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DESA Social Development Milestones

DESA Social Development Milestones is an interactive timeline of inclusive social development milestones of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs in celebration of the 75th anniversary of the Commission for Social Development and the 25th anniversary of the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development in 2020. The present document presents 175 milestones in a chronological order, with links to documents and descriptions of multimedia sources. The milestones contain relevant dates and are grouped into one of six categories: Institutional Milestones, Social Development Milestones, General Assembly, Economic and Social Council, United Nations Observances and Flagship Publications.

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INSTITUTIONAL MILESTONES

United Nations

24 Oct 1945 - 29 Dec 1969

The United Nations was officially established in 1945 as a result of the United Nations Conference on International Organization. The United Nations Charter was signed at the conclusion of the United Nations Conference on International Organization by five permanent members of the Security Council.

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LINK TO THE WEBSITE OF UNITED NATIONS CHARTER WITH DIFFERENT LANGUAGE OPTIONS:

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LINK TO THE WEBSITE OF THE UNITED NATIONS LISTING THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED NATIONS:

<https://www.un.org/en/sections/history/history-united-nations/index.html>

AUDIO READING OF THE PREAMBLE TO THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER IN ENGLISH BY SIR LAURENCE OLIVIER:

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

1st Session of the Temporary Social Commission

29 Apr 1946

The Temporary Social Commission was established by the Economic and Social Council Resolution 7(I) of 16 February 1946, with a mandate to advise the Council in the field of social welfare. The Commission was specifically charged with (a) making a general review of international organization in the social field, (b) reporting and advising the Council on activities in the social field, (b) assuming on an interim basis the work of the League of Nations on such social questions as traffic in women and children and child welfare, and (d) reporting on substantive problems in the social field. The Report of the Temporary

Social Commission recommended that social policy be concerned with ensuring the well-being and satisfactory basis of living for the whole community.

PHOTO: BLACK AND WHITE PHOTOGRAPH OF THE UNITED NATIONS TEMPORARY HEADQUARTERS AT HUNTER COLLEGE

LINK TO THE REPORT OF THE FIRST SESSION OF THE TEMPORARY SOCIAL COMMISSION IN PDF, WITH OPTIONS TO SELECT ONE OF SIX OFFICIAL UNITED NATIONS LANGUAGES: <https://undocs.org/E/41>

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

1st Session of the Permanent Social Commission

20 Jan 1947 - 5 Feb 1947

The Permanent Social Commission was established as a permanent functional commission of the Economic and Social Council by the Council's Resolution 10(II) of 21 June 1946. The Commission was given a mandate to assume the functions of the League of Nations in the post-war context, with particular reference to traffic in women and children, child welfare, crime prevention, and housing and town and country planning. Ad hoc Committees included the Temporary Social Welfare Committee and the Committee of Latin American Members. The Report of the First Session recognized the value of close consultation and cooperation with non-governmental organizations and invited the Secretariat to maintain permanent contact with civil society actors.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

2nd Session of the Social Commission

28 Aug 1947 - 13 Sep 1947

The Second Session of the Social Commission addressed matters in the social field, such as standards of living, family assistance, child welfare, youth guidance, and social aspects of migration and refugees. Ad hoc Committees included the Drafting Committee on Co-ordination of Events and the Advisory Committee on Planning and Coordination. The Report of the Second Session highlighted the child welfare program, specifically recommending the initiation of studies on social and related problems in under-developed and economically under-privileged areas.

PHOTO: BLACK AND WHITE PHOTOGRAPH OF THE SECOND SESSION OF THE SOCIAL COMMISSION

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3rd Session of the Social Commission

5 Apr 1948 - 23 Apr 1948

The Third Session of the Social Commission emphasized the indivisibility of the social and economic aspects of the standard of living, and adopted a resolution which resolved the Commission to (a) advise on social aspects of migration with a view to ensure equal social and economic rights, and to (b) provide

advisory social welfare services to governments in the field of family, youth and child welfare. The Report of the Third Session recommended combining the summaries of legislative series on child welfare and of annual government reports. It also advised that reports be prepared on (a) differential economic benefits and facilities available to the family, and (b) the standards of occupancy and of fitness for habitation of urban dwellings.

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SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT MILESTONES

Universal Declaration of Human Rights

10 Dec 1948

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights was proclaimed in resolution A/RES/217(III) by the General Assembly in 1948 as a common standard of achievements for all peoples and all nations. It set out, for the first time, fundamental human rights to be universally protected. The Declaration has been translated into over 500 languages.

PHOTO: BLACK AND WHITE PHOTOGRAPH OF CHILDREN GATHERED AROUND THE DECLARATION

LINK TO THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS WITH DIFFERENT LANGUAGE OPTIONS: <https://www.ohchr.org/EN/UDHR/Pages/SearchByLang.aspx>

LINK TO WEBSITE OF THE UNITED NATIONS WITH THE FULL UNIVERSAL DECLARATION IN ENGLISH: <https://www.un.org/en/universal-declaration-human-rights/index.html>

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4th Session of the Social Commission

2 May 1949 - 20 May 1949

The Fourth Session of the Social Commission considered the unified draft of the Convention on Traffic in Persons and the Suppression of Prostitution of Others and requested to convene the International Group of Experts on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders. The Report of the Fourth Session recommended that the United Nations leads in the field of family, youth and child welfare by initiating, in coordination with appropriate organs, a comprehensive programme of work. It also requested the Secretary-General to present a report on the protection against loss of income of the family due to unemployment, sickness, invalidity, old age and death.

LINK TO THE REPORT OF THE FOURTH SESSION OF THE SOCIAL COMMISSION IN PDF, WITH OPTIONS TO SELECT ONE OF SIX OFFICIAL UNITED NATIONS LANGUAGES: <https://undocs.org/E/1359>

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5th Session of the Social Commission

5 Dec 1949 - 15 Dec 1949

The Fifth Session of the Social Commission focused on the work programmes in (a) family, youth and child welfare, (b) prevention of crime and treatment of offenders, and (c) housing and town and country planning. It recommended an analysis of necessary community social services in under-developed areas.

The Report of the Fifth Session specified the Commission's primary responsibility in (a) activities of direct assistance to Governments, (b) social services, (c) family, youth and child welfare, (d) welfare of special groups, (e) social defence, (f) housing and town and country planning, and its basic responsibility considering (1) studies regarding standards of living (living conditions), (2) migration, and (3) world social and cultural situations.

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6th Session of the Social Commission

3 Apr 1950 - 5 May 1950

The Sixth Session of the Social Commission reviewed advisory social welfare services and considered social assistance to migrants, welfare of older persons, social rehabilitation of persons with physical disabilities, in reference to the Report of the World Social Situation. The Report of the Sixth Session underscored the need to establish international standards for the education, treatment, training and placement of persons with disabilities.

PHOTO: BLACK AND WHITE PHOTOGRAPH OF THE PRINCIPAL DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED NATIONS DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION

LINK TO THE REPORT OF THE SIXTH SESSION OF THE SOCIAL COMMISSION IN PDF, WITH OPTIONS TO SELECT ONE OF SIX OFFICIAL UNITED NATIONS LANGUAGES: <https://undocs.org/E/CN.5/221>

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7th Session of the Social Commission

19 Mar 1951 - 13 Apr 1951

The Seventh Session of the Commission recommended the Council to consider (a) training for social work, (b) methods of social welfare administration, (c) use of community welfare centres as effective instruments to promote economic and social progress throughout the world, (d) probation, (e) criminal statistics, (f) assistance to indigent aliens, and (g) recognition and enforcement abroad of maintenance obligations. The Report of the Seventh Session continued the consideration of social rehabilitation of persons with disabilities and underscored the need to draw attention to the problem of adaptation and rehabilitation from an integrated perspective.

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8th Session of the Social Commission

12 May 1952 - 29 May 1952

The Eighth Session of the Social Commission considered, as part of its agenda, (a) persons with physical and visual disabilities, (b) family and child welfare, including homeless children, (c) simplification of administrative procedures for migrants, and (d) housing and town and country planning, including urban land policies. The Report of the Eighth Session further delineated the agreements on the

rehabilitation for persons with physical disabilities, such as (a) a new approach to disability, (b) education of public opinion, (c) a complete rehabilitation programme, (d) developing rehabilitation services, (e) training rehabilitation personnel, (f) organizing and financing rehabilitation services, (g) the contribution of the United Nations, specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations, and (h) methods of coordination.

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FLAGSHIP PUBLICATIONS

Report on the World Social Situation (1952)

8 Sep 1952

The 1952 Report on the World Social Situation was the first volume of the series, per the invitation of the General Assembly to draft a general report on the world social and cultural situation (A/RES/280 (III)). As decided at the sixth session of the Social Commission, the scope of the report came to be dedicated on social matters, not on cultural situation (E/CN.5/208). As such, the Report addressed socio-economic questions, such as standards of living, national patterns of income distribution and progress in combating poverty. The following limitations were delineated, that the report (a) not [be] based on new or original research data, (b) report on existing social conditions, but not on governmental (or inter-governmental or non-governmental) programmes to improve those conditions, (c) does not cover the entire field embraced by the word “social,” but as the subtitle indicates, considers the world social situation “with special reference to the standards of living.” The Report gave special attention to the social conditions in the economically less developed countries and stressed that some of the most urgent problems and needs of the present day are associated with the very process of change and development. The 1952 Report was the first in its special series (1952-1993) and was published with a special reference to the standards of living. The series has aimed to identify emerging social trends and analyze relationships among major developmental issues with international and national dimensions. To date, it serves as a handy, single-volume, succinct summary of global development seen from a social perspective.

LINK TO THE 1952 REPORT ON THE WORLD SOCIAL SITUATION IN PDF, WITH OPTIONS TO SELECT ANY ONE OF SIX OFFICIAL UNITED NATIONS LANGUAGES: <https://undocs.org/E/CN.5/267/Rev.1>

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9th Session of the Social Commission

4 May 1953 - 20 May 1953

The Ninth Session of the Social Commission considered, as agenda items, as agenda items, (a) community welfare centers, (b) strengthening of national programmes for family and child welfare, (c) social defence, (d) financing of housing, and (e) advisory social welfare services. The Report of the Ninth Session further delineated programmes designed for the promotion of services for persons with disabilities, with a focus on restoring their independent and productive role in the society.

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10th Session of the Social Commission

2 May 1955 - 20 May 1955

The Tenth Session of the Social Commission considered the (a) international definition and measurement of standards and levels of living, (b) principles of community development, (c) training of welfare personnel, (d) financing of housing and community improvement programmes, and (e) international survey of programmes of social development. The Report of the Tenth Session adopted the programme of work to (a) assist the regional secretariats in the consideration of the social aspects of economic development, (b) develop indicators for measuring non-material and other social and technical aspects of levels of living, and (c) provide research and technical assistance in the social field.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

11th Session of the Social Commission

6 May 1957 - 24 May 1957

The 11th Session of the Social Commission considered the (a) maintenance of family levels of living: social policy relating to social insurance, social assistance and related social services, (b) recommendations of the first United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, (c) financing of housing and community improvement programmes, and (d) community development. The Report of the 11th Session adopted the programme of work to (a) assist Governments in strengthening research on problems social policy, and (b) conduct studies in the social field, namely on industrialization, productivity, public administration aspects of community development, housing, building and planning, rehabilitation of persons with disabilities, and social defence.

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FLAGSHIP PUBLICATIONS

Report on the World Social Situation (1957)

23 Aug 1957

The 1957 Report on the World Social Situation addressed the problems of people undergoing rapid transition through urbanization and assessed social problems of urbanization in economically underdeveloped areas, with a focus on two regions, sub-Saharan Africa and Latin America. It demonstrated the need for a closer integration of economic and social objectives and much less compartmentalization of thought, and a better understanding of the complex processes of development. The 1957 Report was the second volume of the series.

LINK TO THE 1957 REPORT ON THE WORLD SOCIAL SITUATION IN PDF, WITH OPTIONS TO SELECT ONE OF SIX OFFICIAL UNITED NATIONS LANGUAGES: <https://undocs.org/E/CN.5/324/Rev.1>

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

12th Session of the Social Commission

27 Apr 1959 - 15 May 1959

The 12th Session of the Social Commission considered the (a) long-range programme of concerned international action in the field of housing, (b) international survey of programmes of social development, (c) social services, (d) social defence, and (e) the report on the suppression of the traffic in persons and of the exploitation of the prostitution of others.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

13th Session of the Social Commission

17 Apr 1961 - 5 May 1962

The 13th Session of the Social Commission considered (a) the international definition and measurement of levels of living, (b) urbanization, (c) long-range programme of concerted international action in the field of housing, (d) social defence, and (e) social services.

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FLAGSHIP PUBLICATIONS

Report on the World Social Situation (1961)

27 Jul 1961

The 1961 Report on the World Social Situation was devoted to the special theme, 'with special reference to the problem of balanced social and economic development'. The 1961 Report was the third volume of the series.

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SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT MILESTONES

First United Nations Development Decade (1960-1970)

19 Dec 1961 - 19 Dec 1970

The First United Nations Development Decade (1960-1970) was proclaimed at the 16th Session of the General Assembly on 19 December 1961 (A/RES/1710 (XVI)). The Decade was established with a shared recognition that socio-economic development of less developed countries is not only of primary importance to those countries but is also crucial to the attainment of international peace, security and prosperity. The Report of the Secretary-General expanded the concept of development to encompass the improvement of social conditions and human aspirations as key objectives.

PHOTO: BLACK AND WHITE PHOTOGRAPH OF THE DELEGATION OF UPPER VOLTA AT THE 16TH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LINK TO THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON THE FIRST UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT DECADE IN PDF, WITH OPTIONS TO SELECT ONE OF SIX OFFICIAL UNITED NATIONS LANGUAGES: <https://undocs.org/E/3613>

LINK TO THE WEBSITE OF THE UNITED NATIONS LISTING ALL INTERNATIONAL DECADES:

<https://www.un.org/en/sections/observances/international-decades/index.html>

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

14th Session of the Social Commission

30 Apr 1962 - 1 May 1962

The 14th Session of the Social Commission considered (a) the planning for balanced economic and social development, (b) housing and urban development, (c) community development, and (d) organization and administration of social services.

LINK TO THE REPORT OF THE FOURTEENTH SESSION OF THE SOCIAL COMMISSION IN PDF, WITH OPTIONS TO SELECT ONE OF SIX OFFICIAL UNITED NATIONS LANGUAGES: <https://undocs.org/E/CN.5/368/Rev.1>

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FLAGSHIP PUBLICATIONS

Report on the World Social Situation (1963)

18 Feb 1963

The 1961 Report on the World Social Situation (RWSS) aimed to sum-up the social conditions and social programmes since 1950 and explored, in particular, social problems and trends in the economically less developed regions of Latin America, the Middle East, Asia and Africa. The 1963 Report was the first in the biennial cycle and the fourth volume of the series.

LINK TO THE 1963 REPORT ON THE WORLD SOCIAL SITUATION IN PDF, WITH OPTIONS TO SELECT ONE OF SIX OFFICIAL UNITED NATIONS LANGUAGES: <https://undocs.org/E/CN.5/375/Rev.1>

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

15th Session of the Social Commission

24 Apr 1963 - 10 May 1963

The 15th Session of the Social Commission considered (a) the methods of determining the appropriate allocation of resources to the various social sectors at different stages of economic development, (b) rural and community development, particularly the contribution of land reform to social development, and (c) housing, building and planning.

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UNITED NATIONS OBSERVANCES

International Cooperation Year

21 Nov 1963

The International Cooperation Year was proclaimed in resolution [(A/RES/1907(XVIII))] by the General Assembly on 21 November 1963. The year 1965, the twentieth year of the United Nations, was designated as the Cooperation Year to increase global co-operation and facilitate the settlement of major international problems.

PHOTO: PHOTOGRAPH OF DELEGATES GATHERED AROUND THE PAINTING OF THE UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS TO MARK THE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION YEAR

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

16th Session of the Social Commission

6 Mar 1965 - 19 Mar 1965

The 16th Session of the Social Commission considered (a) rural and community development, (b) social defence, (c) social development, (d) social services, and (e) housing, building and planning, including the social aspects of housing.

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FLAGSHIP PUBLICATIONS

Report on the World Social Situation (1965)

1 Jul 1965

The 1965 Report on the World Social Situation (RWSS) explored practical methods of promoting social change and introducing new practices of production and consumption at the local level for the purpose of economic and social development. It noted the obstacles to social change and development (at the local level, channels and methods of information and communication, the role of education, traditional values and institutions and new organizational requirements, the role of local government and local leadership, the administrative system and local planning as instruments of change) during the first half and mid-point of the First United Nations Development Decade (1960-1970). The 1965 Report was published with a special reference to popular participation and motivation for development and was the fifth volume of the series.

LINK TO THE 1965 REPORT ON THE WORLD SOCIAL SITUATION IN PDF, WITH OPTIONS TO SELECT ONE OF SIX OFFICIAL UNITED NATIONS LANGUAGES: <https://undocs.org/E/CN.5/402/Rev.1>

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

17th Session of the Social Commission

19 Apr 1966 - 4 May 1966

The 17th Session of the Social Commission, ahead of the change of its name in the following session, considered the reappraisal of the role of the Social Commission, with the Secretariat noting the criticism that the Commission has (a) insufficiently addressed major social development problems, such as social reform, the role of the State in planning for social development, and the social aspects of industrialization, (b) insufficiently emphasized practical programmes and technical co-operation in the developing countries, (c) been too concerned with economic questions and theoretical aspects of social planning at the expense of urgent problems in fields such as social welfare and social defence. The Report of the 17th Session (a) underscored that the research be of a practical nature and action-oriented, and (b) suggested to consider, as priorities, training programmes for national personnel, social aspects of natural resources development and disarmament, social reform and institutional change.

