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Sixty-fourth Session of the Commission for Social Development

**Interactive dialogue with senior officials of the UN System
on
"United for inclusion: Leveraging the United Nations system for
transformative social development"**

Thursday, 5 February 2026, 10.00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Conference room 4, UNHQ

Concept Note

1. Background

At its sixty-fourth session, the Commission for Social Development (CSocD64) will hold an interactive dialogue with senior officials of the United Nations system under the theme "*United for Inclusion: Leveraging the United Nations System for Transformative Social Development*". Taking place at the first session of the Commission after the adoption of the Doha Political Declaration, the dialogue provides a timely opportunity to explore how the United Nations system will support the follow-up and review of, and contributions to the implementation of, the Declaration.

The Doha Political Declaration of the Second World Summit for Social Development reaffirmed the Copenhagen Declaration and Programme of Action and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The Declaration recognizes that advancing social development and social justice requires coordinated, equitable and inclusive policies capable of addressing persistent poverty, inequality, unemployment, demographic shifts, digital divides, discrimination and the multidimensional impacts of climate change, disasters and crises. It further underscores that the Commission has the primary responsibility for the follow-up and the review of the Summit outcomes and calls for strengthened multilateral cooperation; better regional–global policy linkages; reinforced inter-agency coordination and enhanced contributions from the Regional Commissions, the United Nations development system and specialized agencies.

In this context, the interactive dialogue offers a unique opportunity for Member States to engage with senior UN officials on how the system intends to operationalize these mandates at global, regional and national levels.

The Commission for Social Development will convene its sixty-fourth session from 2 to 10 February 2026. On 5 February 2026, two segments of the interactive dialogue with senior officials of the UN System will be convened. The first one, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., will focus on P*riorities for transformative social development* while the second one, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. will focus on *UN system leadership for inclusive and integrated policy solutions.*

2. Objectives and structure

The dialogue will contribute to the Commission's priority theme, "Advancing social development and social justice through coordinated, equitable and inclusive policies", by showcasing coordinated UN system efforts and integrated policy approaches essential to achieving social development outcomes. The interactive dialogue aims to:

- Interpret and operationalize the commitments of the Doha Political Declaration, including those relating to the strengthened mandates of the Regional Commissions and UN system entities in advancing social development.
- Identify priority areas for coordinated, equitable and inclusive policies, drawing on regional and global analyses.
- Explore integrated and inclusive social policy approaches for poverty eradication, decent work, social protection, gender equality, demographic inclusion, digital transformation, care and support systems, health, education and resilient institutions.
- Outline how the UN system will support the Commission's strengthened mandate for the follow-up and review of the Doha Political Declaration.
- Provide a platform for dialogue between Member States and senior UN officials on commitments, innovations and coordinated pathways for advancing social development.

The outcome of the discussions will be reflected in the Chair's summary.

Segment I: Priorities for transformative social development

Panellists will address the following guiding questions in their five-minute presentations focusing on lessons learned and policy recommendations.: What are the key global and regional trends, disparities and emerging challenges that must be addressed in implementing the commitments of the Doha Political Declaration, and how is your entity supporting Member States in addressing these challenges? How will the UN system contribute to the follow-up and review of, and to the implementation of, the Doha Political Declaration at global, regional and national levels? How can the Regional Commissions leverage their existing mandates to convene regional consultations and support regional follow-up processes? What global, regional and national policy innovations or good practices can guide coordinated, equitable and inclusive policy responses across Member States and how can they be strengthened across regions and within the UN system? How can regional–global linkages be enhanced to improve coherence between regional priorities and the work of the Commission? What specific support do regions need from the broader UN system to advance social development and social justice?

Proposed time allocation for the first segment

Speaker	Suggested speaking time
Chair: Opening remarks	3 minutes
Moderator: Remarks and introduction	3 minutes
7 Panellists: Presentations and Q&A from the moderator	4-minute presentation per panellist, followed by one question each from the moderator with a one-minute response per panellist
Q & A: From the floor	25 minutes
Panellists: Concluding remarks	1 minute per panellist
Moderator: Summary and conclusion	3 minutes
Chair: Closing	2 minutes

Segment II: UN system leadership for inclusive and integrated policy solutions

Panellists will address the following guiding questions in their presentations, focusing on lessons learned and policy recommendations: How will your entity implement the mandates from the Doha Political Declaration? What coordinated and inclusive policy approaches will be prioritized by your entity in support of poverty eradication, decent work, social protection, education, health, gender equality, care and support systems and digital inclusion? How can inter-agency cooperation and system-wide policy coherence on the United Nations' social mandates be strengthened to support Member States more effectively? How will your entity contribute to the Commission's enhanced role in the global follow-up and review process? What data, financing, partnerships or technical support will be essential for advancing social development and social justice across regions?

Proposed time allocation for the second segment

Speaker	Suggested speaking time
Chair: Opening remarks	3 minutes
Moderator: Remarks and introduction	3 minutes
6 Panellists: Presentations and Q&A from the moderator	5-minute presentation per panellist, followed by one question each from the moderator with a one-minute response per panellist
Q & A: From the floor	25 minutes
Panellists: Concluding remarks	2 minutes per panellist
Moderator: Summary and conclusion	3 minutes
Chair: Closing	2 minutes