Sixty-Second Session of the Commission for Social Development (CSocD62)

Provisional List of Speakers, Panellists and Moderators

Opening segment

Monday, 5 February 2024, 10:00 am to 11:00 am
Conference Room 4

- H.E. Ms. Ruchira Kamboj, Chair, Commission for Social Development
- H.E. Mr. Dennis Francis, President, General Assembly
- H. E. Mr. Robert Rae, Vice President, Economic and Social Council
- Mr. LI Junhua, Under-Secretary-General, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs
- Ms. Jean Quinn, Chair, NGO Committee on Social Development
- Ms. Mwiza Muwowo, Global Youth Health Caucus, Copper Rose Zambia (pre-recorded video)

Introduction of the Secretary-General’s reports: Mr. John Wilmoth, Officer-in-Charge, Division for Inclusive Social Development (DISD), UN DESA
High-level panel discussion on the priority theme “How can future social policies achieve inclusive, resilient and equitable societies?”

Monday, 5 February 2024, 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm, Conference Room 4

Keynote speaker

Ms. Nora Lustig, Samuel Z. Stone Professor of Latin American Economics and founding Director of the Commitment to Equity Initiative (CEQ), Tulane University (joining via virtual connection)

Panellists

H.E. Ms. Valérie Berset Bircher, Ambassador, Head of International Labour Affairs, Labour Directorate, State Secretariat for Economic Affairs of Switzerland

Ms. Eleni Nikolaidou, Expert Minister Counselor, Director, Development Cooperation Policy, Hellenic Aid, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Greece

Ms. Gloria Reyes, General Director of Supérate Programme, Presidency of the Dominican Republic

Ms. Sabina Alkire, Professor of Poverty and Human Development, Director of Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative, University of Oxford

Moderator

Mr. Danilo Türk, President, Club de Madrid
Ministerial Forum on the priority theme
“How to improve mainstreaming of social considerations in development frameworks?”

Tuesday, 6 February 2024, 10:00 am-1:00 pm, Conference Room 4

Panellists

H.E. Mr. Johannes Rauch, Federal Minister of Social Affairs, Health, Care and Consumer Protection, Austria

H.E. Mr. Wellington Dias, Minister of Development and Social Assistance, Brazil (pre-recorded video)

H.E. Ms. Ana Mendes Godinho, Minister of Labour, Solidarity and Social Security, Portugal

H.E. Ms. Betty Amongi, Minister, Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development, Uganda

H.E. Mr. Alejandro Solano Ortiz, Vice Minister of Multilateral Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Costa Rica

Moderator

H.E. Ms. Ruchira Kamboj, Chair, Commission for Social Development
High-level Panel discussion on the
thirtieth anniversary of the International Year of the Family (IYF)+30

Wednesday, 7 February 2024, 10:00am – 1:00pm, Conference Room 4

Opening Remarks

Ms. Maria-Francesca Spatolisano, Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA)

Panellists

Mr. Linton Mchunu, Acting Director-General of the National Department of Social Development of South Africa

Ms. Bahira Trask, Professor, Human Development & Family Sciences, University of Delaware

Ms. Zitha Mokomane, Professor and Head of the Department of Sociology at the University of Pretoria

Ms. Susan Walker, Associate Professor Emeritus, Family Social Science, University of Minnesota

Moderator

Mr. John Wilmoth, Officer-in-Charge, Division for Inclusive Social Development (DISD), UN DESA
Panel discussion on emerging issues

Wednesday, 7 February 2024, 3:00 pm-6:00 pm, Conference Room 4

Panellists

**H.E. Mr. Gabriel Bastos**, Secretary of State for Social Security of the Ministry of Labour, Solidarity and Social Security, Portugal

**Ms. Heba Hagrass**, UN Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities

**Ms. Ursula Wynhoven**, Head of UN Affairs Division, International Telecommunications Union (ITU)

**Ms. Aida Opoku-Mensah**, Managing Director of Centric Digital GH

**Ms. Julia Stoyanovich**, Institute Associate Professor of Computer Science & Engineering, Associate Professor of Data Science, Director of the Center for Responsible AI at New York University (NYU)

Moderator

**Ms. Cynthia Samuel-Olonjuwon**, Special Representative to the UN and Director of the Office for the United Nations of the International Labour Organization (ILO)
Interactive dialogue with senior officials of the UN System on the priority theme “How to improve mainstreaming of social considerations in development frameworks?”

Thursday, 8 February 2024, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm, Conference Room 4

Panellists

Mr. Gilbert Houngbo, Director-General, International Labour Organization (ILO)

Ms. Tatiana Molcean, Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UN ECE) (joining via virtual connection)

Ms. Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana, Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN ESCAP) (pre-recorded video)

Ms. Mehrinaz El Awady, Director - Cluster Leader, Gender Justice, Population and Inclusive Development, UN ESCWA, speaking on behalf of Ms. Rola Dashti, UN ESCWA Executive Secretary

Mr. Saurabh Sinha, Chief of Social Policy Section - Gender, Poverty and Social Policy Division, UN ECA, speaking on behalf of Mr. Claver Gatete, UN ECA Executive Secretary

Mr. Rodrigo Martinez, Senior Social Affairs Officer, Social Development Division, UN ECLAC, speaking on behalf of Mr. José Manuel Salazar-Xirinachs, UN ECLAC Executive Secretary

Moderator

Ms. Maria-Francesca Spatolisano, Assistant Secretary-General, Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs
Multi-stakeholder Forum on the priority theme
“Good practices and innovative solutions in promoting social development and social justice”

Thursday, 8 February 2024, 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm, Conference Room 4

Panellists

**Mr. Danilo Türk**, President, Club de Madrid

**Mr. Doug O’Brien**, President and CEO, National Cooperative Business Association CLUSA International (NCBA CLUSA)

**Ms. Ifeyinwa Ofong**, National Coordinator of Women in Development and Environment (WorldWIDE Network Nigeria)

**Ms. Cathy Feingold**, Deputy President, International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)

**Ms. Shea Gopaul**, Special Representative to the UN, International Organisation of Employers (IOE)

Moderator

**Ms. Jean Quinn**, Chair, NGO Committee on Social Development