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63rd Session of the Commission for Social Development

Interactive dialogue with senior officials of the UN System

on

Preparations for the World Social Summit under the title “the Second World Summit for Social Development”

Thursday, 13 February 2025, 10.00–11.30, Conference room 4, UNHQ

Concept Note



1. Background

The Second World Summit for Social Development is expected to assess progress on the commitments made in the Copenhagen Declaration and Programme of Action and agree on principles and policies needed to implement the 2030 Agenda and safeguard progress in the long-term.

The remaining challenges in the core themes of the 1995 Copenhagen Declaration – poverty eradication, full and productive employment, and social inclusion – highlight the need for a renewed focus on social policies. This is particularly important as the world continues to face emerging trends and multiple crises, exacerbating inequalities and the promise to “leave no one behind”.

The United Nations system, including its specialized agencies and regional commissions, has been called upon to provide the necessary support to the Summit and its preparatory process. The Summit is expected to adopt a concise, action-oriented political declaration that emphasizes a social development approach and provides momentum for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

The Commission for Social Development will convene its sixty-third session at the United Nations Headquarters in New York from 10 to 14 February 2025. An interactive dialogue with senior officials of the United Nations system will be held on 13 February 2025 from 10.00 to 11.30, focusing on “Preparations for the World Social Summit under the title “the Second World Summit for Social Development””.

2. Objectives and Structure

The interactive dialogue provides an opportunity for Member States and other stakeholders, including representatives of civil society, to interact with senior officials from the United Nations system. The main objective of the dialogue is to address global, regional and national perspectives, priorities and contributions to the preparation of the Summit, with a focus on how these inputs will inform the Summit's outcomes and contribute to the broader goals of the 2030 Agenda. This Dialogue will provide an essential platform for sharing updates on global, regional and national consultations, presenting recommendations and identifying actionable policies, as well as highlighting emerging issues and challenges that need to be addressed within the global social development agenda.

Panellists will discuss questions such as: What consultations have taken place to support the preparations of the Summit? What key priorities have been identified in the consultations? What specific policies, actions and commitments should be included in the Summit's political declaration to ensure that the Summit's outcomes are both realistic and impactful? What future contributions are planned in the period leading up to the Summit? What regional or national collaboration has taken place with other UN entities and stakeholders to ensure that the preparations remain inclusive, participatory and effective, and that they contribute to the success of the Summit?

Panellists are invited to structure their 10-minute presentations around key social challenges and priorities and outline their plans for continued contribution to the Summit preparation process, ensuring that their inputs reflect both the global framework set by the Copenhagen Declaration and the 2030 Agenda as well as the specific realities faced by their regions.

Proposed time allocation for the panel discussion

Speaker	Suggested speaking time
<i>Chair</i> : Opening remarks	3 minutes
<i>Moderator</i> : Remarks and introduction	3 minutes
<i>Panellists</i> : Presentations	6 minutes per panellist
<i>Q & A</i> : From the floor	30 minutes
<i>Panellists</i> : Concluding remarks	2 minutes per panellist
<i>Moderator</i> : Summary and conclusion	5 minutes