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18th Session of the Commission for Social Development

6 Mar 1967 - 23 Mar 1967

The 18th Session of the Commission for Social Development, previously named the Social Commission, adopted the draft declaration on social development, housing, building and planning, land reform, social questions relating to the extension of health services, and review of technical co-operation activities in social development.

LINK TO THE REPORT OF THE EIGHTEENTH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN PDF, WITH OPTIONS TO SELECT ONE OF SIX OFFICIAL UNITED NATIONS LANGUAGES: <https://undocs.org/E/CN.5/416>

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Report on the World Social Situation (1967)

24 Oct 1967

The 1967 Report on the World Social Situation (RWSS) presented a review on a sectoral basis of changes of levels of living and of policies and measures adopted to improve social conditions, and introduced regional surveys or trends and programmes. The 1967 Report was the first in the triennial cycle and the sixth volume of the series.

LINK TO THE 1967 REPORT ON THE WORLD SOCIAL SITUATION IN PDF, WITH OPTIONS TO SELECT ONE OF SIX OFFICIAL UNITED NATIONS LANGUAGES: <https://undocs.org/E/CN.5/417/Rev.1>

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UNITED NATIONS OBSERVANCES

International Year for Human Rights

1 Jan 1968 - 1 Dec 1968

The International Year for Human Rights was proclaimed in resolution A/RES/1961(XVIII) by the General Assembly on 12 December 1961 and was launched in 1968 to mark the 20th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

19th Session of the Commission for Social Development

5 Feb 1968 - 2 Mar 1968

The 19th Session of the Commission for Social Development considered, namely, the social aspects of housing, building and planning, acknowledging decent housing as one of the essential conditions of social development, and identified industrialization and migration as important factors for urban development. The Report of the 19th Session addressed the development and utilization of human resources, noting the importance of popular support and local demands for the successful implementation of the development plans. It also considered income distribution and social aspects of industrialization.

LINK TO THE REPORT OF THE NINETEENTH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN PDF, WITH OPTIONS TO SELECT ONE OF SIX OFFICIAL UNITED NATIONS LANGUAGES: <https://undocs.org/E/CN.5/430>

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

International Conference on Human Rights

22 Apr 1968 - 13 May 1968

The International Conference on Human Rights was held in 1968 to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The Conference reasserted the interdependence of human rights and unanimously adopted the Proclamation of Tehran.

PHOTO: BLACK AND WHITE PHOTOGRAPH OF THE OPENING OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

VIDEO: RECORDING OF THE OPENING STATEMENT BY THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY-GENERAL U THANT AND INAUGURAL ADDRESS BY THE SHAH OF IRAN AT THE OPENING OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON HUMAN RIGHTS (<https://webtv.un.org/search/proclamation-of-teheran-international-conference-on-human-rights-22-april-1968/2581132044001/?term=%22international%20conference%20on%20human%20rights%22&sort=date>)
TOTAL TIME: 21 MINUTES

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

20th Session of the Commission for Social Development

17 Feb 1969 - 5 Mar 1969

The 20th Session of the Commission for Social Development considered the Second United Nations Development Decade (1971-1980), calling for the progressive integration of social and economic goals and programmes and the consideration of social programmes as an essential factor in the process of economic growth. The Report of the 20th Session also considered social welfare (social security), long-term policies and programmes for youth in national development, and the role of education in economic and social development.

LINK TO THE REPORT OF THE TWENTIETH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN PDF, WITH OPTIONS TO SELECT ONE OF SIX OFFICIAL UNITED NATIONS LANGUAGES: <https://undocs.org/E/CN.5/441>

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SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT MILESTONES

Declaration on Social Progress and Development

1 Dec 1969

The Declaration on Social Progress and Development was adopted in 1969, building on the draft declaration submitted by the Commission for Social Development and reaffirming the 1968 Proclamation of Tehran. It marked a first instance whereby an international instrument provided clear guidelines, not only for social policies but also for the integration of economic and social action for the improvement of the social environment and the well-being of the individual. The Declaration was proclaimed on 11 December 1969 in resolution A/RES/2542 XXIV of the 24th Session of the General Assembly.

LINK TO THE DECLARATION ON SOCIAL PROGRESS AND DEVELOPMENT IN PDF, WITH OPTIONS TO SELECT ONE OF SIX OFFICIAL UNITED NATIONS LANGUAGES: [https://undocs.org/A/RES/2542\(XXIV\)](https://undocs.org/A/RES/2542(XXIV))

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21st Session of the Commission for Social Development

4 Mar 1970 - 20 Mar 1970

The 21st Session of the Commission for Social Development considered the trends in the social situation of children, social policy and planning, land reform, particularly with respect to the social implications of the green revolution, housing, building and planning, and the Declaration of the Rights of the Mentally Retarded. The Report of the 21st Session also considered the social aspects of nutrition, calling for

national food and nutrition policies be made as integral components of economic and social development plans.

LINK TO THE REPORT OF THE TWENTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN PDF, WITH OPTIONS TO SELECT ONE OF SIX OFFICIAL UNITED NATIONS LANGUAGES: <https://undocs.org/E/CN.5/454>

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SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT MILESTONES

Second United Nations Development Decade (1971-1980)

24 Oct 1970 - 24 Oct 1980

The Second United Nations Development Decade (1971-1980) was proclaimed at the 25th Session of the General Assembly on 24 October 1970 (A/RES/2626(XXV)). It was established to promote the integration of social and economic goals and to specify broad social objectives. The Report of the Secretary-General (E/CN.5/438) highlighted the importance of integrating social aspects in the goals of the Decade and recommended that the measure of development be diversified, beyond gross national product.

PHOTO: BLACK AND WHITE PHOTOGRAPH OF THE DELEGATION OF UGANDA AT THE 25TH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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FLAGSHIP PUBLICATIONS

Report on the World Social Situation (1970)

19 Nov 1970

The 1970 Report on the World Social Situation covered the latter half of the First United Nations Development Decade (1960-1970) and considered social trends in both developed and developing countries by sector and region. It provided a vantage-point, not only for retrospective evaluation of social change and progress, but also for consideration of social problems addressed in the Second United Nations Development Decade (1971-1980). It stressed that decisive advance in the social field will depend primarily on the political commitment. The 1970 Report was the seventh volume of the series.

LINK TO THE 1970 REPORT ON THE WORLD SOCIAL SITUATION IN PDF, WITH OPTIONS TO SELECT ONE OF SIX OFFICIAL UNITED NATIONS LANGUAGES: <https://undocs.org/E/CN.5/456/Rev.1>

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

22nd Session of the Commission for Social Development

1 Mar 1971 - 22 Mar 1971

The 22nd Session of the Commission for Social Development considered social security in the context of national development, criminality and social change, and the Draft Declaration of the Rights of the Mentally Retarded.

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23rd Session of the Commission for Social Development

12 Feb 1973 - 2 Mar 1973

The 23rd Session of the Commission for Social Development considered (a) national experiences in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for purposes of social progress, (b) unified approach to development analysis and planning, (c) review and appraisal of the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, (d) the aged and social change, (e) youth, and (f) the integration of women in development.

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Report on the World Social Situation (1974)

29 Jan 1974

The 1974 Report on the World Social Situation (RWSS) appeared at the mid-term of the Second United Nations Development Decade (1971-1980) and summarized global social trends, focusing on the non-quantitative aspects of growth, such as well-being, quality and distribution of growth. It reflected the trend towards integrated planning and policy that takes a holistic approach across the economic, social and political parameters of development. It included an Annex on the progress made in achieving the goals set in the Declaration on Social Progress and Development. The 1974 Report was the first in the quadrennial cycle and the eighth volume of the series.

LINK TO THE 1974 REPORT ON THE WORLD SOCIAL SITUATION IN PDF, WITH OPTIONS TO SELECT ONE OF SIX OFFICIAL UNITED NATIONS LANGUAGES: <https://undocs.org/E/CN.5/512/Rev.1>

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24th Session of the Commission for Social Development

6 Jan 1975 - 24 Jan 1975

The 24th Session of the Commission for Social Development considered (a) the rehabilitation of persons with disabilities, (b) youth policies and programmes, (c) crime prevention and control, (d) protection and welfare of children, migrant workers, (e) mid-term review and appraisal of the International Development Strategy, (f) unified approach to development analysis and planning, (g) popular participation and its implications for development, and (h) social indicators.

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25th Session of the Commission for Social Development

17 Jan 1977 - 4 Feb 1977

The 25th Session of the Commission for Social Development considered (a) national experiences in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes, (b) implementation of the Declaration on Social Progress and Development, and unified approach to development analysis and planning, (c) review and appraisal of the International Development Strategy, (d) social and institutional reform as a means of

increasing domestic food production and equal distribution, (e) distribution of income, outflow of trained personnel from developing to developed countries, (f) welfare of migrant workers and their families, (g) the aged, and (h) youth policies and programmes.

LINK TO THE REPORT OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN PDF, WITH OPTIONS TO SELECT ONE OF SIX OFFICIAL UNITED NATIONS LANGUAGES: <https://undocs.org/E/CN.5/556>

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Report on the World Social Situation (1978)

9 Jan 1978

The 1978 Report on the World Social Situation summarized salient social trends and conditions and provided an overview of the international context of social change. It addressed (a) population trends and employment, (b) growth and distribution of income and private consumption, (c) production and distribution of social services, and (d) changing social concerns. It also included, as a Supplement, a review of the patterns of government expenditure on social services, and presented to the General Assembly with a separate report on the Declaration on Social Progress and Development. The 1978 Report was the second in the series of quadrennial reports and the ninth volume of the series.

DIRECT LINK TO THE ENGLISH 1978 REPORT ON THE WORLD SOCIAL SITUATION IN DOWNLOADABLE PDF: <https://digitallibrary.un.org/record/1504/files/1978.pdf>

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26th Session of the Commission for Social Development

20 Feb 1979 - 9 Mar 1979

The 26th Session of the Commission for Social Development considered (a) the reinforcement of the social development sector within the United Nations, (b) implementation of the Declaration on Social Progress and Development, (c) review and appraisal of social progress and preparation for the International Development Strategy, (d) social policy and the distribution of national income, (e) rural development, (f) unified approach to development analysis and planning, (g) mobilization of national resources for purposes of social progress and development, and (h) national experiences in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress. The Report of the 26th Session also considered (a) youth and the contemporary world, (b) crime prevention and control, (c) welfare of migrant workers and their families, (d) situation of children, (e) question of the elderly and the aged, (f) position of persons with disabilities in the development process and their integration into the community.

LINK TO THE REPORT OF THE TWENTY-SIXTH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN PDF, WITH OPTIONS TO SELECT ONE OF SIX OFFICIAL UNITED NATIONS LANGUAGES: <http://undocs.org/E/CN.5/582>

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SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT MILESTONES

Third United Nations Development Decade (1981-1990)

5 Dec 1980 - 5 Dec 1990

The Third United Nations Development Decade (1981-1990) was proclaimed at the 35th Session of the General Assembly on 5 December 1980 (A/RES/35/56). The Decade was established to promote a new international economic order based on justice and equity, and to stress the freedom of each country to

determine and implement appropriate policies for social development. The Report of the Secretary-General highlighted the need to re-examine policy orientations and modify organizational bottlenecks in social development.

PHOTO: BLACK AND WHITE PHOTOGRAPH OF THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF MONGOLIA ADDRESSING THE 35TH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LINK TO THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON THE THIRD UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT DECADE IN PDF, WITH OPTIONS TO SELECT ONE OF SIX OFFICIAL UNITED NATIONS LANGUAGES: <https://undocs.org/A/39/115>

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE LISTING ALL INTERNATIONAL DECADES:
<https://www.un.org/en/sections/observances/international-decades/index.html>

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UNITED NATIONS OBSERVANCES

International Year of Disabled Persons

1 Jan 1981 - 1 Dec 1981

The International Year of Disabled Persons was launched in 1981 under the theme 'Full Participation and Equality.' It called for a plan of action at the national, regional and international levels, with an emphasis on equalization of opportunities, rehabilitation and prevention of disabilities. The International Year was proclaimed on 16 December 1976 in resolution A/RES/31/123 of the 31st Session of the General Assembly.

PHOTO: BLACK AND WHITE PHOTOGRAPHY OF THE NEW YORK CITY MAJOR EDWARD I. KOCH PROCLAIMING THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF DISABLED PERSONS

LINK TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 31/123 IN PDF, WITH OPTIONS TO SELECT ONE OF SIX OFFICIAL UNITED NATIONS LANGUAGES: <https://undocs.org/A/RES/31/123>

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS ENABLE WEBSITE ON THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF DISABLED PERSONS:
<https://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/the-international-year-of-disabled-persons-1981.html>

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27th Session of the Commission for Social Development

9 Feb 1981 - 19 Feb 1981

The 27th Session of the Commission for Social Development considered (a) the survey of recent and prospective trends and fundamental changes in the field of socio-economic development, and (b) socio-economic policies related to issues concerning the equitable distribution of national income and popular participation. The Report of the 27th Session specifically addressed the programmes and policies for social integration, namely youth, ageing, the welfare of children and families, migrant workers, social welfare, disabled persons, crime prevention and criminal justice.

LINK TO THE REPORT OF THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN PDF, WITH OPTIONS TO SELECT ONE OF SIX OFFICIAL UNITED NATIONS LANGUAGES: <https://undocs.org/E/1981/26>

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

First World Assembly on Ageing

26 Jul 1982

The First World Assembly on Ageing was held in 1982 to address the humanitarian and developmental approaches to ageing. The Assembly adopted the Vienna International Plan of Action on Ageing, which aimed to strengthen the capacities of Governments and civil society to deal effectively with the ageing of populations and to address the developmental potential and dependency needs of older persons. The Vienna International Plan of Action on Ageing is the first international instrument on ageing, guiding thinking and the formulation of policies and programmes on ageing.

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBPAGE ON THE VIENNA INTERNATIONAL PLAN OF ACTION:
<https://www.un.org/development/desa/ageing/resources/vienna-international-plan-of-action.html>

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FLAGSHIP PUBLICATIONS

Report on the World Social Situation (1982)

19 Dec 1982

The 1982 Report on the World Social Situation presented an overview of living conditions in a period of uncertainty and economic setbacks, analyzed trends in specific domains of social life and areas of social concern, and focused on the evolution of contemporary societies that have a direct impact on social progress. It integrated the report on the implementation of the Declaration on Social Progress and Development. The 1982 Report was the tenth volume of the series.

LINK TO THE 1982 REPORT ON THE WORLD SOCIAL SITUATION IN PDF, WITH OPTIONS TO SELECT ONE OF SIX OFFICIAL UNITED NATIONS LANGUAGES: <https://undocs.org/E/CN.5/1983/3>

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SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT MILESTONES

United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons

1 Jan 1983 - 1 Jan 1992

The United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons (1983-1992) was proclaimed at the 37th Session of the General Assembly on 3 December 1982 (A/RES/37/53). The Decade aimed to provide a time frame during which Governments and organizations could implement the activities recommended in the World Programme of Action Concerning Disabled Persons. With regard to education and employment of persons with disabilities, the General Assembly adopted the "Tallinn Guidelines for Action on Human Resources Development in the Field of Disability" in 1989, which provided a framework for promoting participation, training and employment of persons with disabilities within all government ministries and on all levels of national policy-making in order to equalize opportunities for persons with disabilities. The Report of the Secretary-General recommended that disability policies be considered in conjunction with societal changes and emerging issues, such as demographic trends and family structures.

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LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE UNITED NATIONS DECADE OF DISABLED PERSONS:
<https://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/united-nations-decade-of-disabled-persons-1983-1992.html>

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

28th Session of the Commission for Social Development

7 Feb 1983 - 16 Feb 1983

The 28th Session of the Commission for Social Development considered (a) the survey of recent and prospective trends and fundamental changes in the field of socio-economic development, and (b) socio-economic policies related to issues concerning the equitable distribution of national income and the process of institutional development. The Report of the 28th Session continued to address social integration, namely with respect to popular participation and action at the local level, cooperatives, development and social welfare, migrant workers and their families, family and child welfare, youth, ageing, disabled persons, crime prevention and criminal justice.

LINK TO THE REPORT OF THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN PDF, WITH OPTIONS TO SELECT ONE OF SIX OFFICIAL UNITED NATIONS LANGUAGES: <https://undocs.org/E/CN.5/1983/23>

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UNITED NATIONS OBSERVANCES

International Year of Youth

1 Jan 1985 - 1 Dec 1985

The International Year of Youth was launched in 1985 under the theme 'Participation, Development and Peace' to promote the best educational, professional and living conditions for young people and to ensure their active participation in the overall development of society. The International Year was proclaimed on 17 December 1979 in resolution A/RES/34/151 of the 34th Session of the General Assembly.

PHOTO: STAMP ISSUED IN THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA FEATURING YOUTH WAVING TO COMMEMORATE THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF YOUTH

LINK TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 34/151 IN PDF, WITH OPTIONS TO SELECT ONE OF SIX OFFICIAL UNITED NATIONS LANGUAGES: <https://undocs.org/A/RES/34/151>

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29th Session of the Commission for Social Development

18 Feb 1985 - 27 Feb 1985

The 29th Session of the Commission for Social Development considered (a) the survey of recent and prospective trends and fundamental changes in the field of socio-economic development, (b) socio-economic policies related to issues concerning the equitable distribution of national income and the process of institutional development, (c) policies for social integration, popular participation and social welfare, (d) impact of development on the institution of family, (e) interregional consultation on developmental societal welfare policies and programmes, (f) national experience in promoting the co-operative movement, and (g) crime prevention and criminal justice. The Report of the 29th Session reviewed policies related to issues concerning specific groups, namely the situation of youth in the 1980s, older persons, persons with disabilities, and the situation of migrant workers and their families.

