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The Doha Solutions Forum for Social Development

3 November 2025

Qatar National Convention Centre, Theatre
10:30 AM – 4:00 PM

Overview

The **Doha Solutions Forum for Social Development** has been organized by the State of Qatar, host of the Second World Summit for Social Development, to amplify the focus of the Summit on advancing innovative solutions to achieve social development for all. Organized in collaboration with the Government of France (TBC) and with the support from the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the Doha Solutions Forum will bring together Ministers, representatives of private sector and other stakeholders to showcase public policies and projects that have had a measurable impact across one or more of the three pillars of social development emanating from the 1995 Copenhagen Declaration and reaffirmed in Doha Political Declaration: (i) poverty eradication; (ii) full and productive employment and decent work; and (iii) social integration. The event will take the form of a series of moderated high-level panels organized around a key set of broad policy areas that promote integrated policy approaches to social development:

- (i) Innovative Social Protection Systems
- (ii) Education and Workforce Development for a Future-Ready World
- (iii) Public-Private Partnerships for Social Development
- (iv) Strengthening Social Dialogue and Participatory Governance

Four moderated discussion panels will feature speakers selected based on the proven impact and potential replicability of established policies and initiatives, with consideration for geographic balance. The event has two core objectives: (i) encourage peer learning by showcasing good practices and promoting exchange of ideas; and (ii) build momentum for growing partnerships and investments for accelerating social progress.

Taking place on 3 November, 10:30 AM-4:00 PM at the Qatar National Convention Centre, the event will launch of the parallel programme of events to take place in the margins of the Summit and highlight commitments made in the context of the Summit.

Draft Programme:

Master of Ceremonies: Ms. Folly Bah Thibault

10:30	High-Level Opening Segment • <i>H.E Ms. Annalena Baerbock, President of the United Nations General Assembly</i> • <i>Video address from H.E Ms. Amina Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General, United Nations</i> • <i>H.E. Buthaina bint Ali Al Jabr Al Nuaimi, Minister of Social Development and Family, Qatar</i> • <i>Ms. Éléonore Caroit, Minister Delegate for Francophonie, International Partnerships and French Nationals Abroad, attached to the Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs, France</i>
	<i>Panel Transition</i>
10:45-11:15	Panel 1: Innovative Social Protection Systems Social protection systems are crucial for ensuring a dignified life and reducing poverty and inequality. According to the International Labour Organization (ILO), just over half of the global population (52.4%) was effectively covered by at least one social protection benefit in 2023 or the latest available year. This marks a significant increase from 42.8% in 2015. But gaps in coverage are particularly acute in low-income countries, where only 9.7% of the population is covered. 3.8 billion people worldwide are still entirely unprotected. Investing in comprehensive social protection systems, including floors, can mitigate economic shocks, promote social cohesion and social justice, and contribute to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. This panel will highlight effective social protection policies that ensure equity, inclusion, adequate income, and a dignified life for all. • Moderator: Mr. Gilbert F. Houngbo, Director General, International Labour Organization • Policy Panel: ▪ <i>H.E. Ms. Maryam bint Ali bin Nasser Al Misnad, Minister of State for International Cooperation of Qatar</i> ▪ <i>Ms. Éléonore Caroit, Minister Delegate for Francophonie, International Partnerships and French Nationals Abroad, attached to the Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs, France</i> ▪ <i>H.E. Ms. Javiera Toro, Minister of Social Development of Chile</i> ▪ <i>[TBC]</i>
11:15-11:35	Solutions Spotlight on Social Protection: Select Member States present initiatives and new resource investments in innovative social protection systems. These can be initiatives undertaken by the government alone, or in association with international organizations, social

	partners and members of civil society. Spotlighted initiatives will be selected by the organizers from among the submissions to the Doha Solutions Platform for Social Development .
	<i>Panel Transition</i>
11:40-12:10	Panel 2: Education and Workforce Development for a Future-Ready World Education and workforce development are fundamental drivers of economic growth and social mobility. UNESCO data indicates that globally, over 272 million children and youth are still out of school, and millions more are in school but not learning.¹ The World Bank and other organizations, like the World Economic Forum continue to emphasize major skills that impact productivity and innovation. Many countries are facing a mismatch between the skills demanded by the labour market and those possessed by the workforce (especially in areas like AI, big data, cybersecurity, and advanced technical skills). The "Future of Jobs Report 2025" from the World Economic Forum indicates that 59% of the global workforce will need reskilling training by 2030. Investing in quality education and relevant skills training is essential for fostering resilient economies and inclusive societies. This gap is particularly acute in developing regions and is exacerbated by rapid technological advancements and outdated education and training systems. This panel will highlight effective policies and partnerships that enhance education systems and workforce readiness for digital, demographic and decarbonization transitions, and align educational offerings with labour market demands in those three areas, including initiatives to bridge digital skill gaps, promote lifelong learning. • Moderator: <i>Dr. Safwan Masri, Dean of Georgetown University Qatar</i> • Policy Panel: ▪ <i>H.E. Ms. Sanni Grahn-Laasonen, Minister of Social Security, Finland [TBC]</i> ▪ <i>H.E. Mr. Alfred Nganga Mututa, Cabinet Secretary for Labour and Social Protection of Kenya</i> ▪ <i>H.E. Mr. Edil Baisalov, Deputy Chairperson of the Cabinet of Ministers from Kyrgyzstan</i> ▪ <i>H.E. Masagos Zulkifli Minister for Social and Family Development from Singapore</i>
12:10-12:30	Solutions Spotlight on Education and Workforce Development for a Future-Ready World: Select Member States present initiatives and new resource investments in education and workforce development. These can be initiatives undertaken by the government alone, or in association with international organizations, social partners and members of civil society. Spotlighted initiatives will be selected by the organizers from among commitments made in the context of the Summit

