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63rd Session of the Commission for Social Development CSocD63

Strengthening Solidarity, Social Inclusion and Social Cohesion



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Presentation Outline

1. Overview of the Commission for Social Development
2. Highlights of the CSocD63
3. The Second World Summit for Social Development 2025
4. The Way Forward



The CSocD: Advancing Social Progress for Over 75 Years

- Established in 1946, a key UN body dedicated to **inclusive social development**.
- Since 1995, the primary body advancing the **Copenhagen Declaration** and Programme of Action.
- Advises the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) on social policies and undertakes research on crucial social and economic issues.
- Three core focus areas: **Poverty eradication, full and productive employment and social integration**
- Supports the **2030 Agenda and its 17 SDGs** by accelerating progress toward reducing poverty and inequality.

The CSocD: Advancing Social Progress for Over 75 Years

- Offers a platform within the UN for global stakeholder to discuss **well-being** and **emerging social issues**.
- Spotlights critical topics: Poverty eradication, inequality, employment, **social protection**, and **digital inclusion**. Addresses **homelessness** for the first time at the UN.
- Shares innovative solutions to improve the lives of the most vulnerable such as **older persons**, **young people**, **indigenous peoples** and **persons with disabilities**.
- Connects **diverse stakeholders** to network across sectors and groups.
- Proposes policy recommendations to build inclusive societies where **everyone is included**.

CSocD63 Priority Theme

The CSocD63 will focus on “**Strengthening solidarity, social inclusion and social cohesion** to accelerate the delivery of the commitments of the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development and Programme of Action of the **World Summit for Social Development** as well as the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”.



CSocD63 Emerging Issues

The CSocD63 will focus on “**Social Resilience** and **Social Development**”.



Overview of CSocD63

Opening and Closing Sessions

The CSocD63 will open on **10 February 2025** with addresses by the GA President, ECOSOC President, Deputy UN Secretary-General, UN DESA Under-Secretary-General, a Civil Society Representative, and a Youth Representative (In-person, CR.4, interpretation, LIVE webcast, closed captions).

The session will close on **14 February 2025**.

5 High-Level Panels

- 1) **Priority theme:** "The Follow-Up to the World Summit for Social Development in view of the World Social Summit under the title the Second World Summit for Social Development"
- 2) **Ministerial Forum** on "Strengthening solidarity and social cohesion"
- 3) **Panel discussion on Emerging Issues** on "Social resilience and social development"
- 4) **Interactive dialogue** with senior officials of the UN System on the priority theme
- 5) **Multi-stakeholder Forum** on "Promoting solidarity and social cohesion through cooperatives, the social and solidarity economy as a path for achieving the SDGs"

Civil Society Forum

The Forum will be held in-person on 14 February 2025 in CR.4 from 10am to 1pm.

The Forum will focus on the CSocD63 priority theme.

Side Events

The CSocD63 will feature over 50 side events addressing key social issues such as poverty and inequality, social protection, youth and older persons, disability, homelessness, affordable housing, gender equality, and the role of civil society in social development.

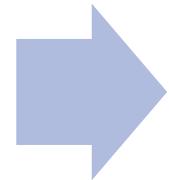
Global Challenges

- Despite progress, extreme poverty remains high, with **692 million people** affected globally in 2024, while **733 million people** faced hunger in 2023.
- **Income and wealth inequality** are rising in many countries, contributing to social divides and mistrust in institutions.
- **Climate change, pollution, and biodiversity loss** threaten our planet and humanity.
- Escalating conflicts have displaced **68.3 million people**, destabilizing societies.
- Health inequities persist, leaving **60% of the world** without sufficient healthcare.
- Digitalization is **widening skills gaps, displacing workers**, and leaving older populations behind.
- **Aging populations** are straining healthcare and social security systems.
- Declining **trust in governments** and rising **discrimination** threaten social progress.
- Interconnected crises, from **financial downturns to pandemics**, are hitting vulnerable groups hardest.



2030 Agenda and SDGs

The CSocD63 theme directly supports the 2030 Agenda and its SDGs overarching promise by **focusing on people living in vulnerable situations.**



Policies to promote **social inclusion and solidarity** are shown to enhance outcomes in health, education, and economic opportunities, demonstrating the integrated nature of the SDGs.



