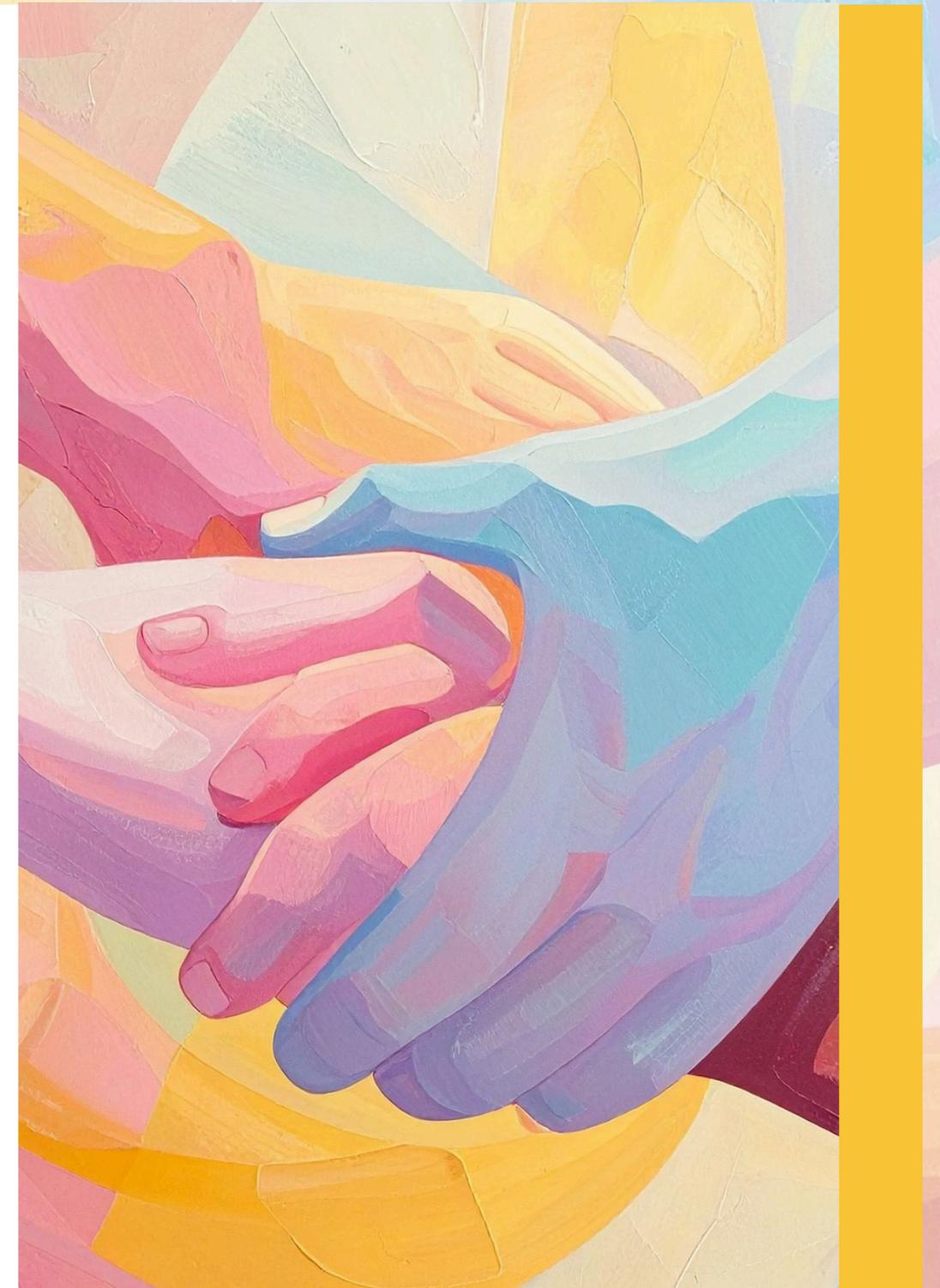




64th Session of the
**COMMISSION FOR
SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT**

2-10 February 2026

Advancing social development and social
justice through coordinated, equitable,
and inclusive policies





JUSTICE COALITION OF RELIGIOUS

This guide was produced by the [Justice Coalition of Religious](#) (JCoR), a coalition of 24 non-governmental organizations that are accredited to collectively represent over 200 congregations of Roman Catholic women and men Religious at the United Nations (UN). Congregations of Religious sustain the long-standing tradition of serving people who experience the marginalisation, oppression, and vulnerability resulting from unjust global systems. At the grassroots, Sisters, Brothers, priests, and their mission partners are leaders in the provision of essential services. While these efforts offer vital temporary assistance, our common home cries out for lasting global transformation, a transformation that requires addressing the root causes of human and environmental suffering. We are thereby called to the work of advocacy.