¹ <https://www.unesco.org/en/sdg4scorecard-dashboard> as of June 2025

12:30-14:15	Lunch
14:15-14:45	Panel 3: Public-Private Partnerships for Social Development Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) play an increasingly vital role in addressing complex social challenges and achieving development goals. The United Nations highlights that PPPs can leverage private sector expertise, innovation, and financing to complement public resources, particularly in areas like infrastructure, healthcare, and education. The World Bank Group's Private Participation in Infrastructure (PPI) Database shows that private investment commitments in infrastructure projects in developing countries amounted to US\$91.7 billion in 2022, demonstrating the significant potential of these collaborations to accelerate social development. Increasingly, PPP frameworks are evolving to include a broader range of actors including from the social and solidarity economy—such as cooperatives, mutuals, and social enterprises—whose community-based models help address informality, promote decent work, and strengthen social cohesion. By expanding partnerships to include these innovative and inclusive economic actors, governments can co-create solutions that are both economically viable and socially transformative. This panel will highlight successful collaborations between governments and the private sector to advance social development. • Moderator: Ms. Kristen Edgreen Kaufman, Senior Vice President, Global Impact Initiatives, USCIB • Policy Panel: ▪ Ms. Anouk Heilen, Global Head of Human Rights & Social Sustainability, Unilever ▪ H.E Mr. Juan Carlos Florián, Minister of Equality and Equity of Colombia ▪ [TBC] ▪ [TBC]
14:-14:45	Solutions Spotlight on Public-Private Partnerships: Select Member States present initiatives and new resource investments in public-private partnerships for social development. These can be initiatives undertaken by the government alone, or in association with international organizations, social partners and members of civil society. Spotlighted initiatives will be selected by the organizers from among commitments made in the context of the Summit.
	Panel Transition

14:50-15:20	Panel 4: Strengthening Social Dialogue and Participatory Governance Effective social development hinges on inclusive decision-making processes and robust social dialogue. The ILO emphasizes that social dialogue, involving governments, employers', and workers' organizations, is a key governance tool for achieving decent work and addressing economic and social challenges. The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) highlights that participatory governance, which involves citizens in policymaking, leads to more legitimate, effective, and sustainable development outcomes. These principles are further underscored by the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) in its recent World Social Report 2025: 'A New Policy Consensus to Accelerate Social Progress,' which calls for fundamental shifts in policy, institutions, norms, and mindsets to address rising insecurity, inequality, and declining trust. By fostering open communication and collaboration among governments, civil society, labour unions, employers' representatives and the private sector, this session will highlight how shared ownership, and accountability can lead to more equitable and sustainable social policies. This focus directly contributes to the follow-up of the Second World Summit for Social Development by promoting the principles of social integration and creating an enabling environment for social progress through shared ownership and accountability. This panel will explore mechanisms and policies that strengthen social dialogue and promote participatory governance, ensuring all voices are heard in the development and implementation of social policies. • Moderator: <i>Ms. Mary Beth Goodman, Deputy Secretary General, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)</i> • Policy Panel: ▪ <i>H.E. Dr. Abdulaziz Nasser Al-Khalifa, President of the Civil Service and Government Development Bureau of Qatar</i> ▪ <i>Mr. Matthias Thorns, VP, International Organization of Employers</i> ▪ <i>Mr. Luc Triangle, General Secretary, International Trade Union Confederation</i> ▪ <i>Ms. Gillian D'Souza-Nazareth, Chair of NGO Committee for Social Development, Treasurer of Red Dot Foundation</i>
15:20-15:35	Solutions Spotlight on Social Dialogue and Governance: Select Member States present initiatives and new resource investments in strengthening social dialogue and participatory governance. These can be initiatives undertaken by the government alone, or in association with international organizations, social partners and members of civil society. Spotlighted initiatives will be selected by the organizers from among commitments made in the context of the Summit.
	<i>Panel Transition</i>
15:35	Closing Segment

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Mr. Li Junhua, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations</i> |
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