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Report on the World Social Situation (1985)

22 Oct 1985

The 1985 Report on the World Social Situation emphasized the relationships between various aspects of national, regional and international trends and policies. It reflected complex and changing relations affecting economic and social, national and international development, and provided an intersectoral treatment of issues and policies, bearing in mind the different social and cultural traditions. The 1985 Report was the eleventh volume of the series.

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30th Session of the Commission for Social Development

23 Feb 1987 - 4 Mar 1987

The 30th Session of the Commission for Social Development considered (a) the world social situation, with special focus on Africa, including the elimination of all major social obstacles, (b) trends and strategies for social integration through popular participation and policies for the advancement of specific groups, (c) national experience in promoting the co-operative movement, (d) the family, and (e) the social situation of migrant workers and their families. The Report of the 30th Session addressed issues concerning specific social groups, and conducted an interregional consultation on developmental social welfare policies and programmes.

LINK TO THE REPORT OF THE THIRTIETH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN PDF, WITH OPTIONS TO SELECT ONE OF SIX OFFICIAL UNITED NATIONS LANGUAGES: <https://undocs.org/E/1987/20>

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SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT MILESTONES

Guiding Principle for Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes in the Near Future

7 Dec 1987

The Guiding Principle for Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes in the Near Future was endorsed in 1987 and called for social welfare policies to give greater attention to the family. The Guiding Principle was adopted on 8 December 1989 in resolution A/RES/44/65 of the 44th Session of the General Assembly.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

31st Session of the Commission for Social Development

13 Mar 1989 - 22 May 1989

The 31st Session of the Commission for Social Development considered (a) the 1989 report on the world social situation, including the elimination of all major social obstacles, and (b) trends and strategies for social integration, popular participation, and policies for the advancement of specific social groups. The Report of the 31st Session considered, in particular, the (a) interregional consultation on developmental social welfare policies and programmes, (b) achievement of social justice, (c) extreme poverty, (d) national experience in promoting the co-operative movement, (e) social situation of families, (f) welfare of migrant workers and their families, (g) the advancement of specific social groups.

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Report on the World Social Situation (1989)

13 Mar 1989

The 1989 Report on the World Social Situation assessed the impact of structural adjustment, including debt, on the social development of developing countries and emphasized the social aspects of rural development. It noted the social, economic and political shifts in the 1980s and marked the different structures of centrally planned economies and developed market economies and their impact on economic and social development. It dealt with, inter alia, the changing structure of the family and the advancement of women. The 1989 Report was the twelfth volume of the series.

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UNITED NATIONS OBSERVANCES

International Day of Older Persons

1 Oct 1990

The International Day of Older Persons was launched in 1990 to highlight the important contributions of older people and raise awareness of the opportunities and challenges of ageing in today's world. The International Day was adopted on 14 December 1990 in resolution A/RES/45/106 of the 45th Session of the General Assembly.

PHOTO: PHOTOGRAPH OF THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF OLDER PERSONS POSTER THAT READS '60+ COUNTS'

VIDEO: RECORDING OF THE 29TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF OLDER PERSONS (<http://webtv.un.org/watch/29th-anniversary-celebration-of-international-day-of-older-persons-at-the-United-Nations-the-journey-to-age-equality/6093806772001/?term=>) TOTAL DURATION: 2 HOURS AND 47 MINUTES

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LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF OLDER PERSONS: <https://www.un.org/development/desa/ageing/international-day-of-older-persons-homepage.html>

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SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT MILESTONES

Fourth United Nations Development Decade (1991-2000)

21 Dec 1990

The Fourth United Nations Development Decade (1991-2000) was proclaimed at the 45th Session of the General Assembly on 21 December 1990 (A/RES/45/199). The Decade established six interrelated goals to accelerate development and strengthen international co-operation. The Report of the Secretary-General highlighted the problems arising from globalization and liberalization of economic activities, and stressed that economic and social development policies in the first decade of the new millennium should build on the successes, failures and challenges of the 1990s.

PHOTO: PHOTOGRAPH OF THE PRIME MINISTER OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO ADDRESSING THE 45TH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

32nd Session of the Commission for Social Development

11 Feb 1991 - 20 Feb 1991

The 32nd Session of the Commission for Social Development considered the integration of youth into society and strategies for social development cooperation, and was held in Vienna. The Report of the 32nd Session also considered the social impact of the critical economic environment on developing countries, and recommended that the Economic and Social Council consider the critical social situation in Africa.

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The World's Women 1970-1990 Report

1 May 1991

The World's Women 1970-1990: Trends and Statistics report was published in 1991 as a new type of international statistical publication in response to a rising demand for reliable and comprehensive data on the situation of women. Following the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development, Peace (1976-1985), the report aimed to provide a tool for promoting equality, changing attitudes towards women's work, worth and responsibilities. First in the series of statistical sourcebook presenting country and area data on women, it used innovative techniques and formats to move beyond a linear narrative on women's conditions. The first issue highlighted (a) women, families and households, (b) public life and leadership, (c) education and training, (d) health and child-bearing, (e) housing, human settlements and the environment, and (f) women's work and the economy. The 1990 Report presented a variety of social and human development indicators and milestones of advocacy for women's equity.

DIRECT LINK TO THE 1990 WORLD'S WOMEN REPORT IN DOWNLOADABLE PDF:

<https://unstats.un.org/unsd/demographic-social/products/worldswomen/documents/ww1990.pdf>

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<https://unstats.un.org/unsd/demographic-social/products/worldswomen/>

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SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT MILESTONES

United Nations Principles for Older Persons

16 Dec 1991

The United Nations Principles for Older Persons was adopted in 1991, with aims to address the situation of older persons. The Principles enumerated 18 entitlements for older persons, relating to their

independence, participation, care, self-fulfillment and dignity. The Principles were adopted on 16 December 1991 in resolution A/RES/46/91 of the 46th Session of the General Assembly.

PHOTO: PHOTOGRAPH OF THE UNITED NATIONS PRINCIPLES FOR OLDER PERSONS POSTER FEATURING AN OLD WOMAN AND THE WORDS, 'INDEPENDENCE, PARTICIPATION, CARE, SELF-FULFILLMENT, DIGNITY'

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LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE PRINCIPLES FOR OLDER PERSONS: <https://www.un.org/development/desa/ageing/resources/international-year-of-older-persons-1999/principles.html>

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SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT MILESTONES

Proclamation on Ageing

10 May 1992

The Proclamation on Ageing was adopted in 1992 outlining practical action plan at the global level in support of regional, national and local activities. The Proclamation urges partnerships among concerned actors to ensure that the needs of ageing populations are adequately addressed. The Proclamation on Ageing also called for the observance of the year 1999 as the International Year of Older Persons.

PHOTO: PHOTOGRAPH OF AN OLD MAN STARTING INTO THE CAMERA

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LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON AGEING: <https://www.un.org/en/sections/issues-depth/ageing/>

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International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

17 Oct 1992

The International Day for the Eradication of Poverty was launched in 1992 to commemorate a 1987 Paris gathering against extreme poverty and to encourage all States to present and promote concrete activities with regard to the eradication of poverty and destitution. The International Day was adopted on 22 December 1992 in resolution A/RES/47/196 of the 47th Session of the General Assembly.

PHOTO: PHOTOGRAPH OF THE LOGO OF THE INTERNATIONAL DAY, WITH THE DATE, 17 OCTOBER

VIDEO: RECORDING OF THE 2019 CELEBRATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ERADICATION OF POVERTY (<http://webtv.un.org/watch/international-day-for-the-eradication-of-poverty-2019-theme-acting-together-to-empower-children-their-families-and-communities-to-end-poverty/6095666629001/>) TOTAL TIME: 67 MINUTES

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LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ERADICATION OF POVERTY: <https://www.un.org/development/desa/socialperspectiveondevelopment/international-day-for-the-eradication-of-poverty-homepage.html>

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UNITED NATIONS OBSERVANCES

International Day of Persons with Disabilities

3 Dec 1992

The International Day of Persons with Disabilities was launched in 1992 to promote the rights and well-being of persons with disabilities in all spheres of society and development, and to increase awareness of the situation of persons with disabilities in every aspect of political, social, economic and cultural life. The International Day was adopted on 14 October 1992 in resolution A/RES/47/3 of the 43rd Session of the General Assembly.

PHOTO: PHOTOGRAPHY OF THE LOGO OF THE INTERNATIONAL DAY, WITH THE DATE, 3 DECEMBER

VIDEO: RECORDING OF THE 2013 CAMPAIGN OF THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (<https://youtu.be/pjMH1lkb0nA>) TOTAL TIME: 2 MINUTES AND 26 SECONDS

LINK TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 47/3 IN PDF, WITH OPTIONS TO SELECT ONE OF SIX OFFICIAL UNITED NATIONS LANGUAGES: <https://undocs.org/A/RES/47/3>

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES: <https://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/international-day-of-persons-with-disabilities-3-december.html>

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UNITED NATIONS OBSERVANCES

International Year for the World's Indigenous People

1 Jan 1993 - 1 Dec 1993

The International Year for the World's Indigenous People was launched in 1993 under the theme 'Indigenous People – A New Partnership' to encourage a new relationship between States and indigenous peoples, and between the international community and indigenous peoples. The International Year was proclaimed on 18 December 1990 in resolution A/RES/45/164 of the 45th Session of the General Assembly.

PHOTO: PHOTOGRAPHY OF THE LOGO OF THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR THAT READS 'WE ARE INDIGENOUS'

LINK TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 45/164 IN PDF, WITH OPTIONS TO SELECT ONE OF SIX OFFICIAL UNITED NATIONS LANGUAGES: <https://undocs.org/A/RES/45/164>

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR FOR THE WORLD'S INDIGENOUS PEOPLE: <https://www.un.org/development/desa/indigenouspeoples/international-day-of-the-worlds-indigenous-peoples.html>

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

33rd Session of the Commission for Social Development

8 Feb 1993 - 17 Feb 1993

The 33rd Session of the Commission for Social Development considered, as priority subjects, as priority subjects, the social consequences of population growth and changing social conditions, with a particular emphasis on family. The Report of the 33rd Session also considered the (a) World Summit for Social Development and (b) monitoring of international plans and programme of action.

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UNITED NATIONS OBSERVANCES

International Day of Families

15 May 1993

The International Day of Families was launched in 1993 to promote awareness of issues relating to families and to increase knowledge of the social, economic and demographic processes affecting them. The International Day was adopted on 17 August 1993 in resolution A/RES/47/237 of the 47th Session of the General Assembly.

PHOTO: LOGO OF THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FAMILIES

VIDEO: RECORDING OF THE 25TH OBSERVANCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL DAY (<https://webtv.un.org/watch/it-takes-a-family-25th-observance-of-the-international-day-of-families-and-25th-commemoration-of-the-international-year-of-the-family/6039080579001/>) TOTAL TIME: 2 HOURS AND 56 MINUTES

LINK TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 47/237 IN PDF, WITH OPTIONS TO SELECT ONE OF SIX OFFICIAL UNITED NATIONS LANGUAGES: <https://undocs.org/A/RES/47/237>

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FAMILIES: <https://www.un.org/development/desa/family/international-day-of-families.html>

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UNITED NATIONS OBSERVANCES

International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples

15 May 1993

The International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples was launched in 1994 to commemorate the first meeting of the UN Working Group on Indigenous Populations in 1982 and to promote the protection and promotion of the rights of indigenous peoples. The International Day was adopted on 23 December 1994 in resolution A/RES/49/214 of the 49th Session of the General Assembly.

PHOTO: LOGO OF THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE WORLD'S INDIGENOUS PEOPLES WITH THE DATE, 9 AUGUST

VIDEO: RECORDING OF THE 2018 CAMPAIGN OF THE INTERNATIONAL DAY (<https://youtu.be/DLtimjdkenc>) TOTAL TIME: 1 MINUTE

LINK TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 49/214 IN PDF, WITH OPTIONS TO SELECT ONE OF SIX OFFICIAL UNITED NATIONS LANGUAGES: <https://undocs.org/A/RES/49/214>

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE WORLD'S INDIGENOUS PEOPLES: <https://www.un.org/development/desa/indigenouspeoples/international-day-of-the-worlds-indigenous-peoples.html>

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

World Conference on Human Rights

14 Jun 1993 - 25 Jun 1993

The World Conference on Human Rights convened in 1993 and was marked by an unprecedented degree of participation by Government delegates and the international human rights community. From the Conference, the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action stated that human rights education, training and public information were essential for fostering mutual understanding, tolerance and peace.

PHOTO: PHOTOGRAPH OF THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY-GENERAL BOUTROS BOUTROS-GHALI ADDRESSING THE WORLD CONFERENCE

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Report on the World Social Situation (1993)

30 Jul 1993

The 1993 Report on the World Social Situation (RWSS) pointed to poverty, unemployment and low productivity employment as issues that are of the highest concern to developing countries. It considered the effects of science and technology on processes of social welfare and development and noted that the consequence of the variegated patterns of growth has been changes in the distribution of world output among countries. It indicated that there are the limits to which Governments can direct resources for social development regardless of rates and levels of economic growth. The 1993 Report was the thirteenth volume of the RWSS and the last in its special series (1952-1993).

LINK TO THE 1993 REPORT ON THE WORLD SOCIAL SITUATION IN PDF, WITH OPTIONS TO SELECT ONE OF SIX OFFICIAL UNITED NATIONS LANGUAGES: <https://undocs.org/E/1993/50/Rev.1>

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SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT MILESTONES

Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities

20 Dec 1993

The Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities was adopted in 1993 as one of the major outcomes of the Decade of Disabled Persons (1983-1992). The 22 rules serve as an instrument for policy-making and as a basis for technical and economic cooperation, as well as reiterate the principles enumerated in the World Programme of Action. The Standard Rules provided for an appointment of a Special Rapporteur on Disability to monitor the implementation. The Rules were adopted on 20 December 1993 in resolution A/RES/48/96 of the 48th Session of the General Assembly.

PHOTO: PHOTOGRAPH OF A DELEGATE IN A WHEELCHAIR MAKING A STATEMENT IN A MEETING

LINK TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 48/96 IN PDF, WITH OPTIONS TO SELECT ONE OF SIX OFFICIAL UNITED NATIONS LANGUAGES: <https://undocs.org/A/RES/48/96>

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE STANDARD RULES:

<https://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/standard-rules-on-the-equalization-of-opportunities-for-persons-with-disabilities.html>

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International Year of the Family

1 Jan 1994 - 1 Dec 1994

The International Year of the Family was launched in 1994 under the theme 'Family: Resources and Responsibilities in a Changing World'. With the Commission for Social Development acting as the preparatory and coordinating body, the Year aimed to encompass and address diverse needs of all families. The objectives and principles of the International Year are elaborated in the Report of the Secretary-General.

PHOTO: LOGO OF THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE WORLD'S INDIGENOUS PEOPLES WITH THE DATE, 9 AUGUST

LINK TO THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE FAMILY IN PDF, WITH OPTIONS TO SELECT ONE OF SIX OFFICIAL UNITED NATIONS LANGUAGES: <https://undocs.org/A/44/407>

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE FAMILY:
<https://www.un.org/development/desa/dspd/international-year-of-the-family.html>

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SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT MILESTONES

First International Decade of the World's Indigenous People (1994-2004)

10 Dec 1994 - 10 Dec 2004

The First International Decade of the World's Indigenous People (1994-2004) was proclaimed at the 48th Session of the General Assembly on 21 December 1993 (A/RES/48/163). Under the theme 'Indigenous People: Partnership in Action', the First Decade called for the promotion and protection the rights of indigenous peoples. The Report of the Secretary General recommended strengthening inter-agency cooperation and ensuring implementation of human rights standards.

PHOTO: A HELITSUK GIRL HOLDING THE PADDLE OF A CANOE DURING THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE QATUWAS FESTIVAL, AN INTERNATIONAL GATHERING OF MARITIME INDIGENOUS NATIONS OF THE PACIFIC RIM

LINK TO THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL DECADE IN PDF, WITH OPTIONS TO SELECT ONE OF SIX OFFICIAL UNITED NATIONS LANGUAGES: <https://undocs.org/E/2004/82>

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL DECADE:
<https://www.un.org/development/desa/indigenouspeoples/second-international-decade-of-the-worlds-indigenous-people/7276-2.html>

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

World Summit for Social Development

6 Mar 1995 - 12 Mar 1995

The World Summit for Social Development was held in Copenhagen in 1995 to recognize the significance of social development and human well-being. The Summit was the first opportunity for the world community to focus its attention at the highest political level on the nature and roots of social problems and trends. World leaders pledged to make the conquest of poverty, the goal of full employment and the fostering of social integration overriding objectives of development. Governments adopted the Copenhagen Declaration and Programme of Action to represent a new consensus on people-centered development and to advance social development through ten commitments. The Declaration remains as the most comprehensive action plan for the achievement of social development.

PHOTO: PHOTOGRAPH OF THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY-GENERAL BOUSTROS-BOUSTROS GHALI OPENING THE WORLD SUMMIT

VIDEO: RECORDING OF SECRETARY-GENERAL BOUSTROS-BOUSTROS GHALI OPENING THE WORLD SUMMIT (<https://www.unmultimedia.org/avlibrary/asset/2347/2347209/>) TOTAL TIME: 17 MINUTES

LINK TO THE COPENHAGEN DECLARATION AND PROGRAMME OF ACTION IN PDF, WITH OPTIONS TO SELECT ONE OF SIX OFFICIAL UNITED NATIONS LANGUAGES: <https://undocs.org/A/CONF.166/9>

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE WORLD SUMMIT:
<https://www.un.org/development/desa/dspd/world-summit-for-social-development-1995.html>

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UNITED NATIONS OBSERVANCES

International Day of Cooperatives

1 Jul 1995

The International Day of Cooperatives was launched in 1995 to recognize and reaffirm the role of cooperatives in economic, social and cultural development and in the achievement of social policy objectives. It is celebrated annually on the first Saturday of July. The International Day was adopted on 16 December 1992 in resolution A/RES/47/90 of the 47th Session of the General Assembly.

