

62ND SESSION OF THE

COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

5-14 FEBRUARY 2024

Fostering **social development** and **social justice** through social policies to accelerate progress on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and to achieve the overarching goal of **poverty eradication**





Justice Coalition of Religious

This guide was produced by the [Justice Coalition of Religious](#) (JCoR), a coalition of 22 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 empower you join us in this mission!





What is CSocD62?



What is Social Development?

Social development is an approach to development which recognizes that the ability of a society to thrive depends upon the well-being of each and every one of its citizens. Therefore, social development requires investing in people to ensure that their age, physical ability, income level, or other factors do not prevent them from living with dignity. It is the process of removing barriers to opportunity and creating new pathways to well-being to ensure all people can reach their full potential and contribute meaningfully to their communities.

What is the Commission for Social Development?

The Commission for Social Development (CSocD) is a conference that serves as a platform for United Nations (UN) Member States, civil society, and other stakeholders to come together to discuss recommendations and policies to advance social development at both the national and global levels. It focuses on reducing inequalities among various groups through poverty eradication, social inclusion, and sustainable development for all. The CSocD agenda includes space to share good practices, review and analyse progress, engage in policy dialogues, and coordinate efforts to advance social development - thereby improving the well-being of individuals and communities worldwide.

What is the theme for CSocD62?

Each year, the Commission adopts a priority theme and emerging issue to guide its efforts. The theme for the 62nd Session of the Commission for Social Development (CSocD62) will focus on this central theme: Poverty eradication through policies that reduce inequality and advance social justice. It will also discuss the emerging issue: Digital technology's influence on social inequality.



Key Terminology

The following terms provide an important foundation for understanding the global policy conversation on social development. You will want to be familiar with them if you plan on participating in or following the discussions at CSocD62.



Poverty

Condition characterized by severe deprivation of basic human needs, including food, safe drinking water, sanitation facilities, health, shelter, education and information; depends not only on income but also on access to services

Social protection

Policies and programmes intended to help keep all people at or above a minimum standard of living that reflects their human dignity (e.g., cash transfers to ensure every household has access to a certain minimum amount of money to spend on basic goods, direct provision of food, and special access to low-cost housing)

Social protection floors

Minimum standards of income, housing, healthcare, nutrition, etc. that enable one to live in dignity in a specific nation or locality

Inclusive growth

Increase in economic productivity that benefits all people rather than only those in the highest levels of leadership or ownership

CSocD62 Details



When

5-14 February 2024



Where

United Nations Headquarters in New York



Official Website

Click on the following link to access the [CSocD62](#) website



Watch

Join online to follow the proceedings of CSocD62 at webtv.un.org (streamed in multiple languages)



Schedule

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



JCoR Statement

Click on the following link to read [JCoR's written statement](#). See the next page for additional details.

