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**Commission for Social Development (58<sup>th</sup> session)**  
10 – 19 February 2020

## List of Panellists

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### Opening session (Monday, 10 February, 10:00am – 1:00pm)

#### Election of officers

#### Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

#### Opening remarks

- **Mr. Liu Zhenmin**, Under-Secretary-General, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA)
- **Mr. Daniel Perell**, Chairperson of the NGO Committee on Social Development
- **Ms. Olivia Tan Jia Yi**, Youth Representative

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### High-level panel discussion on the priority theme (Monday, 10 February, 3:00–6:00pm)

#### Thematic Focus

**“Affordable housing and social protection systems for all to address homelessness”**

#### Keynote speaker

- **H.E. Mary McAleese (Ms.)**, Former President of Ireland (1997-2011).
- **Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sharif**, Executive Director of United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) (video message)

## Panellists

- **H. E. Aino-Kaisa Pekonen (Ms.)**, Minister for Social Affairs and Health of Finland
- **Ms. Laura-Maria Crăciunean-Tatu**, Associate Professor at the Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu, Romania and Vice-president of the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
- **Professor Dennis P. Culhane**, Dana and Andrew Stone Chair in Social Policy, University of Pennsylvania, and the former Director of Research at the National Center on Homelessness among Veterans, the United States Department of Veterans' Affairs (2009-2018)
- **Ms. Marissa Plouin**, Housing Policy Analyst, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)
- **Professor Emeka Obioha**, Professor of Sociology in the Department of Social Sciences and Research Chair, Faculty of Humanities, Social Sciences and Law at Walter Sisulu University, South Africa.
- **Ms. Jean Quinn, DW**, Executive Director of UNAMINA International, and the Co-Chair of the NGO Working Group to End Homelessness

## Moderator

- **Dame Louise Casey, DBE CB**, appointed as UK Homelessness Czar in 1999, and lead the Troubled Families Programme and Respect Taskforce.

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## Ministerial Forum (Tuesday, 11 February, 10:00am-1:00pm)

### Thematic Focus

**“Twenty-five years of the World Summit for Social Development: Addressing emerging societal challenges to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda”**

### Opening statements

- **H.E. Juan Sandoval Mendiola (Mr.)**, Vice President of ECOSOC
- **The President of the General Assembly (Video message)**

### Keynote speaker

- **Mr. Liu Zhenmin**, Under-Secretary-General, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA)

## Panellists

- **H. E. Aino-Kaisa Pekonen (Ms.)**, Minister for Social Affairs and Health of Finland
- **Hon. Hawa Koomson**, Minister for Special Development Initiatives of the Republic of Ghana
- **H. E. Ariela Luna, (Ms.)**, Minister of Development and Social Inclusion of Peru
- **H.E. Ghanem Mubarak Al Kuwari (Mr.)**, Assistant Undersecretary for Social Affairs, Ministry of Administrative Development, Labour and Social Affairs, Qatar
- **H. E. Yulia Sokolovska (Ms.)**, Minister of Social Policy of Ukraine

## Moderator

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## Multi-stakeholder Forum on the priority theme: Sharing solutions (Wednesday, 12 February, 10:00am – 1:00pm)

### Thematic Focus

“Affordable housing and social protection systems for all to address homelessness”

### Keynote speaker

- **H. E. Francisco Delgado (Mr.)**, Vice Minister of Human Development and Social Inclusion of Costa Rica

## Panellists

- **Mr. Luiz Alvaro Salles Aguiar de Menezes**, Secretary for International Affairs, São Paulo Municipality, Brazil
- **Dr. Sam Tsemberis**, the Founder and Executive Director of Pathways to Housing, and the faculty of the Department of Psychiatry at Columbia University Medical Center
- **Mr. Chris Gardner**, the author of “Pursuit of Happiness”, entrepreneur, single parent, speaker and philanthropist
- **Ms. Amanda Misiko Andere**, MPA, Chief Executive Officer, Funders Together to End Homelessness
- **Mr. James Abro**, Author of “Facing Homelessness: a personal memoir of homelessness and recovery”

## Moderator

- **OBE Mark McGreevy**, Group CEO of DePaul International and the founder of the Institute of Global Homelessness at DePaul University
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## Panel discussion: Interactive dialogue with senior officials of the UN Systems on the priority theme (Wednesday, 12 February 3:00 – 6:00pm)

### Thematic Focus

**“Affordable housing and social protection systems for all to address homelessness”**

### Speakers

- **Mr. Srinivas Tata**, Director, Social Development Division, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN ESCAP)
- **Ms. Christina Behrendt**, Head, Social Policy Unit, Social Protection Department, International Labour Organization (ILO)
- **Mr. Marco Toscano-Rivalta**, Chief, NY Liaison Office of the UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction
- **Ms. Francesca De Ferrari**, United Nations Human Settlement Programme (UN-Habitat) New York Office

### Moderator

- **Ms. Maria-Francesca Spatolisano**, Assistant-Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, UNDESA
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