



SECOND WORLD SUMMIT FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT DOHA 2025

The Doha Solutions Platform for Social Development

A CALL FOR COMMITMENTS: THE DOHA SOLUTIONS PLATFORM FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

The Second World Social Summit for Social Development marks a pivotal moment to galvanize solidarity, rebuild trust, and chart a renewed path forward for inclusive social development. Although significant progress has been achieved since 1995, with reduced poverty, historically low unemployment, and expanded access to education, health, and social protection, progress remains uneven and fragile. Climate change, conflicts, pandemics, and digital inequalities jeopardize the gains achieved. About 1.1 billion people experienced multidimensional poverty in 2024, facing simultaneous deprivations in health, education, and living standards. Income inequality has risen in many countries since 1995, and gender wage gaps remain significant. One in five youth are not in education, employment, or training, the majority of whom are young women. Persons with disabilities, older persons, and other vulnerable groups remain excluded from full participation.

In the face of these formidable challenges, the Summit will adopt the Doha Political Declaration, a collective pledge to reinvigorate multilateralism and accelerate social development that leaves no one behind. It aims to “*advance innovative solutions, and inclusive international cooperation*

to fully translate the commitments of the Copenhagen Declaration and Programme of Action and social dimension of the 2030 Agenda into concrete actions to achieve social development for all, in particular to the benefit of developing countries.”

In response to this call, the Summit is expected to generate and spotlight an array of new or newly resourced commitments and initiatives by Governments and other stakeholders to address barriers to poverty eradication, full and productive employment and decent work for all, and social integration through innovative and transformative measures.

To recognize and leverage these commitments and initiatives, the President of the General, in collaboration with the host country, Qatar, invites Member States and other stakeholders with newly resourced initiatives, partnerships and solutions - both to be announced on the occasion of the Summit and beyond it - to register these commitments with the Summit Secretariat.

The [Doha Solutions Platform for Social Development](#), a dedicated online space on the Summit website, will serve as a repository of commitments and initiatives aimed at advancing social development, which demonstrate innovation, high relevance, resource commitment, impact and replicability. The platform will be a resource for Governments and other stakeholders to strengthen existing initiatives and inspire and inform new ones. Select commitments will be showcased at the Summit.

The Summit provides a unique opportunity to advance innovative solutions to barriers to social justice, equality, and inclusion worldwide. In this spirit, stakeholders are encouraged to share ambitious commitments underpinned by the vision and objectives of the Copenhagen Declaration and Programme of Action, the agreed Doha Political Declaration and the social dimension of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

For the latest information about the Second World Summit for Social Development, including the Doha Political Declaration, please visit:

<https://social.desa.un.org/world-summit-2025>

REGISTRATION CRITERIA

Criteria for the selection of initiatives to be featured on the Platform include:

- **Relevance to the aspirations and outcome of the Summit:** Initiatives must demonstrate a clear link to the core principles and priority areas set out in the agreed Doha Political Declaration and the Copenhagen Declaration and Programme of Action, in particular poverty eradication, employment and decent work and/or social integration, and related cross-cutting issues as identified in the Political Declaration. Submissions should also indicate their real and/or potential contribution to SDG acceleration where applicable.
- **Innovation:** initiatives should present new or significantly enhanced solutions, partnerships, or approaches that advance people-centred and inclusive social development through but not limited to: leveraging digital and emerging technology, including artificial intelligence; ambitious policy reforms that enhance social development; and investments in critical infrastructure.
- **Resource commitments:** registered initiatives must have secured dedicated funding or demonstrate clear plans for mobilizing adequate and sustainable financing, in line with the financing for social development section of the Doha Political Declaration, and/or the *Compromiso de Sevilla*ⁱ of the 4th International Conference on Financing for Development.
- **Impact and replicability/scalability:** initiatives should show strong potential for measurable impact and the ability to inspire or be adapted by others, encouraging wider adoption at national, regional, or global/multilateral levels through

meaningful multistakeholder collaboration and partnerships.

HOW TO SUBMIT A COMMITMENT/INITIATIVE

Lead implementing governments and other stakeholders are invited to submit their commitments or initiatives through a dedicated form available on the Summit website [here](#), and linked below:

[Submit to the Doha Solutions Platform](#)

Each submission will need to provide the following information:

- Lead implementing countries/entities.
- Endorsing countries/entities, if applicable.
- Geographic focus.
- Indicate whether new or newly scaled up.
- Briefly describe the commitment or initiative, to include: the issue or challenge it aims to address; its core elements and objectives (including targeted beneficiaries); and a general timeline for implementation.
- Brief description of how the commitment/initiative is innovative.
- Indication of specific actions to be monitored in reviewing implementation.
- Indicate how the initiative supports the implementation of the *Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development*ⁱⁱ and/or the *Doha Political Declaration*.
- Indicate how the initiative supports the implementation of the SDGs.
- Explanation of how the initiative has either secured dedicated funding or demonstrates clear plans for mobilizing adequate and sustainable financing by providing either: specific budget allocation details (including funding amounts and budget periods), or a resource mobilization

plan containing timelines, target amounts, and identified funding sources.

- Brief description of the initiative's potential for measurable impact and its ability to inspire or be adapted by others, to include specification of: key factors of the initiative that are expected to lead to its desired impact, key targets and examples of indicators that will be used to monitor the initiative, and the ways in which the initiative has potential for scalability and/or transferability to other contexts.
- Contact information for potential follow-up.
- Availability of a high-level representative for a potential speaking opportunity in the margins of the Summit.

For inquiries, please contact the Summit Secretariat at socialsummitsecretariat@un.org

TIMELINES

- The Secretariat will begin accepting submissions on 3 October 2025.
- Registration in the Platform will be ongoing.
- To ensure that your submission might be featured on the Platform ahead of the Summit please submit by 22 October 2025.

ⁱ See <https://docs.un.org/A/CONF.227/2025/L.1>.

ⁱⁱ See <https://www.un.org/en/development/desa/population/migration>

- Submissions received by 7 November 11:59 PM (EST), which meet the criteria, will be considered to have been registered “**on the occasion of the Summit**”.

VISIBILITY

- All submitted commitments and initiatives that meet the criteria will be publicly accessible on the platform. Those submissions that meet the criteria, which are received by 22 October will be visible on the platform ahead of the Summit.
- Select commitments will be featured in Spotlight Sessions during the **Doha Solutions Forum for Social Development**, a pre-summit event led by the host country, Qatar, in collaboration with France, on 3 November 2025. A **Solutions Studio** at the venue will also provide opportunities to feature select registered commitments from 4-6 November.
- Implementing stakeholders are strongly encouraged to announce their commitments/initiatives in their official statements at the Summit to ensure their inclusion in the official summary.

[/generalassembly/docs/globalcompact/A_CONF.166_9_Declaration.pdf](#).