COMMISSION for SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

United Nations Headquarters, New York

EVERYONE INCLUDED

United Nations
Department of Economic and Social Affairs



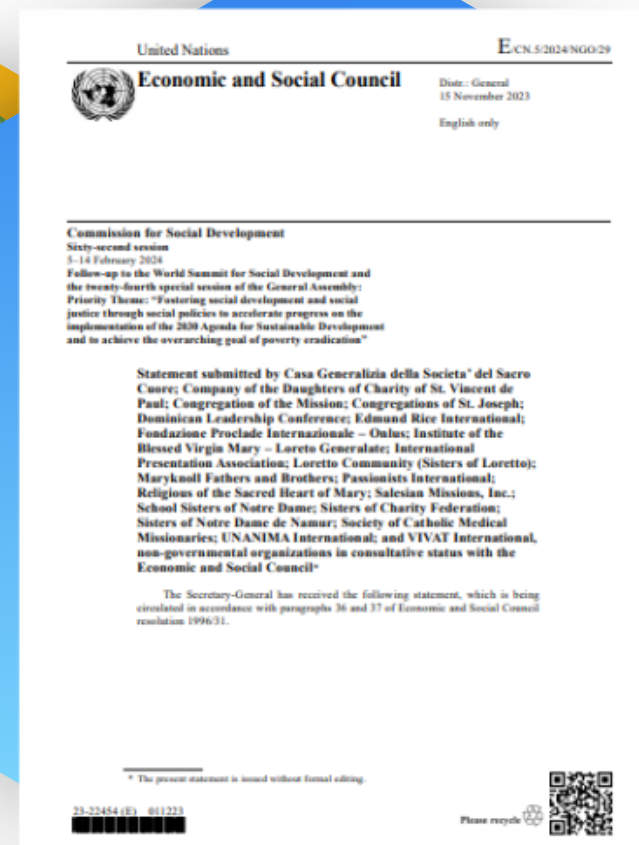
JCoR Statement for CSocD62

JCoR's member organizations submitted a joint statement for CSocD62, identifying important issues related to its priority theme and providing recommendations to advance social development, social inclusion, social justice, and the eradication of poverty. We encourage you to read our statement and incorporate its messaging into your advocacy efforts throughout CSocD62!

JCoR would like to express our gratitude to all of our network members who contributed their ideas and experiences to the composition of this statement, including:

- Gale Mohammed-Oxley, Order of Preachers / G.O. International Academy of Learning (Dominican Leadership Conference)
- Floridaia Nogura Martínez, DC, Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul
- Herri Kiswanto Sitohang, SVD, Society of the Divine Word (VIVAT International)
- Sani Lake, JPIC Kalimantan
- Gregory Minz, SVD, Society of the Divine Word (VIVAT International)
- Simon Suban Tukan, SVD, Society of the Divine Word (VIVAT International)
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- Maigualida Reira Colina, MMS, Medical Mission Sisters
- Maria Fatima, SSpS, Missionaries Sisters Servants of Holy Spirit (VIVAT International)
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- Isabelle Izika Tsamba, SNDdeN, Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur

Click on the following link to access the [full statement](#) and read our recommendations to advance social development (available in English, French, and Spanish)



Civil Society Forum 2024

The Civil Society Forum is a space for members of civil society, in collaboration with the UN, Member States, and other stakeholders to gather, learn, discuss, and strategize on the themes and deliberations of the 62nd session of the UN Commission for Social Development. It is hosted by the [NGO Committee on Social Development](#), [UNDESA-DISD](#), and [Friedrich-Ebert Stiftung Foundation](#).

4 February

[Click here to register to attend online](#)

Orientation Session

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (New York time)

Join via Zoom to kick-off CSocD62 and the Civil Society Forum

9 February

[Click here to register to attend in person](#) (UNHQ, Conference Room 4)

For those unable to attend in-person, the Forum will be available to livestream on [webtv.un.org](#)

Opening Panel & Thematic Session 1

9:00 AM - 11:30AM (New York time)

Structural Barriers and Transformative Policies to Social Progress

Networking & Entertainment Sessions

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM (New York time)

Networking opportunities, live performance, and a light lunch

Thematic Session 2 & Closing Remarks

1:30 PM - 2:45 PM (New York time)

Placing People, Rights and Justice at the Center of Social Development



Events

Recommended by the JCoR Community



CSocD62
Welcome Gathering
For delegates of religious NGOs

Join us to meet other delegates, reflect on intentions for engagement, and to ask questions about how to participate in CSocD62 and follow online

