°2

Rethinking the Dominant Economic Paradigm - Ensuring Social Protections and Just Transitions in the World of Work.

The extent to which workers are inadequately protected is the reflection of a system that prioritizes progress at the expense of people. This panel will explore ways of rethinking this dominant economic paradigm and help pave the way for dialogue on creating societies prioritizing social protections.

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Closing Session

10 February
4:30pm-5:30pm

61st COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT
10th February 2023
04:30 PM to 05:30 PM

THE SPEAKERS

- Jean Quinn - Chair of NGO CSocD
- Member of the CSocD61 Bureau (TBC)
- Dr. Ify Ofong - WorldWIDE Network Nigeria
- Lara Hicks - Chair of the Civil Society Forum, NGO CSocD

Moderated by MaryAnn Dantuono

CLOSING SESSION

This session will conclude the 2023 Civil Society Forum with reflections shared by the NGO Committee for Social Development leadership, as well as hear from the outcomes of Regional Groups gathered earlier during the Forum.

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EVENTS

JCoR Welcome Gathering for Delegates of Religious NGOs

6 February, 8:00am-9:30am (New York Time)

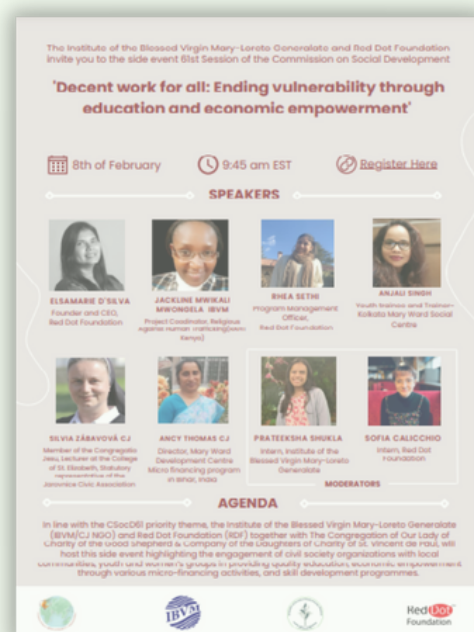
JCoR is offering an online welcome gathering for CSocD61. This event will be held for delegates of Religious NGOs who intend to participate in some part of CSocD. The gathering will provide an opportunity to meet other delegates, to pray and reflect on hopes and intentions for engagement with the CSocD process, and to ask questions about how to participate and follow online.

Register: <https://jcor2030.org/csocd61-welcome-gathering-for-delegates-of-religious-ngos/>

Interpretation will be provided in English, French, and Spanish



EVENTS



Decent work for all: Ending vulnerability through education and economic empowerment

8 February, 9:45am (New York Time)

In line with the CSocD61 priority theme, the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary-Loreto Generalate (IBVM/CJ NGO) and Red Dot Foundation (RDF) together with the Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd & Company of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, will host this side event highlighting the engagement of civil society organizations with local communities, youth and women's groups in providing quality education, economic empowerment through various micro-financing activities, and skill development programmes.

Register: <http://bit.ly/3HIOvvr>

Flyer: <https://bit.ly/3HgVojP>



On the Road to 2025: A New Social Contract with Universal Social Protection and Full Employment and Decent Work

8 February, 1:15pm-3:00pm (New York Time)

This event will tackle the diverse and interconnecting perspectives on social protection and the urgency of a "renewed" social contract anchored in human rights for a new era and consider why the Global Fund for Social Protection is necessary to deliver to all the right to social protection. Insights and conclusions will be inputted into the ongoing work of the Commission for Social Development and the discussions about the Global Fund for Social Protection.

Register: <http://bit.ly/3wISK1c>

Flyer: <https://bit.ly/3XQXM7J> Concept note: <https://bit.ly/40daxLz>

The event will be in English with Spanish and French interpretation

EVENTS



Productive Employment, Decent Work, and Reducing Inequalities - Challenges and Nexus: Sharing Sound Policies and Good Practices

10 February, 9:45am-11:00am (New York Time)

This side event highlights the challenges and nexus of creating full and productive employment and decent work to reduce inequalities during the COVID-19 Pandemic and beyond, as well as implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Register: <http://bit.ly/3wHrINa>

Flyer: <https://bit.ly/3x0GM3o> Concept note: <https://bit.ly/3Do4t9e>



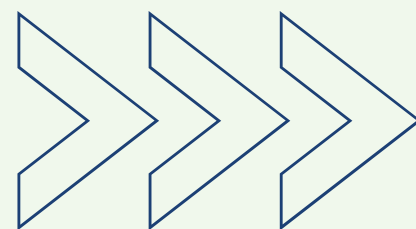
Don't Steal My Childhood: Child Labor and Children in Migration

10 February, 11:30am (New York Time)

This event will highlight the important issue of forced child labor (which deprives children of their childhood, their potential, and their dignity) in line with the ambitious targets for ending child labor (SDG 8.7) and safe, orderly and responsible migration (SDG 10.7).