JCoR coordinates the efforts of Religious and their ministry partners - across more than 100 countries - in pursuit of our common mission: ***To facilitate collaboration among members and partners of Catholic Religious congregations working at the grassroots and at the United Nations in order to: (1) strengthen one another's capacity for advocacy and (2) advocate collectively for social, economic, and environmental justice and peace in international, regional, and national fora.***

Guided by Catholic Social Teaching and the Universal Human Rights Framework, JCoR envisions a just and peaceful world where the dignity of every person, particularly the most marginalized, and the sanctity of all creation are upheld. In this world, all people can fully participate in the social, economic, political, and cultural life of society, working together to foster the common good. We strive to realise this future world by coordinating the 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!



CSocD64

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.

Priority Theme

Each year, the Commission adopts a priority theme to guide its efforts. This theme sets the central topic for discussions, reports, debates, and resolutions throughout the session. This year, the priority theme for the 64th Session of the Commission for Social Development ([CSocD64](#)) will focus on: *Advancing social development and social justice through coordinated, equitable, and inclusive policies.*

Emerging Issue

The Commission also adopts an annual emerging issue, a secondary topic that highlights a new or rising challenge related to social development. The emerging theme for this year is: *Eradicating poverty and ensuring dignity through resilient care and support systems*

KEY TERMINOLOGY



The following terms provide an essential foundation for understanding global policy discussions on social development. Familiarity with these concepts will be important for those participating in or following the deliberations at CSocD64.



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.



SOCIAL JUSTICE

The United Nations defines social justice is “an underlying principle for peaceful and prosperous coexistence within and among nations” grounded in equality, solidarity, respect for human rights, and the recognition of human dignity. In this context, social justice means ensuring that all people have equitable access to resources, opportunities, and participation in political, economic, and social life, and that barriers based on factors like race, gender, age, disability, or socioeconomic status are removed so everyone has the opportunity to thrive.



RESILIENT CARE AND SUPPORT SYSTEMS

Resilient care and support systems refers to comprehensive and coordinated policies, services, and infrastructures that meet care needs across the lifespan while upholding dignity and well-being. They are designed to adapt and continue functioning effectively in the face of crises and economic or social shocks, ensuring continuity of care for those who need it most. A key emphasis is on recognizing and supporting both care recipients and caregivers, addressing unpaid care work, and ensuring shared responsibility among the State, families, communities, and the private sector to reduce poverty and promote social justice.

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KEY TERMS

Copenhagen Declaration

The Copenhagen Declaration, adopted in 1995 at the [World Summit for Social Development](#), emphasizes the importance of promoting social integration, poverty eradication, and full participation in society. The Declaration establishes social justice, equity, and human dignity as core principles of development policy. It marked a pivotal moment in the global approach to development during which governments committed to ensuring that economic development would be inclusive, and focused on human well-being.

Programme of Action

The [Programme of Action](#), also adopted at the World Summit in 1995, translates the commitments of the Copenhagen Declaration into a practical framework for implementation. It outlines specific strategies and actions that governments, international organizations, and other stakeholders should take to reduce poverty, expand employment opportunities, and strengthen social inclusion. It also emphasizes cross-cutting issues such as social protection, participation, and international cooperation, providing a roadmap for turning political commitments into concrete results.

Doha Declaration

The [Doha Political Declaration](#), adopted at the Second World Summit in 2025, reaffirms and builds upon the commitments of the Copenhagen Declaration in light of current global challenges such as inequality, climate change, pandemics, and economic shocks. It emphasizes the need to accelerate action on poverty eradication and social justice while strengthening social protection systems and international solidarity. The Doha Declaration also links social development more explicitly to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Together, the Copenhagen Declaration, the Programme of Action, and the Doha Declaration form a coherent framework for global social development. The Copenhagen Declaration sets the shared vision and principles, the Programme of Action provides the guidance for implementation, and the Doha Declaration renews and adapts these commitments for contemporary realities. Collectively, they guide the work of the Commission for Social Development and reinforce the UN's long-standing commitment to people-centered, inclusive, and equitable development.



CSocD64 DETAILS

VITAL INFO FOR
PARTICIPANTS



When

2-10 February 2026



Where

United Nations Headquarters in New York



Official Website

Click on the following link to access the [CSocD64](#) website



Watch

Follow the proceedings of CSocD63 at webtv.un.org
(streamed in multiple languages)



Schedule

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



JCoR's POSITION STATEMENT

In preparation for CSocD64, JCoR gathered input from our global network related to several of the central elements of social protection and synthesized this input into a position paper. This document is intended to be a tool that you can use in order to inform your advocacy efforts throughout CSocD. Please visit the [JCoR website](#) to read the JCoR position paper and share it with your network!

