

Reference: DESA-25/01831

12 October 2025

Dear Colleague,

I am writing with reference to resolution 78/318 of 16 July 2024, concerning the World Social Summit, entitled “the *Second World Summit for Social Development*” to be held in Doha, Qatar, from 4 to 6 November 2025.

In the same resolution, the General Assembly decided that the Summit would have two high-level round tables, each to be co-chaired by two Heads of State or Government, one from a developed country and one from a developing country, to be appointed by the President of the General Assembly after consultations with the Member States, ensuring geographical balance. The agreed themes and timings of the round tables are outlined below:

- [Round Table 1](#): *Strengthening the three pillars of social development: poverty eradication, full and productive employment and decent work for all, and social inclusion*

4 November 2025, 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. (in parallel with the afternoon plenary meeting)

- [Round Table 2](#): *Assessing progress and addressing gaps and challenges in the implementation of the commitments of the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development and its Programme of Action and giving momentum towards the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.*

5 November 2025, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (in parallel with the morning plenary meeting)

It is also the intention of the President of the General Assembly that the meetings be conducted in a **multistakeholder format, with interactive engagement**. In order to facilitate multistakeholder engagement, UN entities are invited to indicate interest in contributing to the interactive discussions at one of the two round tables, intervening from the floor. Entities should express their interest via email to the Secretariat of the Summit at socialsummitsecretariat@un.org, under the subject, “Expression of Interest – Round Table [#]”. Expressions of interest should include the name and title of the proposed speaker and the preferred round table. Expressions of interest must be received **by 17 October 2025**.

Principals of all UN entities and IFIs
cc: Liaison Offices to UNHQ

Expressions of interest will be shared with the Office of the President of the General Assembly for consideration. The final list of speakers will subsequently be shared. In the selection of speakers, priority will be given based on the **level of representation**, with precedence accorded to **Principals**.

Please be aware that the demand for speaking slots is anticipated to be high and in view of time limitations a strict limit of three minutes will be enforced with the use of a count-down timer. Given the multistakeholder nature of the round tables, flexibility will be applied with regard to the speaking arrangements, including the order of interventions.

Draft concept notes for the round tables are attached for your information and guidance. They are also available on the Summit Website at <https://social.desa.un.org/world-summit-2025/programme>.

I look forward to your valuable contributions to the Summit.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be '李军华' (Li Junhua), written in a cursive style.

LI Junhua

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