PHOTO: LOGO OF THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF COOPERATIVES

VIDEO: RECORDING OF THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY-GENERAL BAN KI-MOON'S MESSAGE ON THE 2012 INTERNATIONAL DAY COMMEMORATION (<https://youtu.be/kvlhhdgtYNI>) TOTAL TIME: 1 MINUTE

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LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE INTERNATIONAL DAY:
<https://www.un.org/development/desa/cooperatives/international-day-of-cooperatives.html>

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The World's Women 1995 Report

1 Aug 1995

The World's Women 1995: Trends and Statistics report was published as an official document of the Fourth World Conference on Women in 1995. Alluding to the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, the report aimed to provide information on women's contribution to economic, political and family life and to effect changes in policies that are unfair to women. The second issue highlighted (a) population, households and families, (b) population growth, distribution and environment, (c) health, (d) education and training, (e) work, (f) power and influence. The 1995 Report shed light on the positive link between women's empowerment and sustainable development.

DIRECT LINK TO THE 1995 WORLD'S WOMEN REPORT IN DOWNLOADABLE PDF:
<https://unstats.un.org/unsd/demographic-social/products/worldswomen/documents/ww1995.pdf>

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE 1995 WORLD'S WOMEN REPORT:
<https://unstats.un.org/unsd/demographic-social/products/worldswomen/>

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SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT MILESTONES

Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action

22 Sep 1995

The Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action was adopted in 1995 at the Fourth World Conference on Women to call for governments to strengthen, as appropriate, existing national machineries for the advancement of women. It remains as the most comprehensive global policy framework and blueprint for action on gender equality. The Declaration was adopted on 22 December 1995 in resolution A/RES/50/203 of the 50th Session of the General Assembly.

PHOTO: PHOTOGRAPH OF THE OPENING OF THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN

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SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT MILESTONES

World Programme of Action for Youth

14 Dec 1995

The World Programme of Action for Youth was adopted in 1995 to provide a policy framework and practical guidelines for national action and international support to improve the situation of young people around the world. The World Programme of Action covers fifteen youth priority areas and contains proposals for action in each of these areas. The Programme of Action was adopted on 14 December 1995 in resolution A/RES/50/81 of the 50th Session of the General Assembly.

PHOTO: PHOTOGRAPH OF YOUTH DELEGATES ATTENDING A MEETING AT THE UNITED NATIONS

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LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE PROGRAMME OF ACTION:

<https://www.un.org/development/desa/youth/world-programme-of-action-for-youth.html>

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SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT MILESTONES

First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)

20 Dec 1995

The First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) was proclaimed at the 66th Session of the General Assembly on 20 December 1995 (A/RES/50/107) under the theme 'Eradicating Poverty is An Ethical, Social, Political and Economic Imperative of Humankind'. Noting the multidimensionality and complexity of poverty, the First Decade called for strengthened commitment to poverty eradication at the national and international levels, and brought forth special initiatives, such as the World Solidarity Fund, International Year of Microcredit, and International Human Solidarity Day. The Report of the Secretary-General recommended countries to reaffirm their commitment to poverty eradication by establishing a national development strategy and achieving internationally agreed development goals.

PHOTO: CAMPAIGN POSTER OF THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOAL 1, ERADICATING EXTREME POVERTY AND HUNGER, WITH MESSAGES 'EXTREME POVERTY RATES HAVE BEEN CUT IN HALF SINCE 1990' AND 'LET'S STEP UP: WORLDWIDE 1 IN 9 PEOPLE REMAIN HUNGRY'

LINK TO THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON THE FIRST DECADE IN PDF, WITH OPTIONS TO SELECT ONE OF SIX OFFICIAL UNITED NATIONS LANGUAGES: <https://undocs.org/A/62/267>

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE FIRST DECADE:
<https://www.un.org/development/desa/socialperspectiveondevelopment/united-nations-decade-for-the-eradication-of-poverty/first-un-decade-for-the-eradication-of-poverty-1997-2006.html>

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International Year for the Eradication of Poverty

10 Feb 1996

The International Year for the Eradication of Poverty was launched in 1996 to raise awareness that the eradication of poverty is fundamental to reinforcing peace and achieving sustainable development. The International Year was proclaimed on 21 December 1993 in resolution A/RES/48/183 of the 48th Session of the General Assembly.

PHOTO: LOGO OF THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR FOR THE ERADICATION OF POVERTY

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34th Session of the Commission for Social Development

10 Apr 1996 - 20 Apr 1996

The 34th Session of the Commission for Social Development considered the priority theme, 'Strategies and Actions for the Eradication of Poverty'. The Report of the 34th Session also considered, as a priority subject, the World Summit for Social Development, focusing on the arrangement for the implementation and follow-up of the Copenhagen Declaration and the Programme of Action.

LINK TO THE REPORT OF THE THIRTY-FOURTH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN PDF, WITH OPTIONS TO SELECT ONE OF SIX OFFICIAL UNITED NATIONS LANGUAGES: <https://undocs.org/E/CN.5/1995/9>

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE THIRTY-FOURTH SESSION:
<https://www.un.org/development/desa/dspd/united-nations-commission-for-social-development-csocd-social-policy-and-development-division/more-years/1996-2.html>

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Special Session of the Commission for Social Development

21 May 1996 - 31 May 1996

The Special Session of the Commission for Social Development considered the priority theme 'Strategies and Actions for the Eradication of Poverty' and the sub-themes of 'Formulation of Integrated Strategies', 'Meeting the Basic Human Needs of All', and 'Promotion of Self-Reliance and Community-Based Initiatives'. The Special Session of the Commission (a) reaffirmed the role of the State and the

commitment of Governments to be fundamental in eradicating poverty and in improving living conditions, and that Governments should focus their efforts on policies on addressing the root causes of poverty and providing for the basic needs of all, (b) reaffirmed also, the linkages between poverty, social exclusion and employment policies and the need for new approaches to social safety nets, human resource development strategies and the concept of employment, and (c) stressed the need to periodically monitor, assess and share information on the performance of poverty eradication plans, evaluate policies to combat poverty, and promote an understanding and awareness of poverty and its causes and consequences.

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35th Session of the Commission for Social Development

25 Feb 1997 - 6 Mar 1997

The 35th Session of the Commission for Social Development considered the priority theme, 'Productive Employment and Sustainable Livelihoods'. The Report of the 35th Session underscored the importance of (a) employment as a central objective of economic and social policies, (b) setting time-bound goals and targets for expanding employment and reducing unemployment, (c) increasing productivity in rural and urban informal sectors through improving access to credit, fertile land, productive inputs, infrastructure, basic social services, information and extension services, (d) balanced macroeconomic policies to ensure employment growth, price stability and low interest rates, (e) maximizing the quality and accessibility of social services to improve well-being and increase employment, (f) promoting consensual, equitable approaches to income determination through a prices and incomes policy to moderate unemployment, inflation and industrial conflict, (g) promoting life-long learning, (h) encouraging flexible working time arrangements for equitable access to work, (i) increasing international, mutually reinforcing economic growth and social cooperation, and (j) improving statistical databases on key social indicators.

LINK TO THE REPORT OF THE THIRTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN PDF, WITH OPTIONS TO SELECT ONE OF SIX OFFICIAL UNITED NATIONS LANGUAGES: <https://undocs.org/E/CN.5/1997/11>

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE THIRTY-FIFTH SESSION:

<https://www.un.org/development/desa/dspd/undated-nations-commission-for-social-development-csod-social-policy-and-development-division/more-years/1997-3.html>

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SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT MILESTONES

Agenda for Development

20 Jun 1997

The Agenda for Development was adopted in 1997 and was referred to as one of the most far-reaching agreements on the central issue of development ever attained by the international community. As a comprehensive document underlining the multidimensional undertaking of achieving a higher standard of life for all, it encompassed all the different aspects and related elements of development, such as peace, economic growth, environmental protection, social justice and democracy. The Agenda was adopted on 20 June 1997 in resolution A/RES/51/240 of the 51st Session of the General Assembly

PHOTO: BLACK AND WHITE PHOTOGRAPH OF THE FORMER PRESIDENT OF TANZANIA NYERERE ADDRESSING THE AGENDA FOR DEVELOPMENT

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Report on the World Social Situation (1997)

4 Jul 1997

The 1997 Report on the World Social Situation (RWSS) focused on subjects discussed at the 1995 World Summit and offered insights on the national and international policies required to address social problems. It examined the core social issues of poverty alleviation, productive employment and social integration covering concepts and quantitative indicators, as well as policies and strategies. The 1997 Report was entitled 'Social Development'.

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LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE 1977 REPORT:

<https://www.un.org/development/desa/dspd/world-social-report/1997-report-on-the-world-social-situation-social-development.html>

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36th Session of the Commission for Social Development

10 Feb 1998 - 20 Feb 1998

The 36th Session of the Commission for Social Development considered the priority theme, 'Promoting Social Integration and Participation of All People, Including Disadvantaged and Vulnerable Groups and Persons'. The Report of the 36th Session (a) underscored that social development cannot be successfully achieved without the collective commitment and efforts of the international community, (b) stressed that social development and social integration require comprehensive and holistic approaches and must deal with the root causes of poverty, and (c) acknowledged that social integration requires investing in social institutions and social capital, enhancing social networks, building consensus and promoting individual and organizational capacities.

LINK TO THE REPORT OF THE THIRTY-SIXTH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN PDF, WITH OPTIONS TO SELECT ONE OF SIX OFFICIAL UNITED NATIONS LANGUAGES: <https://undocs.org/E/CN.5/1998/7>

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE THIRTY-SIXTH SESSION:

<https://www.un.org/development/desa/dspd/undated-nations-commission-for-social-development-csod-social-policy-and-development-division/more-years/1998-2.html>

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International Year of Older Persons

1 Jan 1999 - 1 Dec 1999

The International Year of Older Persons was launched in 1999 to promote the United Nations Principle for Older Persons under the theme 'Towards a Society for All Ages'. The Year aimed to recognize

humanity's demographic coming of age and the promise it holds for maturing attitudes and capabilities in social, economic, cultural and spiritual undertakings, not least for global peace and development. The International Year was proclaimed on 16 October 1999 in resolution A/RES/47/5 of the 47th Session of the General Assembly.

PHOTO: LOGO OF THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF OLDER PERSONS

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LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF OLDER PERSONS:
<https://www.un.org/development/desa/ageing/resources/international-year-of-older-persons-1999.html>

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37th Session of the Commission for Social Development

9 Feb 1999 - 19 Feb 1999

The 37th Session of the Commission for Social Development considered the priority theme, 'Social Services for All' and 'Initiation of the Overall Review of the Implementation of the Outcome of the World Summit for Social Development'. The Report of the 37th Session (a) underscored that the primary responsibility for ensuring provision of and universal access to social service rests with Governments, (b) stressed the importance of a gender-sensitive and life-cycle approach to social service design and delivery, and (c) highlighted the need for strong national and international commitment to achieving social development. Delegates also adopted the resolution on the International Year of Older Persons (1999).

LINK TO THE REPORT OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN PDF, WITH OPTIONS TO SELECT ONE OF SIX OFFICIAL UNITED NATIONS LANGUAGES: <https://undocs.org/E/CN.5/1999/15>

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<https://www.un.org/development/desa/dspd/united-nations-commission-for-social-development-csod-social-policy-and-development-division/more-years/1999-2.html>

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38th Session of the Commission for Social Development

8 Feb 2000 - 17 Feb 2000

The 38th Session of the Commission for Social Development considered the priority theme of 'Contribution of the Commission to the Overall Review of the Implementation of the Outcome of the Summit', and conducted an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the outcome of the 1995 World Summit for Social Development. The Report of the 38th Session (a) noted the challenges posed by current patterns of globalization, especially with respect to national policies and programmes, and (b) highlighted gaps in gender mainstreaming, while reviewing plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups, such as older persons and persons with disabilities

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LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE THIRTY-EIGHTH SESSION:

<https://www.un.org/development/desa/dspd/undated-nations-commission-for-social-development-csod-social-policy-and-development-division/more-years/2000-2.html>

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The World's Women 2000 Report

31 May 2000

The World's Women 2000: Trends and Statistics report was published to coincide with the special session of the General Assembly in 2000. Reviewing the status of women through the lens of statistical data and analysis, it underscored a persistent gender gap in education. The third issue highlighted (a) population, (b) family, (c) health, (d) education and communication, (e) work, (f) politics and human rights. The 2000 Report called for improved data on issues unique to women, such as violence against women and maternal health.

DIRECT LINK TO THE 2000 WORLD'S WOMEN REPORT IN DOWNLOADABLE PDF:

https://unstats.un.org/unsd/publication/SeriesK/seriesk_16e.pdf

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE 2000 WORLD'S WOMEN REPORT:

<https://unstats.un.org/unsd/demographic-social/products/worldswomen/ww2000pub/>

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24th Special Session of the General Assembly

26 Jun 2000 - 1 Jul 2000

The 24th Special Session of the General Assembly, entitled 'World Summit for Social Development and beyond: achieving social development for all in a globalizing world', convened in Geneva in 2000 to mark the fifth anniversary of the 1995 World Summit for Social Development. Member States agreed on specific targets and strategies that will have major ramifications for national governments and international institutions in setting and achieving social development objectives. The outcome document entitled 'Further initiatives for social development' consists of a political declaration reaffirming the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development and Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development.

PHOTO: PHOTOGRAPH OF THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY-GENERAL KOFI ANNAN OPENING THE SESSION

LINK TO THE OUTCOME DOCUMENT OF THE 24TH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN PDF, WITH

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LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE SPECIAL SESSION:

<https://www.un.org/development/desa/dspd/social-summit-5.html>

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UNITED NATIONS OBSERVANCES

International Youth Day

12 Aug 2000

The International Youth Day (IYD) was launched in 2000 to promote better awareness of the World Programme of Action for Youth. The theme is selected by the Focal Point on Youth, often with input from youth organizations and members of the UN Inter-Agency Network in Youth development. Since

the first observance in 2000, the IYD has encompassed a broad range of issues, including youth civic engagement (2015) and youth migration (2013). The International Day was adopted on 17 December 1997 in resolution A/RES/54/120 of the 54th Session of the General Assembly.

PHOTO: LOGO OF THE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY

VIDEO: RECORDING OF THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY-GENERAL'S ENVOY ON YOUTH DELIVERING A MESSAGE FOR THE 2019 INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY (<https://youtu.be/DAGXvymq1jY>) TOTAL TIME: 1 MINUTE

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Millennium Declaration and Millennium Development Goals

8 Sep 2000

The Millennium Declaration and its eight Millennium Development Goals was adopted in 2000 in recognition of the collective responsibility to uphold the principles of human dignity, equality and equity at the global level. The Declaration was adopted by all Member States in 2000 in resolution A/RES/55/2.

PHOTO: LOGOS OF THE EIGHT MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS

VIDEO: RECORDING OF THE 2008 CAMPAIGN FOR THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UfRBUu0kips>) TOTAL TIME: 3 MINUTES

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LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS CAMPAIGN: <https://www.un.org/millenniumgoals/>

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39th Session of the Commission for Social Development

13 Feb 2001 - 23 Feb 2001

The 39th Session of the Commission for Social Development considered the priority theme 'Enhancing Social Protection and Reducing Vulnerability in a Globalizing World' and the sub-theme, the sub-theme, 'The Role of Volunteerism in the Promotion of Social Development'. The Report of the 39th Session (a) stressed the importance of national dialogue in the design and reform of social protection, (b) underscored the need to improve public understanding of social protection, and (c) highlighted the need to take gender-sensitive and child-sensitive approaches. Delegates recommended to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of a resolution on the multi-year programme of work of the Commission for the period of 2002-2006, built around the follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the 24th special session of the General Assembly.

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<https://www.un.org/development/desa/dspd/undated-nations-commission-for-social-development-csod-social-policy-and-development-division/more-years/2001-3.html>

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Report on the World Social Situation (2001)

29 Mar 2001

The 2001 Report on the World Social Situation (RWSS) covered a wide range of issues identified at the 1995 World Summit, and included, besides facts and trends based on available objective information, sketches of the policy debates and the positions taken by interested parties. The 2001 Report was entitled 'Social and Human Rights Questions: Social Development'.

LINK TO THE 2001 REPORT ON THE WORLD SOCIAL SITUATION IN PDF, WITH OPTIONS TO SELECT ONE OF SIX OFFICIAL UNITED NATIONS LANGUAGES: <https://undocs.org/E/2001/104>

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE 2011 REPORT:

<https://www.un.org/development/desa/dspd/world-social-report/2001-report-on-the-world-social-situation.html>

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INSTITUTIONAL MILESTONES

Inter-Agency Task Force on Sport for Development and Peace

1 Nov 2001

The Inter-Agency Task Force on Sport for Development and Peace was established in 2001 with a mandate to examine the contribution of sport to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals. The Sport for Development and Peace portfolio transferred from the United Nations Office on Sport for Development and Peace to the Department of Economic and Social Affairs in 2017. Since the transfer, the Department has supported the intergovernmental mechanisms on sport-related discussions.