FRIDAY
2 FEBRUARY 2024 | 8:00 AM
Join via Zoom

REGISTER

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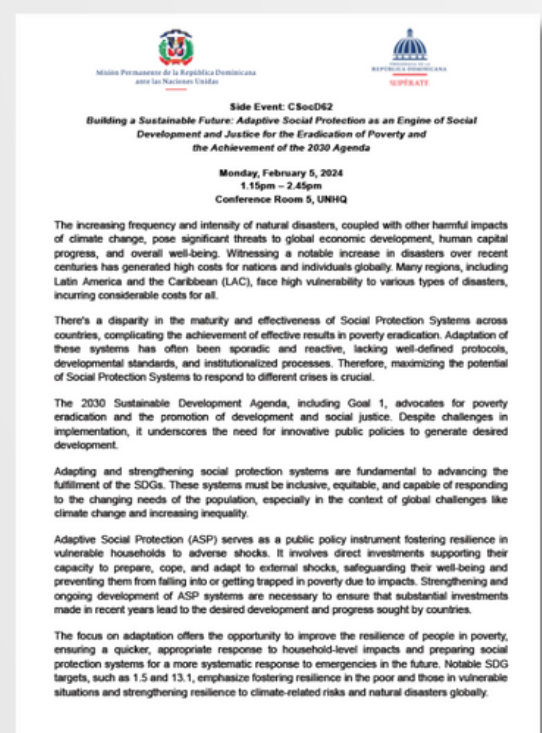
JCoR Welcome Gathering for Delegates of Religious NGOs

2 February, 8:00AM-9:30AM (New York time)

Online session via Zoom

JCoR is offering an online welcome gathering for CSocD62. 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://bit.ly/3S7XE3t>



Side Event: CSocD62
Building a Sustainable Future: Adaptive Social Protection as an Engine of Social Development and Justice for the Eradication of Poverty and the Achievement of the 2030 Agenda

Monday, February 5, 2024
1:15pm - 2:45pm
Conference Room 5, UNHQ

The increasing frequency and intensity of natural disasters, coupled with other harmful impacts of climate change, pose significant threats to global economic development, human capital progress, and overall well-being. Witnessing a notable increase in disasters over recent centuries has generated high costs for nations and individuals globally. Many regions, including Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC), face high vulnerability to various types of disasters, incurring considerable costs for all.

There is a disparity in the maturity and effectiveness of Social Protection Systems across countries, complicating the achievement of effective results in poverty eradication. Adaptation of these systems has often been sporadic and reactive, lacking well-defined protocols, developmental standards, and institutionalized processes. Therefore, maximizing the potential of Social Protection Systems to respond to different crises is crucial.

The 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda, including Goal 1, advocates for poverty eradication and the promotion of development and social justice. Despite challenges in implementation, it underscores the need for innovative public policies to generate desired development.

Adapting and strengthening social protection systems are fundamental to advancing the fulfillment of the SDGs. These systems must be inclusive, equitable, and capable of responding to the changing needs of the population, especially in the context of global challenges like climate change and increasing inequality.

Adaptive Social Protection (ASP) serves as a public policy instrument fostering resilience in vulnerable households to adverse shocks. It involves direct investments supporting their capacity to prepare, cope, and adapt to external shocks, safeguarding their well-being and preventing them from falling into or getting trapped in poverty due to impacts. Strengthening and ongoing development of ASP systems are necessary to ensure that substantial investments made in recent years lead to the desired development and progress sought by countries.

The focus on adaptation offers the opportunity to improve the resilience of people in poverty, ensuring a quicker, appropriate response to household-level impacts and preparing social protection systems for a more systematic response to emergencies in the future. Notable SDG targets, such as 1.5 and 13.1, emphasize fostering resilience in the poor and those in vulnerable situations and strengthening resilience to climate-related risks and natural disasters globally.

Building a Sustainable Future: Adaptive Social Protection as an Engine of Social Development and Justice for the Eradication of Poverty and the Achievement of the 2030 Agenda

5 February, 1:15PM-2:45PM (New York time)

In-person (UN Headquarters, Conference Room 5) or watch live on UN WebTV [here](#)

The event aims to develop a dialogue and collaboration forum to explore challenges and opportunities in strengthening Adaptive Social Protection systems. The focus is on exchanging knowledge and best practices on how countries can enhance the effectiveness and resilience of their social protection systems against emerging challenges like natural disasters, pandemics, and economic crises. The event will strive to identify policies and strategies promoting more flexible, inclusive, and sustainable social protection systems in line with the Sustainable Development Goals.