CSocD63 Key Messages



- **Social cohesion** and **inclusion** are vital to achieving the Copenhagen Declaration and SDGs.
- Invest in **social policies** to promote inclusion, trust, and resilience.
- Strengthen **social protection, health, education, and decent work** to reduce inequalities.
- **Rebuild trust in institutions** to foster solidarity and collective action.
- Ensure transparent, **accountable governance** for effective service delivery.
- Promote **inclusive participation** to improve policies.
- Enhance **international cooperation** to tackle global challenges like climate change and digital divide.
- Expand **universal health coverage** and quality education for well-being and equity.

CSocD63 Panel Discussions

- 1 High-level panel discussion on the **priority theme**
- 2 Ministerial Forum on “**Strengthening solidarity and social cohesion**”
- 3 Panel discussion on Emerging Issues on “**Social resilience and universal rights-based social protection systems**”
- 4 **Interactive dialogue** with senior officials of the UN system on the priority theme
- 5 Multi-stakeholder Forum on “**Promoting solidarity and social cohesion through cooperatives, the social and solidarity economy as a path for achieving the SDGs**”

High-Level Panel on the Priority Theme

- ❖ Highlight the key gaps and opportunities in delivering the commitments of the Copenhagen Declaration and the 2030 Agenda.
- ❖ Emphasize how the Second World Summit for Social Development can create a new global consensus on social policies aimed at ensuring income security, promoting decent jobs, and fostering social inclusion.
- ❖ Focus on concrete solutions and policies that can help regain momentum in social development.
- ❖ Highlight best practices for participatory and transparent policymaking.
- ❖ Discuss how the Second World Social Summit can mobilize political will and international cooperation.
- ❖ Focus on recommendations on how stakeholders can contribute to achieving a more inclusive and resilient society.

Ministerial Forum on the Priority Theme

- ❖ Promote social cohesion as a key driver of social progress by advancing social inclusion, fostering trust in public institutions, and ensuring transparent governance.
- ❖ Address social policy gaps with effective taxation, income security, healthcare, education, and employment opportunities.
- ❖ Combat misinformation and disinformation to maintain a healthy information environment that fosters trust and social cohesion.
- ❖ Utilize platforms like the Second World Summit on Social Development to build consensus on needed actions.
- ❖ Promote solidarity, participation, and transparency in policymaking to increase citizen engagement and trust in government institutions.
- ❖ Encourage best practices by sharing lessons learned and successful policy interventions that strengthen social cohesion and solidarity and fostering social inclusion.

High-level panel on Emerging Issues

- ❖ Examine how digitalization, climate change, and demographic trends impact social resilience.
- ❖ Identify policies to recover lost progress and enhance crisis preparedness.
- ❖ Promote universal, rights-based systems that adapt to evolving risks.
- ❖ Boost domestic resource mobilization and global solidarity for resilience funding.
- ❖ Strengthen governance and international cooperation for crisis foresight.
- ❖ Contribute insights to the Second Social Summit and ECOSOC discussions.



Multi-stakeholder Forum on the priority theme: Sharing Solutions

- ❖ Drive inclusive growth by prioritizing people over profit and empowering marginalized communities through **cooperatives and the social and solidarity economy (SSE)**.
- ❖ Demonstrate the global impact of SSE, with 3 million cooperatives employing 10% of the workforce.
- ❖ Support the SDGs and the Copenhagen Declaration by fostering social cohesion, solidarity, and sustainable development through SSE.
- ❖ Establish strong legal frameworks and policies to ensure the growth and integration of SSE into national economies.
- ❖ Leverage the International Year of Cooperatives 2025 as an opportunity to advance policy action and global recognition of cooperatives.
- ❖ Strengthen SSE's role in inclusive development through education, research, and policy engagement.