PHOTO: CHILDREN HOLDING A TROPHY IN EXCITEMENT

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON SPORTS FOR DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE:

<https://www.un.org/development/desa/dspd/sport-development-peace.html>

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

40th Session of the Commission for Social Development

11 Feb 2002 - 21 Feb 2002

The 40th Session of the Commission for Social Development considered the priority theme 'Integration of Social and Economic Policy'. The Report of the 40th Session addressed the need to (a) call for broadening the scope of macroeconomic policy, (b) call for enhanced social impact analysis and assessments to promote participatory and people-centered policy-making process, (c) emphasize the productive nature of social investments, and (d) encourage broad participation in the formulation of economic policies as well as the building of partnerships between Governments and all other relevant actors in the development process.

LINK TO THE REPORT OF THE FOURTIETH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN PDF, WITH OPTIONS TO SELECT ONE OF SIX OFFICIAL UNITED NATIONS LANGUAGES: [https://undocs.org/E/CN.5/2002/6\(S\)](https://undocs.org/E/CN.5/2002/6(S))

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE FOURTIETH SESSION:

<https://www.un.org/development/desa/dspd/united-nations-commission-for-social-development-csod-social-policy-and-development-division/more-years/2002-2.html>

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Second World Assembly on Ageing

8 Apr 2002 - 12 Apr 2002

The Second World Assembly on Ageing was held in Madrid in 2002 to respond to the opportunities and challenges of population ageing in the twenty-first century and to promote the development of a society for all ages. The Assembly adopted the Political Declaration and Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing. The Declaration and the Plan of Action focuses on (a) older persons and development, (b) advancing health and well-being into old age, and (c) ensuring enabling and supportive environments

PHOTO: POSTER OF THE SECOND WORLD ASSEMBLY ON AGEING IN MADRID

LINK TO THE DECLARATION AND THE PLAN OF ACTION IN PDF, WITH OPTIONS TO SELECT ONE OF SIX OFFICIAL UNITED NATIONS LANGUAGES: <https://undocs.org/A/CONF.197/9>

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE SECOND WORLD ASSEMBLY ON AGEING:

<https://www.un.org/development/desa/ageing/madrid-plan-of-action-and-its-implementation/second-world-assembly-on-ageing-2002.html>

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SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT MILESTONES

United Nations Declaration on the New Partnership for Africa's Development

16 Sep 2002

The United Nations Declaration on the New Partnership for Africa's Development was adopted at 57th Session of the General Assembly on 16 September 2002 (A/RES/57/2). Endorsing the African Union's strategic framework for pan-African socio-economic development, the Declaration reaffirmed the commitment to meeting the special needs of Africa as recognized in the Millennium Declaration. The Commission for Social Development has given prominence to and raised awareness of the social dimensions of the New Partnership

PHOTO: LOGO OF THE NEW PARTNERSHIP FOR AFRICA'S DEVELOPMENT, WHICH READS 'TRANSFORMING AFRICA'

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE NEW PARTNERSHIP FOR AFRICA'S DEVELOPMENT:

<https://www.un.org/development/desa/socialperspectiveondevelopment/issues/new-partnership-for-africas-development-nepad.html>

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INSTITUTIONAL MILESTONES

Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

18 Dec 2002

Since 2002, the Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues has been entrusted with providing substantive assistance and support to the Permanent Forum in carrying out its mandate. The Indigenous Peoples and Development Branch and Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (IPDB/SPFII) is based in the Division for Inclusive Social Development of the United Nations

Department of Economic and Social Affairs. The Secretariat was established on 20 December 2002 at the 57th Session of the General Assembly A/RES/57/191.

PHOTO: NAMEPLATE READING '#WEAREINDIGENOUS' IN THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL CHAMBER

LINK TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 57/191 IN PDF, WITH OPTIONS TO SELECT ONE OF SIX OFFICIAL UNITED NATIONS LANGUAGES: <https://undocs.org/A/RES/57/191>

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE PERMANENT FORUM ON INDIGENOUS ISSUES:
<https://www.un.org/development/desa/indigenouspeoples/unpfii-sessions-2.html>

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41st Session of the Commission for Social Development

10 Feb 2003 - 21 Feb 2003

The 41st Session of the Commission for Social Development considered the priority theme 'National and International Cooperation for Social Development'. The Report of the 41st Session considered (a) sharing of experiences and practices in social development, (b) forging partnerships for social development, (c) social responsibility of the private sector, (d) impact of employment strategies on social development, (e) policies and role of international financial institutions and their effect on national social development strategies.

LINK TO THE REPORT OF THE FOURTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN PDF, WITH OPTIONS TO SELECT ONE OF SIX OFFICIAL UNITED NATIONS LANGUAGES: <https://undocs.org/E/CN.5/2003/9>

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE FOURTY-FIRST SESSION:
<https://www.un.org/development/desa/dspd/united-nations-commission-for-social-development-csocd-social-policy-and-development-division/more-years/2003-3.html>

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World Youth Report (2003)

15 May 2003

The 2003 World Youth Report provided an overview of the global situation of young people and an extensive evaluation of the achievements in the areas of globalization, ageing society, rapid advances in information and telecommunication technology, HIV/AIDS epidemic, and armed conflict, as well as in the ten areas of policy priority identified in the World Programme of Action for Youth. It highlighted major challenges and opportunities youth are presented with and argued that youth policy should be viewed not only as a means of addressing problems associated with young people but as a means of ensuring their participation in building their communities and societies. The 2003 Report was entitled 'The Global Situation of Young People'.

LINK TO THE 2003 WORLD YOUTH REPORT IN PDF, WITH OPTIONS TO SELECT ONE OF SIX OFFICIAL UNITED NATIONS LANGUAGES: <https://www.un.org/esa/socdev/unyin/documents/worldyouthreport.pdf>

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE 2003 WORLD YOUTH REPORT:
<https://www.un.org/development/desa/youth/world-youth-report/world-youth-report-2003.html>

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Report on the World Social Situation (2003)

21 Nov 2003

The 2003 Report on the World Social Situation aimed to develop a frame of reference for identifying the sources of social vulnerabilities as well as discussing strategies to reduce vulnerabilities of selected social groups. It included two new main features: a shift in contents as part of new initiatives put forward by the Secretary-General and increased policy relevance. The 2003 Report was the first report in the biennial cycle and was entitled 'Social Vulnerability: Sources and Challenges'.

DIRECT LINK TO THE 2003 REPORT ON THE WORLD SOCIAL SITUATION IN DOWNLOADABLE PDF:

<https://www.un.org/esa/socdev/rwss/docs/2003/fullreport.pdf>

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE 2003 REPORT ON THE WORLD SOCIAL SITUATION:

<https://www.un.org/development/desa/dspd/world-social-report/2003-report-on-the-world-social-situation.html>

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UNITED NATIONS OBSERVANCES

Tenth Anniversary of the International Year of the Family

1 Jan 2004 - 1 Dec 2004

The Tenth Anniversary of the International Year of the Family was proclaimed in 2004 to reaffirm the commitments to family policies made in 1994. The objectives were to (1) increase awareness of family issues among Governments as well as in the private sector, (2) strengthen the capacity of national institutions to formulate, implement and monitor policies in respect of families, (3) stimulate efforts to respond to problems affecting, and affected by, the situation of families, (4) undertake at all levels reviews and assessments of the situation and needs of families, identifying specific issues and problems, (5) enhance the effectiveness of local, national and regional efforts to carry out specific programmes concerning families, generate new activities and strengthen existing ones, and (6) improve collaboration among national and international non-governmental organizations in support of families. The Tenth Anniversary commemoration was adopted on 20 December 2004 in resolution A/RES/59/147 of the 59th Session of the General Assembly.

PHOTO: LOGO OF THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE FAMILY

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LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY:

<https://www.un.org/development/desa/family/tenth-anniversary-of-the-iyf.html>

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42nd Session of the Commission for Social Development

4 Feb 2004 - 13 Feb 2004

The 42nd Session of the Commission for Social Development considered the priority theme 'Improving Public Sector Effectiveness' and the emerging issues of 'International Migration and Migrants from a Social Perspective'. The Report of the 42nd Session (a) highlighted that governments have the primary responsibility for the provision of social services in order to enhance social development and contribute to the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, (b) emphasized the crucial role of

the public sector in, inter alia, the provision of equitable, adequate and accessible social services for all to meet the essential needs of the entire population, in particular those excluded from social services and those most in need, and (c) underscored the importance of the principles of transparency, accountability, integrity, efficiency and equality for improving public sector effectiveness.

LINK TO THE REPORT OF THE FOURTY-SECOND SESSION OF THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN PDF, WITH OPTIONS TO SELECT ONE OF SIX OFFICIAL UNITED NATIONS LANGUAGES: <https://undocs.org/E/CN.5/2004/8>

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE FOURTY-SECOND SESSION:
<https://www.un.org/development/desa/dspd/undated-nations-commission-for-social-development-csod-social-policy-and-development-division/2004-3.html>

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SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT MILESTONES

Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People (2005-2015)

1 Jan 2005 - 1 Dec 2014

The Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People (2005-2015) was proclaimed at the 59th Session of the General Assembly on 20 December 2004 (A/RES/59/174), under the theme 'Partnership for Action and Dignity'. The Second Decade set forth five objectives, to (1) promote non-discrimination and inclusion of indigenous peoples in processes at all levels, (2) promote the full and effective participation of indigenous peoples in decision making, (3) redefine development policies that are culturally appropriate for indigenous peoples, (4) adopt targeted policies/programs for the development of indigenous peoples, and (5) develop strong monitoring mechanisms to improve the lives of indigenous peoples. The Report of the Secretary General recommended the recognition of indigenous peoples and their forms of governance in order to mainstream their rights and priorities.

PHOTO: PRESIDENT OF THE SAMI PARLIAMENT OF NORWAY ADDRESSING THE PRESS CONFERENCE ON THE WORLD CONFERENCE ON INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

LINK TO THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON THE SECOND DECADE IN PDF, WITH OPTIONS TO SELECT ONE OF SIX OFFICIAL UNITED NATIONS LANGUAGES: <https://undocs.org/A/69/271>

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE SECOND INTERNATIONAL DECADE:
<https://www.un.org/development/desa/indigenouspeoples/second-international-decade-of-the-worlds-indigenous-people.html>

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43rd Session of the Commission for Social Development

9 Feb 2005 - 18 Feb 2005

The 43rd Session of the Commission for Social Development was devoted to the 10-year review of the World Summit for Social Development and the outcome of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly. The Report of the 43rd Session delineated the outcomes of the high-level roundtables on (a) the eradication of poverty, (b) promoting full employment, and (c) social integration.

LINK TO THE REPORT OF THE FOURTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN PDF, WITH OPTIONS TO SELECT ONE OF SIX OFFICIAL UNITED NATIONS LANGUAGES: <https://undocs.org/E/CN.5/2005/7>

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE FOURTY-THIRD SESSION:

<https://www.un.org/development/desa/dspd/united-nations-commission-for-social-development-csocd-social-policy-and-development-division/2005-2.html>

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Tenth Anniversary of the World Summit on Social Development

6 Mar 2005

The Tenth Anniversary of the World Summit on Social Development was commemorated during the 43rd Session of the Commission for Social Development. The Report on the Tenth Anniversary made a compelling case for reshaping priorities to strengthen equality, reduce inequalities, and rectify social injustice.

PHOTO: SESSION OF THE WORLD SUMMIT ON SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

DIRECT LINK TO THE REPORT ON THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY IN DOWNLOADABLE PDF:

<https://www.un.org/esa/socdev/publications/SocialSummit-10YearsLater.pdf>

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The World's Women 2005 Report

1 Aug 2005

The World's Women 2005: Progress in Statistics report uniquely focused on gender-sensitive national statistical systems and sex disaggregated statistics. Reviewing gender concerns over 30 years, it proposed a set of strategies to strengthen national capacity to collect and report statistics, and to improve mainstreaming of gender concerns. The fourth issue highlighted (a) demographics, (b) health, (c) education, (d) work, (e) violence against women, (f) poverty, (g) human rights, and (h) decision-making, of which population, education enrollment and participation in the labor market were found to be relatively well covered by national statistical systems, while information was significantly lacking on violence against women, poverty, births and deaths. The 2005 Report recommended governments to conduct at least one census every 10 years, to establish, strengthen and maintain civil registration and vital statistics systems.

DIRECT LINK TO THE 2005 WORLD'S WOMEN REPORT IN DOWNLOADABLE PDF:

https://unstats.un.org/unsd/demographic/products/indwm/ww2005_pub/English/WW2005_text_complete_BW.pdf

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE 2005 WORLD'S WOMEN REPORT:

<https://unstats.un.org/unsd/demographic-social/products/worldswomen/ww2005pub/>

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Report on the World Social Situation (2005)

5 Aug 2005

The 2005 Report on the World Social Situation (RWSS) focused on international aspects of inequality, drawing on the ten-year review of the implementation of the Copenhagen Declaration and Programme of Action. It sounded alarm over inequality, the chasm between the formal and informal economies, the widening gap between skilled and unskilled workers, and growing disparities in health, education and

opportunities for social, economic and political participation. The 2005 Report was entitled 'The Inequality Predicament'.

DIRECT LINK TO THE 2005 REPORT ON THE WORLD SOCIAL SITUATION IN DOWNLOADABLE PDF:

<https://www.un.org/esa/socdev/rwss/docs/2005/rwss05.pdf>

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE 2005 REPORT ON THE WORLD SOCIAL SITUATION:

<https://www.un.org/development/desa/dspd/world-social-report/2005-4.html>

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International Year of Sport and Physical Education

1 Oct 2005

The International Year of Sport and Physical Education was launched in 2005 to highlight the role of sport and physical education as a means to promote education, health, development and peace. The International Year was adopted in 3 November 2003 in resolution A/RES/58/5 of the 58th Session of the General Assembly.

LINK TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 58/8 IN PDF, WITH OPTIONS TO SELECT ONE OF SIX OFFICIAL

UNITED NATIONS LANGUAGES: <https://undocs.org/A/RES/58/5>

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF SPORT AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION:

https://www.unis.unvienna.org/unis/en/activities/year_of_sport.html

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World Youth Report (2005)

15 Oct 2005

The 2005 World Youth Report regrouped the 15 priority areas identified in the previous 2003 report into three clusters to reflect a broader focus: youth in a global economy, youth in civil society and youth at risk. It called for a renewed commitment to the goals of the World Programme of Action for Youth and noted the emergence of a global media-driven youth culture and warned against negative stereotypes driving youth interventions. It encouraged Governments to develop and implement integrated youth policies, making linkages between different priority areas for youth development, and to pay attention to disadvantaged groups, such as young people with disabilities, young migrants and indigenous youth. The 2005 Report was entitled 'Young People Today, and in 2015'.

DIRECT LINK TO THE 2005 WORLD YOUTH REPORT IN DOWNLOADABLE PDF:

<https://www.un.org/esa/socdev/unyin/documents/wyr05book.pdf>

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE 2005 WORLD YOUTH REPORT:

<https://www.un.org/development/desa/youth/world-youth-report/world-youth-report-2005.html>

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International Human Solidarity Day

20 Dec 2005

The International Human Solidarity Day was launched in 2005 to highlight solidarity as one of the fundamental and universal values underlying relations between peoples in the Twenty-first century. The

International Day was adopted on 22 December 2005 in resolution A/RES/60/209 of the 60th Session of the General Assembly.

PHOTO: LOGO OF THE INTERNATIONAL HUMAN SOLIDARITY DAY

VIDEO: RECORDING OF THE CAMPAIGN OF THE 2018 INTERNATIONAL HUMAN SOLIDARITY DAY (<https://youtu.be/wx4O84i3700>) TOTAL TIME: 1 MINUTE

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LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE INTERNATIONAL HUMAN SOLIDARITY DAY: <https://www.un.org/development/desa/dspd/international-human-solidarity-day.html>

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44th Session of the Commission for Social Development

8 Feb 2006 - 17 Feb 2006

The 44th Session of the Commission for Social Development reviewed the first United Nations Decade on the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) as its priority theme. Delegates (a) noted unresolved methodological issues regarding poverty measurement and argued that better statistics are needed to raise the visibility of the poor, (b) highlighted the Decent Work Agenda of the International Labour Organization, and (c) underscored enhanced partnerships as an important development during the first Decade on the Eradication of Poverty.

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE FOURTY-FOURTH SESSION:

<https://www.un.org/development/desa/dspd/undated-nations-commission-for-social-development-csod-social-policy-and-development-division/2006-5.html>

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INSTITUTIONAL MILESTONES

Secretariat for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

16 Mar 2006

The Secretariat for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities acts a focal point within the United Nations system on matters relating to disability. It is entrusted with providing inter-governmental support and giving substantial support to technical co-operation projects and activities. The Secretariat is housed in the Division for Inclusive Social Development of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs. The United Nations programme on disability was consolidated into the Secretariat for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in March 2006.

PHOTO: DELEGATES IN WHEELCHAIR MEETING OUTSIDE THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ROOM

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE SECRETARIAT:

<https://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/about-us/our-mandates.html>

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SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT MILESTONES

Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

13 Dec 2006

The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and its Optional Protocol (A/RES/61/106) was adopted on 13 December 2006 and entered into force on 3 May 2008. As the first international human rights treaty negotiated with civil society and the first comprehensive human rights treaty of the 21st century, it delineated a broad categorization of persons with disabilities and reaffirmed that all persons with all types of disabilities must enjoy all human rights and fundamental freedoms. The Convention also delineated how all categories of rights apply to persons with disabilities. The Convention is available in various languages, including international and American sign languages.