Register: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeeGuXRq8jQTiZcY5rifkhP_195-z_cBrjmkS8DBqEfb92fOA/viewform

Interpretation available in English and Spanish

Events

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Tuesday, February 6, 2024	Wednesday, February 7, 2024	Thursday, February 8, 2024
Bureau Member: Carla María Carmona Semprón (Dominican Republic)	Bureau Member: Stephanie Tschögl (Austria)	Bureau Member: H.E. Ambassador Ruchira Kamboj (India)
UN DESA Staff: Wenyan Yang	UN DESA Staff: Renata Proftus	UN DESA Staff: Renata Proftus
NGO Chair Facilitator: Morgan Denton	NGO Chair Facilitator: Wendell Doberty	NGO Chair Facilitator: Jim Cluff
AGENDA: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Bureau: Welcoming remarks & expectations on the work of CSD62. Priority theme and the role of civil society during the Commission.UN DESA Staff: Welcome & review the program of work.NGO Chair Facilitator: Welcome the purpose of morning briefings & discussion of agenda items 2 & 4.	AGENDA: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Bureau: Will review the status of the proposed resolutions & the general debate, briefing on what CSD62 can expect during the Multi-Stakeholder Forum.UN DESA Staff: Welcome & review the program of work.NGO Chair Facilitator: Welcome the purpose of morning briefings & general discussion on the next week's review of relevant UN Plans & programmes of Action (Resolutions).	AGENDA: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Bureau: Review & highlights of CSD62 Next steps for Member States.UN DESA Staff: Highlights of CSD62 Next steps for UN Staff.UN DESA Staff: Wrap up of CSD62 – what CSD62 needs to do at the local, national & global levels. Planning for CSD63.

CSocD62 Morning Briefing

6 February, 8:30AM-9:00AM (New York time)

Online session via Zoom

During the morning briefings Member States who are a part of the CSocD62 Bureau, UN DESA, and NGOs gather for a half hour to share the latest updates on the Commission's daily program and to answer any emerging questions.

Register: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYucuCopzwpE9Qk7uwoDv3vHZhHC4LqT37o#/registration>

COMMISSION for SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT | **UNANIMA INTERNATIONAL**

Eliminating Inequality and Systemic Exclusion: A Rights-based Approach to Social and Economic Policy Justice

Tuesday, Feb 6, 2024 | Virtual | 11:45 AM - 1:15 EST

inequality

This panel will discuss social policy best practices, through a national and international lens, that contribute to social justice, reduce inequalities, and systemic exclusion, while focusing on structural solutions that change narratives and reduce poverty. Panelists will provide a social justice framework to advance equitable social policies and actions.

SPEAKERS
Ms. Louisa Kelly
Ms. Jimmy Power
Mr. Oliver de Schutter
Mr. Juan Quiroga
Ms. M. Finck Floyd

MODERATOR
Ms. Coline Fabre Pierre

RSVP <http://bit.ly/equality-justice>

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Register: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_30Ae-6hWQaivEdQPhYcy8g#/registration

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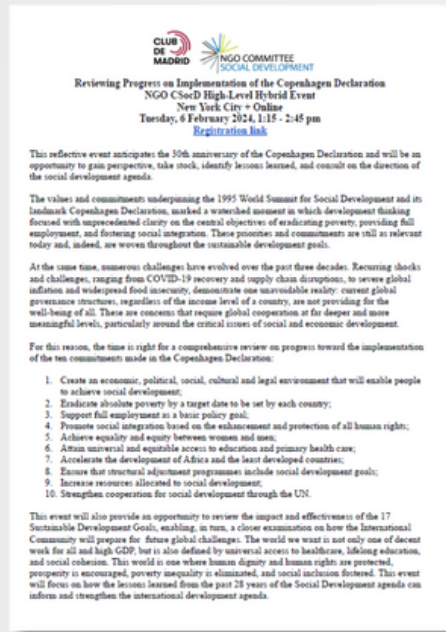
Reviewing Progress on Implementation of the Copenhagen Declaration

