



The United Nations Division for Social Policy and Development (DSPD),
in partnership with the NGO Committee on Social Development (NGO CsocD),
cordially invites you to attend a high-level panel discussion:

STRATEGIES FOR ERADICATING POVERTY TO ACHIEVE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FOR ALL: THE CASE OF WESTERN ASIA

**Tuesday, 9 May 2017
1:15 pm to 2:30 pm – Conference Room 11
United Nations Headquarters**



Opening Remarks

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Keynote Presentation

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Chief, Economic Development and Poverty Section,
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Speakers

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Ambassador & Deputy Permanent Representative of Malawi
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Moderator (TBC)

NGO Committee on Social Development



TOPIC

Strategies for Eradicating Poverty to Achieve Sustainable Development for All: The case of Western Asia

FORMAT

Following welcoming remarks by DSPD, there will be presentations by panellists followed by a moderated interactive discussion, a brief summary by the moderator and concluding remarks. Member States, particularly those from Western Asia and members of the Commission for Social Development, will be invited to attend and participate in the interactive discussions.

BACKGROUND

In its resolution 2016/6, the Economic and Social Council decided that the priority theme for the 2017-2018 review and policy cycle of the Commission for Social Development is "Strategies for eradicating poverty to achieve sustainable development for all." In the resolution, the Council also affirmed that the Commission would contribute to the follow-up of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, within its existing mandate.

The 2017 ECOSOC Integration Segment is taking place from 8 – 10 May this year on the theme: "Making eradication of poverty an integral objective of all policies: what will it take?", as a contribution to the main theme of the 2017 session of the Council, "Eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions through promoting sustainable development, expanding opportunities and addressing related challenges."

The ECOSOC Integration Segment serves as a platform for key stakeholders to identify and discuss opportunities and challenges in developing integrated approaches to tackle poverty in a sustained, inclusive and sustainable manner. The meeting considers best practices, lessons learned and recommendations at the national, regional and international levels, with a view to extract policy recommendations to guide integrated policymaking for poverty eradication.

AIM

By placing poverty eradication at the centre of the 2030 Agenda and pledging to "leave no one behind" and to "reach the furthest behind first", the Agenda sets a powerful vision towards creating peaceful and inclusive societies based on universal respect for human rights and human dignity, the rule of law, justice, equality and non-discrimination. Given the diversity among developed, developing and the least developed countries, strategies for eradicating poverty to achieve sustainable development for all cannot be of the one-size-fits all variety. Rather, strategies should reflect varying national contexts, priorities, capacities and fiscal constraints.

This side event will be an opportunity to consider national experiences, best practices and lessons learned on integrated policymaking for poverty reduction in Western Asia and provide a platform for key stakeholders to identify and discuss opportunities and challenges in developing integrated approaches to tackle poverty in a sustained, inclusive and sustainable way.