PHOTO: LOGO OF THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONVENTION THAT READS 'CRPD 10: CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES 2006-2016'

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE CONVENTION, WITH DIFFERENT LANGUAGE OPTIONS:
<https://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/convention-on-the-rights-of-persons-with-disabilities.html>

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World Youth Report (2007)

23 Jan 2007

The 2007 World Youth Report provided a regional overview, distinct from previous reports, summarizing major youth development trends in the fifteen priority areas of the World Programme of Action for Youth, including employment, education, health, poverty and violence. It noted that the ability of youth to contribute to the development of their societies can be constrained not only by lack of capacity among youth, but also by the limited opportunities for participation in development. It identified the absence of an enabling environment for youth development and participation as a common constraint and called for promoting youth participation in areas such as employment, civic engagement, political participation and volunteerism. The 2007 Report was entitled 'Young People's Transition to Adulthood: Progress and Challenges'.

DIRECT LINK TO THE 2007 WORLD YOUTH REPORT IN DOWNLOADABLE PDF:
https://www.un.org/esa/socdev/unyin/documents/wyr07_complete.pdf

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE 2007 WORLD YOUTH REPORT:
<https://www.un.org/development/desa/youth/world-youth-report/world-youth-report-2007.html>

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45th Session of the Commission for Social Development

7 Feb 2007 - 16 Feb 2007

The 45th Session of the Commission for Social Development considered the priority theme 'Promoting Full Employment and Decent Work for All' and the emerging issues of 'Youth Employment: Impact, Challenges and Opportunities for Social Development'. The Report of the 45th Session (a) underscored that national policies for full employment and decent work should be considered in an integrated way, taking into account both demand and supply factors, (b) noted that skills improvement has to be accompanied by job creation, with emphasis on vocational and technical training, and (c) stressed that policy makers must consider not only the financial and stabilization objectives of macroeconomic policies but also the social impact of these policies.

LINK TO THE REPORT OF THE FOURTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN PDF, WITH OPTIONS TO SELECT ONE OF SIX OFFICIAL UNITED NATIONS LANGUAGES:
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LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE FOURTY-FIFTH SESSION:
<https://www.un.org/development/desa/dspd/united-nations-commission-for-social-development-csod-social-policy-and-development-division/2007-4.html>

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SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT MILESTONES

United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

13 Sep 2007

United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples was adopted by the General Assembly on 13 September 2007 (A/RES/61/295). A culmination of over twenty years of work, it is a comprehensive statement addressing the human rights of indigenous peoples. The document emphasizes the rights of indigenous peoples to live in dignity, to maintain and strengthen their own institutions, cultures and traditions and to pursue their self-determined development, in keeping with their own needs and aspirations. The Declaration is available in various languages.

PHOTO: LOGO OF THE DECLARATION THAT READS 'WE ARE INDIGENOUS'

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE DECLARATION, WITH DIFFERENT LANGUAGE OPTIONS:
<https://www.un.org/development/desa/indigenouspeoples/declaration-on-the-rights-of-indigenous-peoples.html>

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Report on the World Social Situation (2007)

27 Nov 2007

The 2007 Report on the World Social Situation (RWSS) focused on the key role of productive employment and decent work in reducing poverty and promoting social development by surveying global trends in employment. It closely examined jobless growth, global informalization of the labor market, economic and social liberalization and migration. It emphasized that political reforms and legal provisions are necessary to prevent discrimination in society in order to promote productive employment. It pointed to the need to ensure universality of social protection coverage in view of the fact that more workers are in employment situations that are casual, informal and out of standard collective contracts. The 2007 Report was entitled 'The Employment Imperative'.

DIRECT LINK TO THE 2007 REPORT ON THE WORLD SOCIAL SITUATION IN DOWNLOADABLE PDF:
https://www.un.org/esa/socdev/rwss/docs/2007/rwss07_fullreport.pdf

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE 2007 REPORT ON THE WORLD SOCIAL SITUATION:
<https://www.un.org/development/desa/dspd/world-social-report/2007-report-on-the-world-social-situation.html>

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46th Session of the Commission for Social Development

6 Feb 2008 - 15 Feb 2008

The 46th Session of the Commission for Social Development was the policy year of the biennial review and policy cycle, and considered the priority theme 'Promoting Full Employment and Decent Work for

All', along with the emerging issues of 'Mainstreaming Disability in the Development Agenda'. The Report of the 46th Session (a) noted that investing in decent work constitutes both a commitment to fairness and justice, better economic performance, more effective public policy and better governance, and (b) advocated for an inclusive dialogue on employment and social policy within a tripartite decision-making process at the national and international levels.

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[https://undocs.org/E/2008/26\(SUPP\)](https://undocs.org/E/2008/26(SUPP))

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE FOURTY-SIXTH SESSION:
<https://www.un.org/development/desa/dspd/united-nations-commission-for-social-development-csod-social-policy-and-development-division/2008-2.html>

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Second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2008-2017)

10 Sep 2008 - 10 Sep 2017

The Second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2008-2017) was proclaimed at the 62nd Session of the General Assembly on 19 December 2007 (A/RES/62/205) under the theme 'Full Employment and Decent Work for All'. Promoting employment and decent work as an effective development strategy for poverty eradication, the Second Decade called for states to expand the momentum of poverty reduction by mobilizing financial resources and sustaining economic growth. The Report of the Secretary-General recommended establishing active labor market policies that maximize the synergistic effect of employment creation, human resources development and poverty eradication.

PHOTO: PHOTOGRAPH OF A YOUNG BOY CARRYING A BUCKET ON HIS HEAD WITH A SMILE

LINK TO THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON THE SECOND DECADE IN PDF, WITH OPTIONS TO SELECT ONE OF SIX OFFICIAL UNITED NATIONS LANGUAGES: <https://undocs.org/A/71/181>

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE SECOND DECADE:
<https://www.un.org/development/desa/socialperspectiveondevelopment/united-nations-decade-for-the-eradication-of-poverty/second-united-nations-decade-for-the-eradication-of-poverty.html>

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INSTITUTIONAL MILESTONES

Conference of State Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

31 Oct 2008 - 3 Nov 2008

The Conference of State Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (COSP) was established to address substantive issues by considering any matter with regard to the implementation of the Convention.

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE CONFERENCE:
<https://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/conference-of-states-parties-to-the-convention-on-the-rights-of-persons-with-disabilities-2.html>

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47th Session of the Commission for Social Development

4 Feb 2009 - 13 Feb 2009

The 47th Session of the Commission for Social Development considered the priority theme 'Social Integration' and the emerging issues of 'Current Global Crises and their Impact on Social Development'. The Report of the 47th Session (a) noted that sustainable social integration requires comprehensive national strategies for promoting growth with equity through macroeconomic stability and public financial management, accompanied by fair and progressive tax systems and social protection mechanisms, and (b) identified the volunteerism and involvement of the civil society as the means to mainstream participation in development activities.

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LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON FOURTY-SEVENTH SESSION:

<https://www.un.org/development/desa/dspd/united-nations-commission-for-social-development-csod-social-policy-and-development-division/csod-2009.html>

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World Day of Social Justice

20 Feb 2009

World Day of Social Justice was launched in 2009 to consolidate the efforts of the international community in poverty eradication, promotion of full employment and decent work, gender equity and access to social well-being and justice for all, as envisioned in the World Summit for Social Development (2005). The World Day was adopted on 26 November 2007 in resolution A/RES/62/10 of the 63rd Session of the General Assembly

VIDEO: RECORDING OF THE PRESS CONFERENCE OF THE FORMER HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS MARY ROBINSON ON THE FIRST WORLD DAY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Ktj_clsJU)
TOTAL TIME: 3 MINUTES

LINK TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 62/10 IN PDF, WITH OPTIONS TO SELECT ONE OF SIX OFFICIAL UNITED NATIONS LANGUAGES: <https://undocs.org/A/RES/62/10>

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE WORLD DAY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE:

<https://www.un.org/development/desa/dspd/international-days/world-day-of-social-justice.html>

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International Year of Cooperatives

18 Dec 2009

The International Year of Cooperatives was launched in 2009 to highlight contribution of cooperatives to socioeconomic development, particularly their impact on poverty reduction, employment generation and social integration. Under the theme 'Cooperative Enterprises Build a Better World', the Year aimed to raise awareness, promote growth and establish appropriate policies of cooperatives. The International Year was proclaimed on 18 December 2009 in resolution A/RES/64/136 of the 64th Session of the General Assembly.

PHOTO: LOGO OF THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF COOPERATIVES

LINK TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 64/136 IN PDF, WITH OPTIONS TO SELECT ONE OF SIX OFFICIAL UNITED NATIONS LANGUAGES: <https://undocs.org/A/RES/64/136>

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF COOPERATIVES:
<https://social.un.org/coopsyear/>

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48th Session of the Commission for Social Development

3 Feb 2010 - 12 Feb 2010

The 48th Session of the Commission for Social Development was the policy year of the biennial review and policy cycle and marked the fifteenth anniversary of the World Summit for Social Development. It considered the priority theme 'Social Integration' and the emerging issues of 'Policy Responses on Employment and the Social Consequences of the Financial and Economic Crisis, including its Gender Dimension'. Delegates adopted a Resolution entitled 'Promoting Social Integration' for the first time in the Commission's history and heard from the newly appointed Special Rapporteur on Disability. They also (a) emphasized that social integration in the economic, social and cultural life is essential for the development and well-being of people, and (b) highlighted that anti-discrimination policies and legal and human rights frameworks are fundamental steps towards social integration.

DIRECT LINK TO THE RESOLUTION IN DOWNLOADABLE PDF:
<https://www.un.org/esa/socdev/csd/2010/resolutions/ecosoc2010-12.pdf>

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE FOURTY-EIGHTH SESSION:
<https://www.un.org/development/desa/dspd/united-nations-commission-for-social-development-csod-social-policy-and-development-division/csod-2010.html>

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World Youth Report (2010)

4 Feb 2010

The 2010 World Youth Report highlighted the role of young people in addressing climate change and offered suggestions on how they may be more effectively integrated within the realm of climate change adaptation and mitigation. It identified education as a crucial tool in raising environmental awareness and promoting behavior change among youth. The Report was entitled 'The Youth and Climate Change'.

DIRECT LINK TO THE 2010 WORLD YOUTH REPORT IN DOWNLOADABLE PDF:
<https://www.un.org/esa/socdev/unyin/documents/wyr10/YouthReport-FINAL-web-single.pdf>

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE 2010 WORLD YOUTH REPORT:
<https://www.un.org/development/desa/youth/world-youth-report/world-youth-report-2010.html>

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World Youth Report (2011)

16 Feb 2010

The 2011 World Youth Report explored the transition of young people from schools and training institutions into the labor market, a phase marking a critical period in the life cycle. It noted that young

people view higher educational systems and institutions as inadequately tailored to the actual dynamic needs of the labor market. It stressed that decent jobs not only contribute to young people's lifetime employment success, but have a proven multiplier effect on family well-being, the health of national economies and societies at large. It also highlighted that young people require financial and social investment to fulfill their potential, to transition into adulthood and to be active and engaged citizens. The 2011 Report was entitled 'Youth and Employment: Youth Perspectives on the Pursuit of Decent Work in Changing Times'.

DIRECT LINK TO THE 2011 WORLD YOUTH REPORT IN DOWNLOADABLE PDF:

<https://www.un.org/esa/socdev/unyin/wyr/2011/report.pdf>

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE 2011 WORLD YOUTH REPORT:

<https://www.un.org/development/desa/youth/world-youth-report/world-youth-report-2011.html>

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United Nations Inter-Agency Network on Youth Development

18 Feb 2010 - 19 Feb 2010

The United Nations Inter-Agency Network on Youth Development was launched at the first meeting of Heads of United Nations Youth Programmes in 2010. The Network consists of United Nations entities, represented primarily at the headquarters level, whose work is relevant to youth. Its aim is to increase the effectiveness of the United Nations work in youth development by strengthening collaboration and exchange among all relevant entities, while respecting and harnessing the benefits of their individual strengths and unique approaches and mandates.

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE INTER-AGENCY NETWORK ON YOUTH DEVELOPMENT:

<https://www.un.org/development/desa/youth/what-we-do/un-inter-agency-network-on-youth-development.html>

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International Year of Youth (2010-2011)

12 Aug 2010 - 11 Aug 2011

The International Year of Youth (2010-2011) was launched in 2010 to mark the 25th anniversary of the first International Year of Youth in 1985. Under the theme 'Dialogue and Mutual Understanding', the Year aimed to increase commitment to youth, promote youth participation and enhance inter-cultural dialogue and understanding among youth. The International Year was proclaimed on 18 December 2009 in resolution A/RES/64/134 of the 64th Session of the General Assembly.

PHOTO: POSTER OF THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF YOUTH THAT READS 'OUR YEAR OUR VOICE'

LINK TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 64/134 IN PDF, WITH OPTIONS TO SELECT ONE OF SIX OFFICIAL UNITED NATIONS LANGUAGES: <https://undocs.org/A/RES/64/134>

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF YOUTH:

<https://www.un.org/development/desa/youth/what-we-do/2010-2011-international-year-of-youth.html>

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The World's Women 2010 Report

20 October 2010

The World's Women 2010: Trends and Statistics report was published on the first World Statistics Day and marked the fifteenth anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women. It underscored progress towards gender equality in school enrollment, health and economic participation as well as gaps in power and decision-making and violence against women. The fifth issue highlighted (a) population and families, (b) health, (c) education, (d) work, (e) power and decision-making, (f) violence against women, (g) environment, and (h) poverty. The 2010 Report called for stronger and comprehensive statistical analysis of social phenomena and the status of women.

DIRECT LINK TO THE 2010 WORLD'S WOMEN REPORT IN DOWNLOADABLE PDF:

https://unstats.un.org/unsd/demographic-social/products/worldswomen/documents/WW_full%20report_color.pdf

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE 2010 WORLD'S WOMEN REPORT:

<https://unstats.un.org/unsd/demographic-social/products/worldswomen/ww2010pub/>

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Report on the World Social Situation (2010)

1 Nov 2010

The 2010 Report on the World Social Situation provided an overview of poverty trends over 1981-2005 and examined the conventional policy framework and poverty reduction programmes. It affirmed the need for a strategic shift away from market fundamentalist thinking towards development- and equity-oriented policies. It argued that over-reliance on market forces and economic liberalization have led to the neglect of nationally appropriate and developmentally-oriented strategies and found that a commitment to eradicating poverty and enhancing equity and social integration requires an integrated approach to economic and social policies benefiting all citizens. The 2010 Report was entitled 'Rethinking Poverty'.

DIRECT LINK TO THE 2010 REPORT ON THE WORLD SOCIAL SITUATION IN DOWNLOADABLE PDF:

<https://www.un.org/esa/socdev/rwss/docs/2010/fullreport.pdf>

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE 2010 REPORT ON THE WORLD SOCIAL SITUATION:

<https://www.un.org/development/desa/dspd/world-social-report/2010-2.html>

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United Nations Open-ended Working Group for the purpose of strengthening the protection of the human rights of older persons

21 Dec 2010

The United Nations Open-ended Working Group for the purpose of strengthening the protection of the human rights of older persons was established in the General Assembly resolution 65/182 to consider the existing international framework of the human rights of older persons and to identify instruments and measures to bridge possible gaps in their protection. The General Assembly resolution A/RES/67/139 called for a comprehensive and integral international legal instrument to promote and protect the rights and dignity of older persons.

PHOTO: PHOTOGRAPHY OF OLDER PERSONS RAISING THEIR HANDS

LINK TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 67/139 IN PDF, WITH OPTIONS TO SELECT ONE OF SIX OFFICIAL UNITED NATIONS LANGUAGES: <https://undocs.org/A/RES/67/139>

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP: <https://social.un.org/ageing-working-group/>

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

49th Session of the Commission for Social Development

9 Feb 2011 - 18 Feb 2011

The 49th Session of the Commission for Social Development considered the priority theme 'Poverty Eradication' and the emerging issues of 'Social Protection'. The Report of the 49th Session (a) referred to the World Summit for Social Development and called for macro-economic policies to fully consider the social dimension of development, including the need to reduce inequality and to promote full employment and decent work for all, (b) stressed that sustainable anti-poverty strategies require social policies that focus on all members of society, and (c) underscored the importance of building on successful experiences to scale up efforts.

LINK TO THE REPORT OF THE FOURTY-NINETH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN PDF, WITH OPTIONS TO SELECT ONE OF SIX OFFICIAL UNITED NATIONS LANGUAGES: <https://undocs.org/E/2011/26>

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE FOURTY-NINETH SESSION:

<https://www.un.org/development/desa/dspd/undated-nations-commission-for-social-development-csod-social-policy-and-development-division/csod-2011.html>

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Report on the World Social Situation (2011)

1 Jun 2011

The 2011 Report on the World Social Situation delved into the social implications of the global economic crisis and found that economic policies considered in isolation from their social consequences often create dire results for people's nutrition, health and education, which, in turn, adversely affect long-term economic growth. It warned of the possibility of continuing global social crisis of threatening the sustainability of a recovery. It concluded that increasing expenditure to expand social protection and improve access to education and health services will help ensure more inclusive development with stronger domestic demand and more solid foundation for future growth. The 2011 Report was entitled 'The Global Social Crisis'.

DIRECT LINK TO THE 2011 REPORT ON THE WORLD SOCIAL SITUATION IN DOWNLOADABLE PDF:

<https://www.un.org/esa/socdev/rwss/docs/2011/rwss2011.pdf>

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE 2011 REPORT ON THE WORLD SOCIAL SITUATION:

<https://www.un.org/development/desa/dspd/world-social-report/2011-2.html>

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World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

15 Jun 2011

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day was launched in 2011 following a request by the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse to voice opposition to the abuse and suffering inflicted to some of our older generations. The World Day was adopted on 19 December 2011 in resolution A/RES/66/127 of the 66th Session of the General Assembly.