6 February, 1:15PM-2:45PM (New York time) AM-1:15PM (New York time)

Hybrid event via Zoom

This reflective event anticipates the 30th anniversary of the Copenhagen Declaration and will be an opportunity to gain perspective, take stock, identify lessons learned, and consult on the direction of the social development agenda. This event will also provide an opportunity to review the impact and effectiveness of the 17 SDGs, enabling, in turn, a closer examination on how the International Community will prepare for future global challenges. The world we want is not only one of decent work for all and high GDP, but is also defined by universal access to healthcare, lifelong education, and social cohesion. This world is one where human dignity and human rights are protected, prosperity is encouraged, poverty inequality is eliminated, and social inclusion fostered.

Register: <https://bic-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAtcOytrjgjE90vWhH5lQccRDVp5S8UF9JA#/registration>



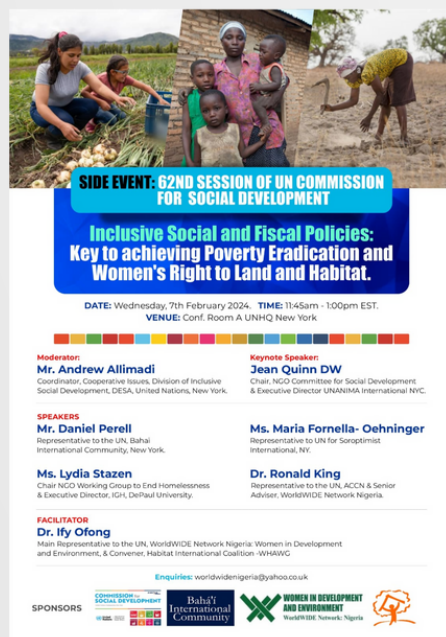
Inclusive Social and Fiscal Policies: Key to achieving Poverty Eradication and Women's Right to Land and Habitat

7 February, 11:45AM-1:00PM (New York time)

In-person event (UN Headquarters, Conference Room A)

The main objective of the side event is to focus on the key issues that are driving people into poverty and highlight effective strategies to ameliorate the situation. Join us in this important side event, being co-hosted by Bahai International Community, HIC- Women and Habitat Africa Working Group, and WorldWIDE Network Nigeria: Women in Development and Environment.

Register: <https://bic-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUqdu6upzsqEtf3zmiC9Zu3wpmM-aN32nJS>



Events

Recommended by the JCoR Community



Decommodifying People, Place, & Planet: Transformative Policies Towards Unconditional Inclusion and Belonging

7 February, 1:15PM-2:30PM (New York time)

In-person only event (UN Headquarters, Conference Room A)

This event seeks to explore the consequences of upholding social policies which commodify people, place, and planet; the connection between social exclusion, poverty, and climate injustice; and the transformative policies needed to create unconditional inclusion and belonging and foster social justice. It is sponsored by the Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd, Mercy International Association, UNANIMA International, UN DESA, and ATD 4th World.

Registration required: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdRmM7n_7hQabEId6Guh6x-PjZ5alQpUqyYQqNCVOnj4n4NBA/viewform

Monday, February 5, 2024 8:30am-9:00am	Tuesday, February 6, 2024 8:30am-9:00am	Wednesday, February 7, 2024 8:30am-9:00am
Service Member: Carla Maria Carlson-Serrano (Dominican Republic)	Service Member: Stephanie Touch (Sudanese)	Service Member: H. E. Ambassador Ruchira Karbis (India, TIC)
UN DESA Staff: Wenyan Yang	UN DESA Staff: Renata Prodan	UN DESA Staff: Renata Prodan
NGO CSocD Facilitator: Maryann Debus	NGO CSocD Facilitator: Michelle Dubois	NGO CSocD Facilitator: Jan Claffey
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CSocD62 Morning Briefing

8 February, 8:30AM-9:00AM (New York time)

Online session via Zoom

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Register: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYucuCopzwpE9Qk7uwoDv3vHZhHC4LqT37o#/registration>

Events

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Not Leaving Behind Future Generations: How do we bridge the growing gap between generations and communities?

