



PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

13 October 2025

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to General Assembly resolution 78/318 of 16 July 2024 concerning the “**World Social Summit**” under the title “**the Second World Summit for Social Development**” to be held from 4 to 6 November 2025 in Doha, Qatar.

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, on the following themes:

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 p.m. – 6 p.m. (in parallel with the 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 a.m. – 1 p.m. (in parallel with the plenary meeting)

All Permanent Representatives and
Permanent Observers to the United Nations
New York



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I hereby invite you to indicate your delegation's interest in contributing to the interactive discussions at one of the two round tables, intervening from the floor. 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 mechanically 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.

The inscription on the lists of speakers for the round tables will be opened on Tuesday, 14 October 2025 at 10 a.m. New York time on the e-deleGATE platform using the e-Speakers module.

Kindly indicate your delegation's interest in intervening in the interactive discussion **by Friday, 24 October 2025 at 5 p.m.** New York time, when the lists will be closed on e-deleGATE.

In conveying your delegation's interest, I encourage you to clearly identify the preferred round table, as well as the speaker's name and title. This information will be useful in determining the final allocation of speakers. In the selection of speakers, priority will be given based on the level of representation. The lists of speakers will subsequently be circulated to all Member States.

Draft concept notes for the round tables for information and guidance are available at the Summit Website:

<https://social.desa.un.org/world-summit-2025/programme/roundtable-1>
<https://social.desa.un.org/world-summit-2025/programme/roundtable-2>

For further information, your office may contact Mr. Lars Becker in my Office by email at lars.becker@un.org.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading 'Annalena Baerbock', is positioned above the printed name.

Annalena Baerbock