Register: <http://bit.ly/3X97TUp>

Flyer: <https://bit.ly/3HZ157q>



For the most up-to-date list of recommended events, please visit the JCoR website at <https://jcor2030.org/communications-guides/>

SOCIAL MEDIA

Who to Follow and Tag on Social Media and recommended hashtags too!

Justice Coalition of Religious (JCoR)

Twitter: [@JCoR2030](#) Facebook: [@JCoR2030](#)

JCoR Members

Click [here](#) to access a Twitter list of JCoR members

NGO Committee for Social Development

Twitter: [@NGOCSocD](#) Facebook: [@NGOCSocD](#)

UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs

Twitter: [@UNDESASocial](#) & [@UNDESA](#) Facebook: [@CommissionSocial](#)

Your Congregation's NGO at the United Nations

Need help? Find many congregations' NGO's social media details [here](#)

Your Government's Permanent Mission to the United Nations



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MAIN HASHTAG:

#CSocD61

OTHER HASHTAGS:

#EndInequality

#DecentJobs

#SocialProtection

#EveryoneIncluded

SOCIAL MEDIA

Suggested Messaging



TAKE ACTION TODAY! Even if you cannot join the discussions at #CSocD61, you can support the fight to #EndInequality, create #DecentWork, and bolster #SocialProtection by endorsing @NGOCSocD's 2023 Civil Society Declaration. Read & sign on here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScnk41utn91aw3gmpKkmjzL5rHAPo49hsX_o8b6IP5rToUIUA/viewform

#CSocD61 (6-15 Feb) is a space where @UN Member States & civil society gather to accelerate progress to #EndInequality, create #DecentWork, & build #SocialProtection, working together to construct a world with #EveryoneIncluded. Learn more & participate:

<https://jcor2030.org/communications-guides/>

The #SDGs are ambitious & achieving them by 2030 will require new patterns of work and cooperation, We are watching the @UN to see what commitments it will make at #CSocD61 to #EndInequality (#SDG10) and ensure #DecentWork (#SDG8) for all.

Our asks: [https://undocs.org/Home/Mobile?](https://undocs.org/Home/Mobile?FinalSymbol=E%2FCN.5%2F2023%2FNGO%2F57&Language=E&DeviceType=Desktop&LangRequested=False)

[FinalSymbol=E%2FCN.5%2F2023%2FNGO%2F57&Language=E&DeviceType=Desktop&LangRequested=False](https://undocs.org/Home/Mobile?FinalSymbol=E%2FCN.5%2F2023%2FNGO%2F57&Language=E&DeviceType=Desktop&LangRequested=False)

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Suggested Messaging

At #CSocD61 we call on #UN Member States to "Invest in social protection floors for all members of society, without discrimination on any basis, and regardless of nationality or employment status." #EveryoneIncluded

Read @NGOCSocD Declaration here:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1bi23WPeOkMB5qcYIDQDI1uZOdxWsr_e/view

Productive employment & #DecentJobs are key to achieving poverty eradication & ensuring that each individual contributes to & is able to benefit from our interconnected world. Advocate with us during #CSocD61 for the advancement of #SDG8

Info: <https://www.globalgoals.org/goals/8-decent-work-and-economic-growth/>

Join us during #CSocD61 to advocate for progress on #SDG10 to #EndInequality. In order for humanity to flourish, equality and #DecentJobs must be available to everyone – regardless of gender, race, religious beliefs or economic status.

More about SDG10: <https://www.globalgoals.org/goals/10-reduced-inequalities/>



TAKE ACTION

Support the 2023 Civil Society Declaration: Sign on TODAY

The [NGO Committee for Social Development](#) is calling for a renewed social contract and cross-cutting policy approaches to promote decent work and full employment for a dignified life for all in inclusive societies. Their 2023 Civil Society Declaration focuses on the need for formalized employment, social protection systems, quality education, and digital skills training as a means of providing for productive employment and decent work.

Click on the following links to read the Civil Society Declaration in [English](#), [French](#), [Portuguese](#), and [Spanish](#).

Please endorse the Declaration and share it with your networks! It will be open for signing until **1 February 2023**. All signatures received, from NGOs and individuals, will be shared at the opening of the CSocD61 on 6 February 2023.

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[Click here to sign the Civil Society Declaration.](#)