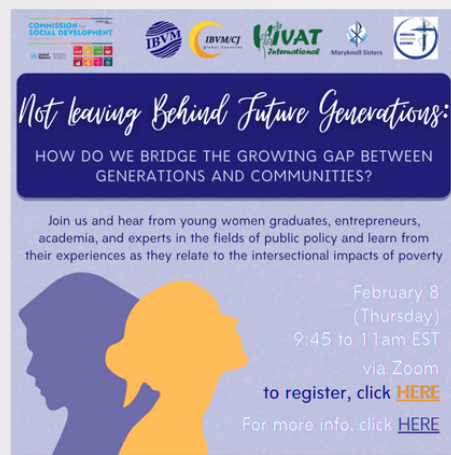
8 February, 9:45AM-11:00AM (New York time)

Online session via Zoom

In this side event we will hear from the voices of young women and experts in the fields of small business, public policy, and academia, and learn from their experiences as they relate to the intersectional impacts of poverty. They will also provide their policy recommendations for their government and world leaders, especially policies that are based on the principles of social justice.

Register: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYucOGsqDMvGN32ZFLJF5WtQedx4qVT527J>

Interpretation available in English, Italian, Spanish, and Romanian



Inclusive Social Policies and Poverty Eradication: Key to End Homelessness & Achieve the 2030 Agenda

8 February, 1:15PM-2:30PM (New York time)

In-person (UN Headquarters, Conference Room A) and virtual via Zoom

Join the NGO Working Group to End Homelessness, Mercy International Association, and the Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary for a discussion between representatives of UN agencies, a person with lived experience of homelessness, and civil society representatives about the intersections between eradicating poverty, ending homelessness, and achieving the 2030 Agenda. Speakers will identify the transformative social policies needed to achieve a just future in which the human right to a secure, habitable and affordable home is a reality for all.

Register for in-person (deadline 26 January) and virtual participation:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdbXQwqX5VOxnvd3BD6FcBXVORyPAkeWCDorScgm3z_xUpEWQ/viewform



Events

Recommended by the JCoR Community

Keeping the Promise: Leave No One Behind! Social Protection Responses to Forcibly Displaced Children

8 February, 1:15PM-2:30PM (New York time)

Online session via Zoom

Over 40 million children are currently displaced within their own country or elsewhere in the world. Short-term humanitarian programs are not well suited to protect them and there are major gaps in coverage of national protection systems. A comprehensive social protection package, starting with early childhood and using new technologies, has the potential to reduce poverty, increase opportunities, foster resilience, as well as support social cohesion, by preventing tensions between displaced and host communities. Sponsored by the NGO Committee on Migration, UNANIMA International, World Organisation for Early Childhood Education (OMEP), Federation of American Women's Clubs Overseas, Amal Alliance, and Sesame Workshop.

Register: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlscuGoqTspG9xTyoHV_mQZnNMai9HQed9#/registration



Good practices and innovative solutions in promoting social development and social justice

8 February, 3:00PM-6:00PM (New York time)

Watch live via UN WebTV [here](#)

The forum's main objective is to identify opportunities and lessons learned for promoting social development and social justice. Panelists are invited to structure their presentations around solutions, good practices and innovative approaches for fostering inclusive social development and social justice to accelerate implementation of the 2030 Agenda and to ensure its lasting impact. The outcome of the discussion will be reflected in the Chair's summary as part of the inputs from the Commission for Social Development to ECOSOC's high-level segment and the 2024 High-Level Political Forum.