PHOTO: POSTER OF THE WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY WITH PICTURES OF OLDER PERSONS AND FAMILY THAT READS 'ONE PERSON, ONE ACTION, ONE NATION: UNITED AGAINST ELDER ABUSE'

VIDEO: RECORDING OF AGING IN ARMENIA (https://youtu.be/qF_0HDKQyTo) TOTAL TIME: 5 MINUTES

LINK TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 66/127 IN PDF, WITH OPTIONS TO SELECT ONE OF SIX OFFICIAL UNITED NATIONS LANGUAGES: <https://undocs.org/A/RES/66/127>

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY: <https://www.un.org/development/desa/ageing/world-elder-abuse-awareness-day.html>

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High-level Meeting on Youth

25 Jul 2011 - 26 Jul 2011

The high-level Meeting on Youth was held by the General Assembly as part of the International Year of Youth with an overarching theme of "Youth: Dialogue and Mutual Understanding." Panel discussions were conducted on the themes of (a) strengthening international cooperation regarding youth and enhancing dialogue, mutual understanding and active youth participation as indispensable elements towards achieving social integration, full employment and the eradication of poverty, and (b) challenges to youth development and opportunities for poverty eradication, employment and sustainable development.

PHOTO: YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE OF BRAZIL ADDRESSING THE HIGH-LEVEL MEETING

VIDEO: RECORDING OF THE YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE OF BRAZIL DELIVERING A SPEECH AT THE HIGH-LEVEL MEETING (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sh-Vs3XIRwA>) TOTAL TIME: 2 MINUTES

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE HIGH-LEVEL MEETING ON YOUTH: <https://www.un.org/development/desa/youth/what-we-do/international-year-of-youth-aug-2010-aug-2011/high-level-meeting-on-youth.html>

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50th Session of the Commission for Social Development

1 Feb 2012 - 10 Feb 2012

The 50th Session of the Commission for Social Development was the policy year of the biennial review and policy cycle, and considered the priority theme, 'Poverty Eradication'. The Report of the 50th Session (a) noted that deregulation, liberalization, privatization and restrictive macroeconomic policies have failed to address the root causes of poverty and their linkages to inequality, (b) warned that unequal social relations and processes of economic, social and political exclusion and marginalization compound the poverty predicament, (c) underscored that countries must transition funding programs from international to domestic sources to ensure legitimacy and long-term stability of social protection, and (d) highlighted the European Year for Active Ageing and Solidarity between Generations.

LINK TO THE REPORT OF THE FIFTIETH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN PDF, WITH OPTIONS TO SELECT ONE OF SIX OFFICIAL UNITED NATIONS LANGUAGES: <https://undocs.org/E/2012/26>

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE FIFTIETH SESSION:

<https://www.un.org/development/desa/dspd/united-nations-commission-for-social-development-csod-social-policy-and-development-division/2012-2.html>

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UNITED NATIONS OBSERVANCES

International Day of Happiness

20 Mar 2012

The International Day of Happiness was launched in 2012 to recognize the relevance of happiness and well-being as universal goals and aspirations in the lives of human beings around the world and the importance of their recognition in public policy objectives. The International Day was adopted on 28 June 2012 in resolution A/RES/66/281 of the 66th Session of the General Assembly, following the High-Level Meeting on Happiness and Well-being, convened by the Kingdom of Bhutan.

PHOTO: ANIMATED CAMPAIGN MATERIALS SHOWING PHOTOGRAPHS OF PEOPLE SMILING

VIDEO: RECORDING OF VIDEO PORTRAITS FROM ITALY, INDIA, SOUTH AFRICA, ALGERIA, CAMBODIA, CHAD AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO MARK THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF HAPPINESS IN 2015

(<https://youtu.be/jaQN0TaxU7I>) TOTAL TIME: 3 MINUTES

LINK TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 66/281 IN PDF, WITH OPTIONS TO SELECT ONE OF SIX OFFICIAL UNITED NATIONS LANGUAGES: <https://undocs.org/A/RES/66/281>

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF HAPPINESS:

<https://www.un.org/development/desa/dspd/international-days/international-day-of-happiness.html>

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development

27 Jul 2012

The United Nations High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development was mandated in 2012 to meet annually under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council and every four years at the level of Heads of State and Government under the auspices of the General Assembly. It is the main United Nations platform on sustainable development and has a central role in the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development the Sustainable Development Goals at the global level.

VIDEO: RECORDING ON THE PROMOTIONAL VIDEO PRIOR TO THE 2018 HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (<https://youtu.be/qHyAZX95k8A>) TOTAL TIME: 2 MINUTES

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM:

<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/hlpf>

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

51st Session of the Commission for Social Development

6 Feb 2013 - 15 Feb 2013

The 51st Session of the Commission for Social Development considered the priority theme 'Promoting Empowerment of People in Achieving Poverty Eradication, Social Integration and Full Employment and Decent Work for All' and the emerging issues of 'The Social Dimension in the Global Development Agenda'. The Report of the 51st Session (a) highlighted that empowerment should go beyond group-specific approaches and aim to embrace a holistic venue so as to focus on people-centered development as a comprehensive object of the development agenda and (b) called for an enabling environment through inclusive and comprehensive policies and strategies, strong and efficient institutions and legal framework.

VIDEO: RECORDING OF INTERVIEWS WITH THE BUREAU MEMBERS OF THE 51ST COMMISSION
(<https://youtu.be/9Oegh29I9Ec>) TOTAL TIME: 3 MINUTES

LINK TO THE REPORT OF THE FIFTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN PDF, WITH OPTIONS TO SELECT ONE OF SIX OFFICIAL UNITED NATIONS LANGUAGES: <https://undocs.org/E/2013/26>

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE FIFTY-FIRST SESSION:
<https://www.un.org/development/desa/dspd/united-nations-commission-for-social-development-csocd-social-policy-and-development-division/51st-session-of-the-commission-for-social-development.html>

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World Youth Report (2013)

16 Feb 2013

The 2013 World Youth Report developed through a range of participatory consultations to recognize the diversity and to highlight the concerns, challenges and successes experienced by and as told by youth migrants. It examined youth migrants' experiences during different phases of migration, including preparation, journey and transit, challenges faced in the destination as well as awareness and engagement of young people on migration issues. It noted that young people are crucial stakeholders in the pursuit of successful migration outcomes and that while youth are especially vulnerable to the risks and dangers associated with migration, their capacity as agents of social change and development should not be underestimated. It recommended that an increased commitment among young people, youth-led organizations and greater political will of decision makers at all levels are needed for meaningful youth participation in migration and development policy planning, and that promoting awareness of young people and to enable their full engagement in migration-centered initiatives can facilitate their experience and enable them to assume ownership of their contribution to development. The 2013 Report was entitled 'Youth and Migration'.

DIRECT LINK TO THE 2013 WORLD YOUTH REPORT IN DOWNLOADABLE PDF:
<https://www.un.org/esa/socdev/unyin/wyr/2013/report.pdf>

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE 2013 WORLD YOUTH REPORT:
<https://www.un.org/development/desa/youth/world-youth-report/2013-2.html>

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International Day of Sport for Development and Peace

6 Apr 2013

The International Day of Sport for Development and Peace was launched in 2013 to recognize the positive influence of sport on the advancement of peace, human rights, and social and economic development. The International Day was adopted on 23 August 2013 in resolution A/RES/67/296 of the 67th Session of the General Assembly.

LINK TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 67/296 IN PDF, WITH OPTIONS TO SELECT ONE OF SIX OFFICIAL UNITED NATIONS LANGUAGES: <https://undocs.org/A/RES/67/296>

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF SPORT FOR DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE: <https://www.un.org/en/events/sportday/index.shtml>

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Report on the World Social Situation (2013)

3 Jun 2013

The 2013 Report on the World Social Situation built on the 2005 RWSS on inequality and emphasized that addressing inequalities is not only a moral imperative but necessary to unleash the human and productive potential and to bring development towards a socially-sustainable path. To that end, it examined social, economic and spatial inequality trends and highlighted inequalities within and across countries to show the cumulative, mutually-reinforcing effects of inequality on the systematic lack of participation and on the intergenerational transmission of poverty. It also discussed the role of economic and political institutions in promoting participation and empowerment. The 2013 Report was entitled 'Inequality Matters'.

DIRECT LINK TO THE 2013 REPORT ON THE WORLD SOCIAL SITUATION IN DOWNLOADABLE PDF:

<https://www.un.org/esa/socdev/documents/reports/InequalityMatters.pdf>

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE 2013 REPORT ON THE WORLD SOCIAL SITUATION:

<https://www.un.org/development/desa/dspd/world-social-report/2013-report-on-the-world-social-situation.html>

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

High-level Meeting on Disability and Development

23 Sep 2013

The High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on Disability and Development convened under the theme 'The way forward: a disability inclusive development agenda towards 2015 and beyond'. The outcome document (A/68/L.1) stressed the need to ensure accessibility for and inclusion of persons with disabilities in all aspects of development and of giving them due consideration in the emerging post-2015 UN development agenda. It also underlined the need for all relevant stakeholders to urgently take action towards the adoption and implementation of more ambitious disability-inclusive national development strategies with disability-targeted actions. The Outcome Document is available in accessible media formats.

VIDEO: RECORDING OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF CIVIL SOCIETY ATTENDING THE HIGH-LEVEL MEETING

https://youtu.be/E82PzJXO_G8 TOTAL TIME: 4 MINUTES

LINK TO THE OUTCOME DOCUMENT IN ACCESSIBLE MEDIA FORMATS:

<https://www.un.org/disabilities/documents/hlmd/daisy/readme.html>

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE HIGH-LEVEL MEETING:

<https://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/resources/high-level-meeting-of-the-general-assembly-on-disability-and-development-23-september-2013.html>

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UNITED NATIONS OBSERVANCES

Twentieth Anniversary of the International Year of the Family

1 Jan 2014 - 1 Dec 2014

The Twentieth Anniversary of the International Year of the Family was launched in 2014 under the theme 'Families Matter for the Achievement of Development Goals'. The preparations for and observance of the twentieth anniversary of the International Year of the Family focused on exploring family-oriented policies and strategies aiming mainly at confronting family poverty; ensuring work-family balance and advancing social integration and intergenerational solidarity. The preparatory process and the 2014 observance helped to accelerate progress in family policy development and demonstrated its relevance for overall development efforts. The Twentieth Anniversary was adopted on 18 December 2014 in resolution A/RES/69/144 of the 69th Session of the General Assembly.

LINK TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 69/144 IN PDF, WITH OPTIONS TO SELECT ONE OF SIX OFFICIAL UNITED NATIONS LANGUAGES: <https://undocs.org/A/RES/69/144>

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE FAMILY: <https://www.un.org/development/desa/family/twentieth-anniversary-of-the-international-year-of-family-2014.html>

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52nd Session of the Commission for Social Development

11 Feb 2014 - 21 Feb 2014

The 52nd Session of the Commission for Social Development was the policy year of the biennial review and policy cycle and marked the twentieth anniversary of the International Year of the Family. It considered the priority theme of 'Promoting Empowerment of People in Achieving Poverty Eradication, Social Integration and Full Employment and Decent Work for All' and the emerging issues of 'The Social Drivers of Sustainable Development'. The Report of the 52nd Session (a) highlighted the need to integrate social, economic and environmental dimensions of development in a balanced manner, taking into account the need for the empowerment of people, in particular, vulnerable and marginalized social groups and persons, (b) emphasized that gender equality, democratic governance and the rule of law are means for achieving sustainable development, (c) underscored the importance of inclusive and sustainable economic growth, and (d) stressed governments to adopt an empowering approach to policy making and implementation through participatory mechanisms.

VIDEO: RECORDING OF INTERVIEWS WITH BUREAU MEMBERS OF THE 52ND SESSION:

(<https://youtu.be/DEclF7w1VjU>) TOTAL TIME: 3 MINUTES

LINK TO THE REPORT OF THE FIFTY-SECOND SESSION OF THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN PDF, WITH OPTIONS TO SELECT ONE OF SIX OFFICIAL UNITED NATIONS LANGUAGES: <https://undocs.org/E/2014/26>

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE FIFTY-SECOND SESSION:

<https://www.un.org/development/desa/dspd/united-nations-commission-for-social-development-csocd-social-policy-and-development-division/52nd-session-of-the-commission-for-social-development.html>

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International Day of Families in 2014

15 May 2014

The International Day of Families in 2014 marked the twentieth anniversary of the International Year of the Family, which was established to raise awareness of the importance of families, promote knowledge of socio economic and demographic trends affecting families and stimulate efforts to respond to challenges faced by families. The International Day was commemorated under the theme, 'Families Matter for the Achievement of Development Goals; International Year of the Family + 20'.

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FAMILIES IN 2014:

<https://www.un.org/development/desa/family/international-day-of-families/2014-3.html>

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World Conference on Indigenous Peoples

22 Sep 2014 - 23 Sep 2014

The World Conference on Indigenous Peoples was convened in 2014 to share perspectives and best practices on the realization of the rights of indigenous peoples, including pursuing the objectives of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. The Outcome Document (A/RES/69/2) delineated action-oriented recommendations to advance the rights of indigenous peoples

PHOTO: CHIEF OF THE ONONDAGA NATION DELIVERING THE CEREMONIAL WELCOME TO PARTICIPANTS AT THE OPENING OF THE WORLD CONFERENCE ON INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

LINK TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 69/2 IN PDF, WITH OPTIONS TO SELECT ONE OF SIX OFFICIAL UNITED NATIONS LANGUAGES: <https://undocs.org/A/RES/69/2>

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE WORLD CONFERENCE ON INDIGENOUS PEOPLES:

<https://www.un.org/development/desa/indigenouspeoples/about-us/world-conference.html>

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53rd Session of the Commission for Social Development

4 Feb 2015 - 13 Feb 2015

The 53rd Session of the Commission for Social Development marked the twentieth anniversary of the World Summit for Social Development, and for the first time in its history, invited a youth representative to make an intervention. The session considered the priority theme, 'Rethinking and Strengthening Social Development in the Contemporary World' and the emerging issues of 'Contributions of Social Development to the Transition from the Millennium Development Goals to the Sustainable Development Goals'. The Report of the 53rd Session (a) highlighted the need to adopt a life-course approach to the post-2015 development agenda, (b) suggested the Commission to provide an accountability framework for partnership with and monitoring of business under the Sustainable Development Goals agenda, and (c) tasked the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs to focus on capturing the needs of the most vulnerable populations during the transition to sustainable development.

VIDEO: RECORDING OF AN INTERVIEW WITH H.E. AMBASSADOR SIMONA MIRELA MICULESCU, CHAIR OF THE BUREAU OF THE 53RD SESSION (<https://youtu.be/nxAqUoldpW4>) TOTAL TIME: 5 MINUTES

LINK TO THE REPORT OF THE FIFTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN PDF, WITH OPTIONS TO SELECT ONE OF SIX OFFICIAL UNITED NATIONS LANGUAGES: <https://undocs.org/E/2015/26>

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE FIFTY-THIRD SESSION:
<https://www.un.org/development/desa/dspd/united-nations-commission-for-social-development-csocd-social-policy-and-development-division/53rd-session-of-the-commission-for-social-development-csocd53-2.html>

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World Youth Report (2015)

12 Feb 2015

The 2015 World Youth Report explored young people's participation in economic, political and community life, in response to growing interest in, and an increased policy focus on, youth civic engagement among young people, governments and researchers. It intended to serve as an impetus and tool for dialogue, policy discussion and action between youth and government, and provided thematic insights on economic, political and community engagement. The 2015 Report was entitled 'Youth Civic Engagement'.

DIRECT LINK TO THE 2015 WORLD YOUTH REPORT IN DOWNLOADABLE PDF:
<https://www.un.org/esa/socdev/unyin/wyr/2015/report.pdf>

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE 2015 WORLD YOUTH REPORT:
<https://www.un.org/development/desa/youth/world-youth-report/2015-2.html>

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Sustainable Development Goals

25 Sep 2015 - 27 Sep 2015

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) was adopted by all United Nations Member States in 2015, and provides a shared blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet. The SDGs build on decades of work by countries and the United Nations, including the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs. The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development was informed by the World Summit for Social Development and took a more comprehensive approach enveloping the three dimensions of sustainable development in the Summit, with poverty eradication still remaining at the very core.

VIDEO: RECORDING ON 17 SDGS (<https://youtu.be/OXTBYMfZyrM>) TOTAL TIME: 1 MINUTE

LINK TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 70/1 IN PDF, WITH OPTIONS TO SELECT ONE OF SIX OFFICIAL UNITED NATIONS LANGUAGES: <https://undocs.org/A/RES/70/1>

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE 2030 AGENDA: <https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/>

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The World's Women 2015 Report

20 October 2015

The World's Women 2015: Trends and Statistics report was published on World Statistics Day in 2015 and introduced a life-cycle approach to review progress towards gender equality over the past 20 years. It marked an increase in the availability of data for gender analysis as well as major gaps in terms of data availability, quality and comparability. The sixth issue highlighted (a) population and families, (b) health, (c) education, (d) work, (e) power and decision-making, (f) violence against women, (g) environment and (h) poverty, as well as new and emerging methodological developments. The 2015 Report called for improvements in women's representation and inclusion decision-making spaces.

DIRECT LINK TO THE 2015 WORLD'S WOMEN REPORT IN DOWNLOADABLE PDF:
https://unstats.un.org/unsd/gender/downloads/worldswomen2015_report.pdf

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE 2015 WORLD'S WOMEN REPORT:
<https://unstats.un.org/unsd/gender/worldswomen.html>

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Twentieth Anniversary of the World Summit for Social Development

11 Dec 2015

The Twentieth Anniversary of the World Summit for Social Development was commemorated at the 70th Session of the General Assembly. Member States acknowledged that in the transition from the Millennium Development Goals to the sustainable development goals, it is high time to rethink and strengthen social development to ensure that the holistic, integrated, transformative and people-centred approach adopted at the Summit are fully integrated into the post-2015 sustainable development agenda. The Report of the Secretary-General highlighted the role of the Commission for Social Development as the intergovernmental body responsible for the follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development. It also summarized the Commission's deliberations on the contributions of social development in the transition from the Millennium Development Goals to the sustainable development goals, integrating its social, economic and environmental dimensions, and forwardlooking strategies to strengthen the social dimensions of sustainable development.