[CLICK HERE TO READ THE STATEMENT](#)

Special thanks to members and affiliates of the following congregations and organisations for their contributions to this statement:

Center for Culture and Development, Gujarat

Claretian Missionaries

Comboni Missionary Sisters

Congregation de Notre Dame de Montreal

Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd

Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Consolation

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Sisters of Charity Federation

Sisters of Charity of Jesus and Mary

Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur

Society of the Divine Word

Society of the Sacred Heart



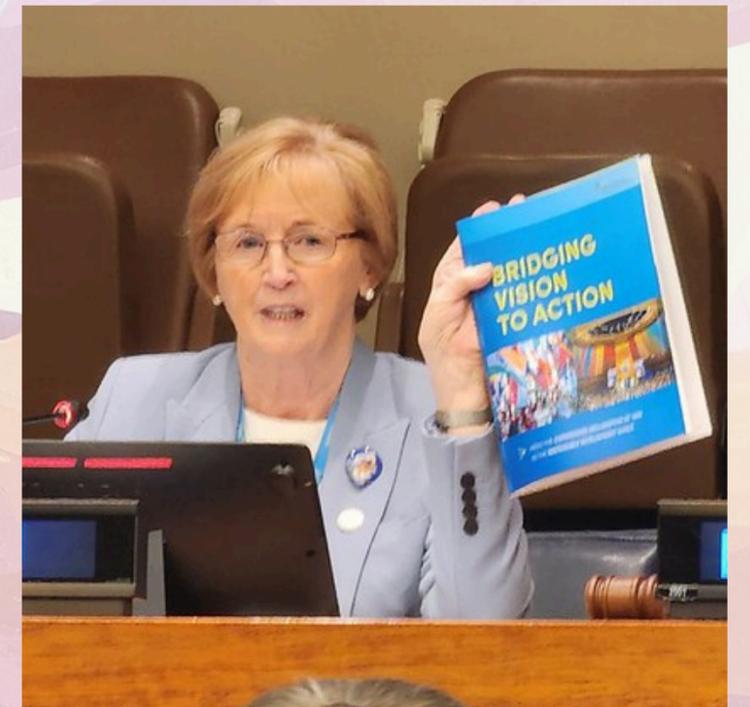
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RECOMMENDED EVENTS

Please visit [JCoR's CSocD64 webpage](#) to access a curated list of side events and parallel events that are recommended by JCoR and our Religious community at the United Nations in New York.

CLICK HERE TO VIEW EVENTS





NGO CSocD

CIVIL SOCIETY FORUM 2026



WHAT IS IT ?

During the United Nations Commission for Social Development, the [NGO Committee for Social Development](#) (NGO CSocD) is dedicated to raising awareness on the Priority Theme and elevating the voices, experiences, and recommendations from the grassroots. It organizes and facilitates a Civil Society Forum for each annual Commission, and this Forum is a space for members of civil society, in collaboration with the United Nations, Member States, and other stakeholders to gather, learn, discuss, and strategize on the theme and deliberations of the CSocD64. Click on the following links to access:

- [Forum schedule](#)
- Speaker lists
 - [Opening session](#)
 - [Panel 1](#)
 - [Panel 2](#)
 - [Closing session](#)
- Concept notes
 - [Panel 1](#)
 - [Panel 2](#)

WHEN/WHERE IS IT?

The Civil Society Forum will be held on Friday, February 6 from 10:00am-1:00pm (EST) in Conference Room 4 of UN Headquarters in New York.

[CLICK HERE FOR THE FORUM PROGRAMME](#)



SOCIAL MEDIA

Recommendations

Pause before you share

Mis- and dis-information are causing global harm, hindering our ability to make progress on many of the world's most pressing issues.

Before you share any content online, THINK:

- Who made it?
- What is the source?
- Where did it come from?
- Why are you sharing this?
- When was it published?

Please pause and take care before you share something online.



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SUPPORT THE 2025 CIVIL SOCIETY DECLARATION

The Civil Society Declaration is prepared each year by the NGO Committee for Social Development on the Commission priority theme, and is presented at the Opening of each UN Commission for Social Development. Accordingly the 2026 Declaration focuses on: *Advancing Social Development and Social Justice through Coordinated, Equitable, and Inclusive Policies.*

Click on the following link to read the full 2026 [Civil Society Declaration](#).

This Declaration will be shared with the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs and Governments at the opening of the 64th Session of the UN Commission for Social Development and at the Civil Society Forum 2026.

[CLICK HERE TO SIGN THE CIVIL SOCIETY DECLARATION](#)