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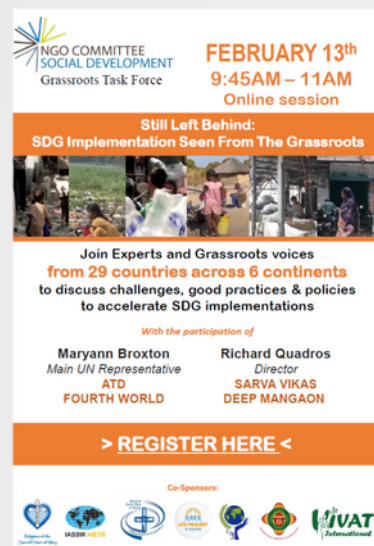
Still Left Behind: SDG Implementation Seen from the Grassroots

13 February, 9:45AM-11:00AM (New York time)

Online session via Zoom

Join experts and grassroots voices from 29 countries across 6 continents to discuss challenges, good practices, and policies to accelerate SDG implementation. This event is co-sponsored by the NGO Committee for Social Development, Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary, Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, Congregation of St. Joseph, International Presentation Association, VIVAT International, and ATD 4th World.

Register: https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUvcOqorzMrGdIDNPr60OKB8qxDtNzrHG_u#/registration



CSocD62 Morning Briefing

14 February, 11:30AM-12:00PM (New York time)

Online session via Zoom

During the morning briefings Member States who are a part of the CSocD62 Bureau, UN DESA, and NGOs gather for a half hour to share the latest updates on the Commission's daily program and to answer any emerging questions.

Register: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYucuCopzwpE9Qk7uwoDv3vHZhHC4LqT37o#/registration>

Time	Topic	Facilitator
11:30 AM - 12:00 PM	CSocD62 Morning Briefing	UN DESA Staff

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

Who to Follow and Tag on Social Media

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JCoR Members

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NGO Committee for Social Development

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UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs

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Your government's Permanent Mission to the United Nations

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Sample Messaging

for social media

#CSocD62 (5-14 Feb) gathers @UN Member States & civil society to accelerate progress toward #SocialDevelopment & #SocialJustice. Let us join hands & work together to #EndPoverty & construct a world with #EveryoneIncluded. Learn more & participate: <https://jcor2030.org/communications-guides/>

TAKE ACTION TODAY! Even if you cannot join the discussions at #CSocD62, you can support the fight to work for #SocialJustice and #EndPoverty by endorsing @NGOCSocD's 2023 Civil Society Declaration. Read & sign on here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdY0DIxhVEaE-2IZOARxdO8OhzAoG3OipT15lbB0mCS8fuYjg/viewform>

At #CSocD62 we call on governments to adopt a rights-based, comprehensive national approach to poverty eradication that includes measurable targets, timelines, and transparent reporting mechanisms. Read JCoR's #CSocD statement & advocate to #EndPoverty: <https://undocs.org/Home/Mobile?FinalSymbol=E%2FCN.5%2F2024%2FNGO%2F29&Language=E&DeviceType=Desktop&LangRequested=False>

As human beings, our well-being is connected to one another. Poverty & growing inequality undermine social cohesion, increase political tensions, & lead to conflict. Join us during #CSocD62 to advocate for progress on #SDG1 to #EndPoverty. More on SDG1: <https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/poverty/>

Take Action

Support the 2024 Civil Society Declaration

The NGO Committee on Social Development is calling for a renewed commitment to achieving social progress and eradicating poverty. Their Declaration demands action for transformative change including:

1. Establishing nationally owned, human rights-based, social protection systems and floors for all
2. Ensuring equal access to healthcare, education, digital technology, affordable housing and food for all
3. Extending debt relief for the least developed countries based on solidarity
4. Ensuring equal access to a healthy and safe environment for all
5. Ensuring that all persons are equal before the law, without discrimination

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

Please endorse the Declaration and share it with your networks! It will be open for endorsement until **2 February**. All signatures received by NGOs and individuals from around the world will be shared with the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs and Governments at the opening of the 62nd Session of the UN Commission for Social Development. [Click here to sign the Civil Society Declaration.](#)