VIDEO: RECORDING ON THE TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY (<https://youtu.be/88FAcFpQ-nY>) TOTAL TIME: 3 MINUTES

LINK TO THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON THE TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY IN PDF, WITH OPTIONS TO SELECT ONE OF SIX OFFICIAL UNITED NATIONS LANGUAGES: <http://undocs.org/A/70/173>

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WORLD SUMMIT:
<https://www.un.org/development/desa/dspd/2015/12/unga-marks-the-20th-anniversary-of-the-world-summit-for-social-development/>

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54th Session of the Commission for Social Development

3 Feb 2016 - 12 Feb 2016

The 54th Session of the Commission for Social Development was devoted to the policy segment of the biennial review and cycle and was the first session after the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. It considered the priority theme, 'was devoted to the policy segment of the biennial review and cycle and was the first session after the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development' and the emerging issues of 'Implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable

Development: Moving Commitments to Results for Achieving Social Development'. The Report of the 54th Session highlighted that delegates (a) addressed the social consequences of globalization, technological change, environmental degradation, weak economic growth and the end of the commodity boom, (b) emphasized the need to strengthen the social dimension of sustainable development and recalibrate its interaction with the economic and environmental pillars, and (c) underscored the importance of strong coordination and cooperation at the international, regional and national levels on social development.

VIDEO: RECORDING OF INTERVIEWS WITH MEMBERS OF THE BUREAU OF THE 54TH SESSION
(<https://youtu.be/NtZekunJalY>) TOTAL TIME: 4 MINUTES

LINK TO THE REPORT OF THE FIFTY-FOURTH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN PDF, WITH OPTIONS TO SELECT ONE OF SIX OFFICIAL UNITED NATIONS LANGUAGES:
<https://undocs.org/E/CN.5/2016/L.2>

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE FIFTY-FOURTH SESSION:
<https://www.un.org/development/desa/dspd/united-nations-commission-for-social-development-csocd-social-policy-and-development-division/54th-session-of-the-commission-for-social-development-csocd54.html>

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System-wide Action Plan on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

9 May 2016 - 20 May 2016

The System-wide action plan for ensuring a coherent approach to achieving the ends of the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples was developed by the Inter-Agency Support Group on Indigenous Issues. The Action Plan covers six elements, to (a) raise awareness of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, (b) support the implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, (c) support the realization of indigenous peoples' rights in the implementation and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, (d) map existing standards and guidelines, capacities, training materials and resources within the United Nations System and beyond for the effective implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, (e) develop the capacities of States, indigenous peoples, civil society and United Nations personnel, and (f) advance the participation of indigenous peoples in the United Nations processes. The Action Plan is available in all official languages of the United Nations.

PHOTO: DELEGATE OF THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES ORGANIZATION ADDRESSING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LINK TO THE ACTION PLAN IN PDF, WITH OPTIONS TO SELECT ONE OF SIX OFFICIAL UNITED NATIONS LANGUAGES:
<https://undocs.org/E/C.19/2016/5>

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE SYSTEM-WIDE ACTION PLAN:
<https://www.un.org/development/desa/indigenouspeoples/about-us/system-wide-action-plan.html>

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Report on the World Social Situation (2016)

17 Nov 2016

The 2016 Report on the World Social Situation examined patterns of social exclusion and assessed whether growth and development processes have been inclusive, paying particular attention to the links

between poverty and inequality trends, changes in the world of work and inclusion. It highlighted social and macroeconomic policy options to promote inclusive development. A key recommendation reiterated the importance of universal social policies and inclusive institutions, and underscored the need for changing social, cultural and political norms. The 2016 Report was entitled 'Leaving No One Behind: The Imperative of Inclusive Development'.

DIRECT LINK TO THE 2016 REPORT ON THE WORLD SOCIAL SITUATION IN DOWNLOADABLE PDF:

<https://www.un.org/esa/socdev/rwss/2016/full-report.pdf>

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE 2016 REPORT ON THE WORLD SOCIAL SITUATION:

<https://www.un.org/development/desa/dspd/world-social-report/rwss2016.html>

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Tenth Anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

1 Dec 2016

The Tenth Anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities was launched in 2016 to celebrate the progress made through the Convention, such as mainstreaming the rights, needs and perspective of persons with disability in development frameworks. The Tenth Anniversary was proclaimed on 17 December 2015 in resolution A/RES/70/145 of the 70th Session of the General Assembly.

VIDEO: RECORDING OF THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY (<https://youtu.be/Cu4kfX0RSr0>) TOTAL TIME: 2 MINUTES

LINK TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 70/145 IN PDF, WITH OPTIONS TO SELECT ONE OF SIX OFFICIAL UNITED NATIONS LANGUAGES: <https://undocs.org/A/RES/70/145>

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY:

<https://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/convention-on-the-rights-of-persons-with-disabilities/the-10th-anniversary-of-the-adoption-of-convention-on-the-rights-of-persons-with-disabilities-crpd-crpd-10.html>

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55th Session of the Commission for Social Development

1 Feb 2017 - 10 Feb 2017

The 55th Session of the Commission for Social Development addressed the priority theme for the 2017-2018 review and policy cycle, 'Strategies for Eradicating Poverty to Achieve Sustainable Development for All', and the emerging issues of 'Promoting Integrated Policies for Poverty Eradication: Youth Development in the 2030 Agenda'. The Report of the 55th Session highlighted that delegates (a) called on the international community to bolster its commitments to eradicate poverty and fully implement the 2030 Agenda, and (b) noted that the 2030 Agenda is connected to the rights of vulnerable groups, who often lack political power and opportunities.

VIDEO: RECORDING OF INTERVIEWS WITH MEMBERS OF THE BUREAU OF THE 55TH SESSION

(https://youtu.be/aR0B_MadH6c) TOTAL TIME: 5 MINUTES

LINK TO THE REPORT OF THE FIFTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN PDF, WITH OPTIONS TO SELECT ONE OF SIX OFFICIAL UNITED NATIONS LANGUAGES: <https://undocs.org/E/2017/26>

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE FIFTY-FIFTH SESSION:

<https://www.un.org/development/desa/dspd/united-nations-commission-for-social-development-csod-social-policy-and-development-division/csod55.html>

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Kazan Action Plan

13 Jul 2017 - 15 Jul 2017

The Kazan Action Plan was adopted at the Sixth International Conference of Ministers and Senior Officials Responsible for Physical Education and Sport. The Action Plan and its follow-up framework are oriented along three policy areas that address inclusive access for all to sport, physical education and physical activity, maximizing the contributions of sport to sustainable development and peace and protecting the integrity of sport. In the Action Plan, the alignment of the sport sector and of sport-based initiatives with sustainable development priorities is encouraged and specific development areas for which there is evidence that sport has a significant impact are outlined.

PHOTO: CHILDREN PLAYING FOOTBALL

VIDEO: RECORDING OF THE SIXTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS AND SENIOR OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORT (<https://youtu.be/d-Na5VGuHuU>) TOTAL TIME: 2 MINUTES

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON SPORT FOR DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE:

<https://www.un.org/development/desa/dspd/sport-development-peace.html>

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International Day of Sign Languages

19 Dec 2017

The International Day of Sign Languages was launched in 2017 to support and protect the linguistic identity and cultural diversity of all sign language users. It is celebrated as part of the International Week of the Deaf, which takes place on 24-30 September. The International Day was proclaimed on 19 December 2017 in resolution A/RES/72/161 of the 72nd Session of the General Assembly.

VIDEO: RECORDING OF A DISABILITY ADVOCATE DELIVERING A MESSAGE ON THE INTERNATIONAL DAY (<https://youtu.be/qO-ybCQQFI>) TOTAL TIME: 1 MINUTE

LINK TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION IN PDF, WITH OPTIONS TO SELECT ONE OF SIX OFFICIAL UNITED NATIONS LANGUAGES: <https://undocs.org/A/RES/72/161>

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF SIGN LANGUAGES:

<https://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/news/news/sign-languages.html>

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Third United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2018-2027)

20 Dec 2017

The Third United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2018-2027) was proclaimed at the 72nd Session of the General Assembly on 20 December 2017 (A/RES/72/233) under the theme 'Accelerating Global Actions for a World without Poverty'. Placing importance on institutional and policy coherence, a

system-wide plan of action for the Third Decade identified core principles for collaborative inter-agency action. The Report of the Secretary-General recommended implementing joint programming, mainstreaming gender perspectives, and strengthening partnership and cooperation.

PHOTO: LOGO OF THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 1: END POVERTY IN ALL FORMS EVERYWHERE

LINK TO THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON THE THIRD DECADE IN PDF, WITH OPTIONS TO SELECT ONE OF SIX OFFICIAL UNITED NATIONS LANGUAGES: <https://undocs.org/A/73/298>

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE THIRD DECADE: <https://www.un.org/development/desa/socialperspectiveondevelopment/united-nations-decade-for-the-eradication-of-poverty/third.html>

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System-wide Plan of Action for the Third United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty

19 Jan 2018

The System-wide Plan of Action for the Third United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2018-2027) was adopted to address the response of the United Nations System to the theme of the Third Decade, including an inter-agency, system wide plan of action to coordinate the efforts of the United Nations. It contained recommendations concerning how to make the Decade effective in support of the poverty eradication-related internationally agreed development goals, including the Sustainable Development Goals. The Plan of Action is founded on ten basic principles and covers seven thematic policy areas.

DIRECT LINK TO THE SYSTEM-WIDE PLAN OF ACTION IN DOWNLOADABLE PDF:

<https://www.un.org/development/desa/dspd/wp-content/uploads/sites/22/2019/07/UN-System-wide-Plan-of-Action-for-the-Third-UN-Decade-for-the-Eradication-of-Poverty-27-June-2019.pdf>

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE SYSTEM-SIDE ACTION PLAN:

<https://www.un.org/development/desa/socialperspectiveondevelopment/united-nations-decade-for-the-eradication-of-poverty/swap3rd.html>

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

56th Session of the Commission for Social Development

29 Jan 2018 - 7 Feb 2018

The 56th Session of the Commission for Social Development considered the priority theme, 'Strategies for Eradicating Poverty to Achieve Sustainable Development for All' and the emerging issues of 'Innovation and Inter-connectivity for Social Development'. The Report of the 56th Session highlighted the discussions on the priority theme, whereby delegates addressed the root causes of poverty and innovative strategies on its eradication. On emerging issues, delegates addressed the opportunities and challenges of innovation and technological advances as they relate to social progress.

VIDEO: RECORDING OF THE OPENING REMARKS BY THE DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL AMINA J. MOHAMMED AT THE 56TH SESSION (<https://youtu.be/QhS6kTc0Szg>) TOTAL TIME: 6 MINUTES

LINK TO THE REPORT OF THE FIFTY-SIXTH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN PDF, WITH OPTIONS TO SELECT ONE OF SIX OFFICIAL UNITED NATIONS LANGUAGES: <https://undocs.org/E/2018/26>

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE FIFTY-SIXTH SESSION:

<https://www.un.org/development/desa/dspd/united-nations-commission-for-social-development-csod-social-policy-and-development-division/csod56.html>

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Report on the World Social Situation (2018)

7 Sep 2018

The 2018 Report on the World Social Situation discussed the contribution of social protection to social inclusion, focusing, in particular, on the extent to which children, youth, older persons, persons with disabilities, ethnic minorities, indigenous peoples, and international migrants are effectively covered by existing social protection mechanisms. The 2018 Report was entitled 'Promoting Inclusion Through Social Protection'.

DIRECT LINK TO THE 2018 REPORT ON THE WORLD SOCIAL SITUATION IN DOWNLOADABLE PDF:

<https://www.un.org/development/desa/dspd/wp-content/uploads/sites/22/2018/07/1-1.pdf>

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE 2018 REPORT ON THE WORLD SOCIAL SITUATION:

<https://www.un.org/development/desa/dspd/world-social-report/2018-2.html>

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World Youth Report (2018)

19 Nov 2018

The 2018 World Youth Report examined the mutually supportive roles of the new agenda and current youth development efforts and how evidence-based youth policies can help accelerate youth-related objectives. It focused primarily on the areas of education and employment, underlining the realization of targets under the Sustainable Development Goals as fundamental to overall youth development. It noted that evidence-based youth policies, tailored and adapted to national and (where possible) local contexts, help ensure that youth development challenges are addressed. It underlined the need to strengthen youth participation mechanisms to facilitate young people's engagement in policies and activities that enhance sustainable development efforts. It suggested that the new development landscape offers innumerable opportunities for young people to thrive, when coupled with existing efforts to advance youth policy development and implementation, both through targeted youth policies and the mainstreaming of youth issues. The 2018 Report was entitled 'Youth and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development'.

DIRECT LINK TO THE 2018 WORLD YOUTH REPORT IN DOWNLOADABLE PDF: <http://www.un.org/development/desa/youth/wp-content/uploads/sites/21/2018/12/WorldYouthReport-2030Agenda.pdf>

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE 2018 WORLD YOUTH REPORT:

<https://www.un.org/development/desa/youth/world-youth-report/wyr2018.html>

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Flagship Report on Disability and Sustainable Development Goals

3 Dec 2018

The United Nations Flagship Report on Disability and Sustainable Development Goals was the first-ever flagship report on disability and the Sustainable Development Goals. The Report underscored that concrete action is needed to include persons with disabilities as agents of development. The Flagship Report is also available in Accessible PDF.

DIRECT LINK TO THE FLAGSHIP REPORT IN DOWNLOADABLE PDF: <https://social.un.org/publications/UN-Flagship-Report-Disability-Final.pdf>

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE FLAGSHIP REPORT ON DISABILITY: <https://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/publication-disability-sdgs.html>

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57th Session of the Commission for Social Development

11 Feb 2019 - 21 Feb 2019

The 57th Session of the Commission for Social Development considered the priority theme, 'Addressing Inequalities and Challenges to Social Inclusion through Fiscal, Wage and Social Protection Policies', and the emerging issues of 'The Empowerment of People Affected by Natural and Human-made Disasters to Reduce Inequality: Addressing the Differential Impact on Persons with Disabilities, Older Persons and Youth'. The Report of the 58th Session highlighted the deliberations of the panel discussions, ministerial forum on social protection, and the interactive dialogue with senior officials of the United Nations, delegates.

VIDEO: RECORDING OF THE INTERVIEW WITH AMBASSADOR CHEIKH NIANG, CHAIR OF THE BUREAU OF THE 57TH SESSION (<https://youtu.be/guDn1e8a8nQ>) TOTAL TIME: 1 MINUTE

LINK TO THE REPORT OF THE FIFTY-EIGHTH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN PDF, WITH OPTIONS TO SELECT ONE OF SIX OFFICIAL UNITED NATIONS LANGUAGES: <https://undocs.org/E/CN.5/2019/10>

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE FIFTY-SEVENTH SESSION: <https://www.un.org/development/desa/dspd/undated-nations-commission-for-social-development-csod-social-policy-and-development-division/csod57.html>

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United Nations Disability Inclusion Strategy

11 Jun 2019

The United Nations Disability Inclusion Strategy was launched at the 12th Session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in 2019. The Strategy provides a foundation for sustainable and transformative progress on disability inclusion through all pillars of the work of the United Nations and supports the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and other international human rights instruments. The Strategy is available in accessible formats and in all six official languages of the United Nations.

VIDEO: UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY-GENERAL'S MESSAGE ON THE STRATEGY (<https://youtu.be/LDbPgSWwEuU>) TOTAL TIME: 1 MINUTE

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE STRATEGY, WITH DIFFERENT LANGUAGE OPTIONS:
<https://www.un.org/en/content/disabilitystrategy/>

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Sustainable Development Goals Summit

24 Sep 2019 - 25 Sep 2019

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Summit convened in 2019 as a High-level Political Forum under the 74th Session of the General Assembly to accelerate the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. It was the first United Nations summit on the SDGs since the adoption of the 2030 Agenda in September 2015. The Political Declaration reaffirmed the Member States' commitment to implement the 2030 Agenda.

VIDEO: RECORDING OF THE PROMOTIONAL VIDEO OF THE SUMMIT

(https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/content/sdgsummit/images/2019_SDG_Summit_Promo.mp4) TOTAL TIME: 2 MINUTES

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE POLITICAL DECLARATION: <https://www.un.org/pga/73/2019/06/10/political-declaration-of-hlpf-under-the-auspices-of-the-general-assembly/>

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE SDGS SUMMIT:

<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/sdgsummit>

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World Social Report (2020)

1 Jan 2020

The World Social Report (forthcoming), previously Report on the World Social Situation, will examine the impact of four megatrends on inequality: technological innovation, climate change, urbanization and international migration. The World Social Report is entitled 'The Challenge of Inequality in a Rapidly Changing World'.

PHOTO: PHOTOGRAPH OF A YOUNG GIRL HOLDING HER HANDS

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE 2020 WORLD SOCIAL REPORT:

<https://www.un.org/development/desa/dspd/world-social-report/2020-2.html>

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58th Session of the Commission for Social Development

10 Feb 2020 - 19 Feb 2020

The 58th Session of the Commission for Social Development celebrates the 75th anniversary of the Commission and the 25th anniversary of the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development, with the priority theme, 'Affordable Housing and Social Protection Systems for all to Address Homelessness'.

LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS WEBSITE ON THE FIFTY-EIGHTH SESSION:

<https://www.un.org/development/desa/dspd/united-nations-commission-for-social-development-csod-social-policy-and-development-division/csod58.html>