Interactive dialogue with senior officials of the UN Systems

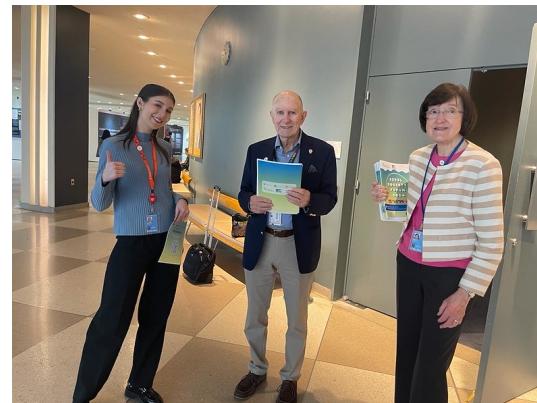
- ❖ Assessing progress since 1995 to advance the 2030 Agenda on poverty, employment, and inclusion.
- ❖ Addressing rising inequalities and global crises through stronger social policies to leave no one behind.
- ❖ Shaping the Summit through regional consultations that identify key challenges, priorities, and policies.
- ❖ Ensuring participatory and effective preparations with the UN, regional commissions, and stakeholders.
- ❖ Adopting a clear, impactful declaration to accelerate social development efforts.
- ❖ Fostering updates, recommendations, and actionable commitments through dialogue with UN officials.

CSocD63 Expected Outcome

- ❖ **Priority Theme Resolution:** A resolution on the priority theme for CSocD64, titled **“Advancing coordinated and equitable policies for inclusive societies”**
- ❖ **Future Organization and Methods of Work of the Commission:** A resolution that will outline how the Commission will function and organize its work in future sessions.
- ❖ **Modalities for the Fifth Review and Appraisal of MIPAA** (Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing): A resolution to set the modalities for reviewing and appraising the implementation of MIPAA.
- ❖ **Social Dimensions of NEPAD** (New Partnership for Africa’s Development): A resolution updating the social aspects of NEPAD, though delayed due to late issuance of the Secretary-General’s report.
- ❖ **Policies and Programmes Involving Youth:** A resolution related to youth policies and programs.

CSocD63 Side Events

- CSocD63 will host more than **50 side events**, covering a range of relevant topics. All NGOs are invited to participate.
- Information on side-events is available on the CSocD63 website.



Second World Summit for Social Development 2025

- The Summit is a historic opportunity to renew **global commitments made in Copenhagen in 1995**, rethink policies, and rebuild trust in societies.
- The commitment to **eradicating poverty, ensuring full and productive employment, and promoting social inclusion** remains as urgent as ever.
- To achieve this, we must **forge a new global consensus for inclusive social development** that leaves no one behind.
- The Summit will serve as a platform to mobilize political will and international cooperation, driving greater **social investments in quality education, healthcare, housing, social protection, and digital transformation**.



The Road from Copenhagen to Doha: Towards an Inclusive World

As we approach the Second World Social Summit from 4 to 6 November 2025 in Qatar, we have a unique opportunity **to reshape global social policies** and **reaffirm the principles of the Copenhagen Declaration**.

The path forward requires **changing mindsets**, **strengthening solidarity and trust**, and **investing in social inclusion and resilience**.



Civil Society: Driving Impact at CSocD63 & WSSD2

- ❖ CSOs amplify marginalized voices, advocate for inclusive SOCIAL policies, and ensure accountability.
- ❖ Engage in UN processes via statements, side events, and civil society forums.
- ❖ Influence decision-makers through lobbying, coalition-building, and social media.
- ❖ Bridge grassroots concerns with global policymaking for real-world impact.
- ❖ Provide research-based policy recommendations and deliver essential services (education, healthcare, aid) to underserved communities.
- ❖ Empower individuals and organizations through capacity building initiatives.
- ❖ Mobilize resources and advocate for emergency policies during crises.
- ❖ Ensure commitments lead to action, fostering partnerships and accountability.



The Way Forward: Towards an Inclusive World

- ❖ **Changing Mindsets:** Foster inclusive thinking by embracing diversity, promoting equality, dialogue, and shared responsibility.
- ❖ **Investing in People:** Guarantee access to education, healthcare, digital technologies and affordable housing for everyone.
- ❖ **Inclusive Societies:** Reduce inequality through progressive taxation, anti-discrimination laws, and social policies.
- ❖ **Universal Social Protection:** Ensure income security, healthcare, and employment support for all.
- ❖ **Decent Work:** Create fair jobs, formalize informal work, and prepare for green and digital economies.
- ❖ **Stronger Governance and Trust** - Promote transparency, participation, and accountable decision-making.
- ❖ **Global Solidarity and Cooperation** – Strengthen multilateral action for financing, debt relief, and social development.





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