

ACCELERATING GLOBAL ACTIONS FOR A WORLD WITHOUT POVERTY: GAPS, CHALLENGES AND PROGRESS

**Virtual Inter-agency Expert Group Meeting on Implementation of the
Third United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2018-
2027)**

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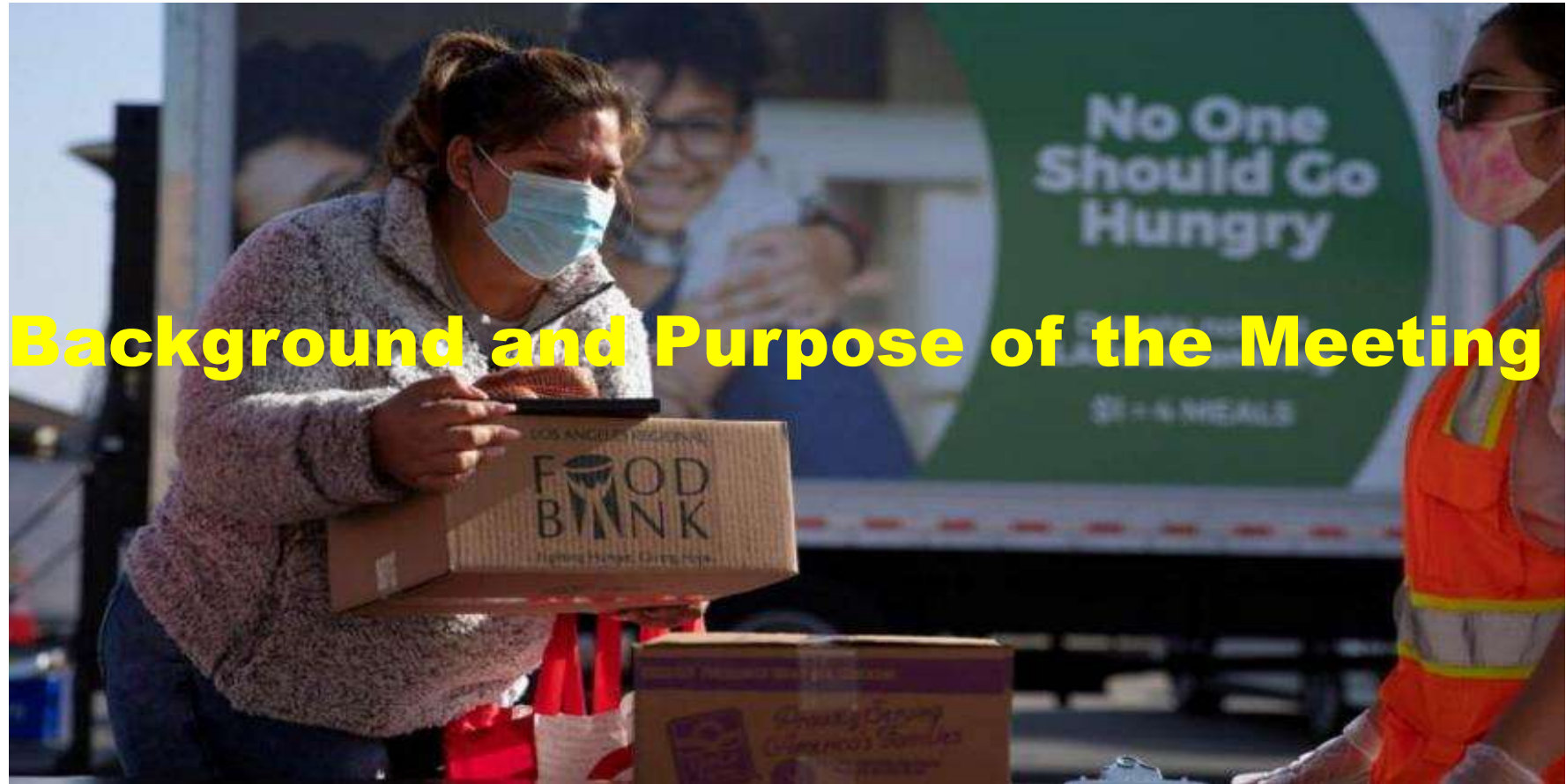
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Background and Purpose of the Meeting



Social Inclusion

Background

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

- Proclaimed at the 50th session of the General Assembly (GA) in 1996
- Theme for the First Decade: “Eradicating poverty is an ethical, social, political and economic imperative of humankind”

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

- Proclaimed at the 62nd session of the GA in 2007
- Reiterated that eradicating poverty was the greatest global challenge facing the world and a core requirement for sustainable development, especially for developing countries
- Theme for the 2nd Decade: “Full employment and decent work for all”



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

- Proclaimed at the seventy-second session of the GA in 2017
- To maintain the momentum generated by the implementation of the 2nd Decade and to support, in an efficient and coordinated manner, the internationally agreed development goals related to poverty eradication, including the SDGs and their objective of leaving no one behind and reaching the furthest behind first
- Requested for an inter-agency, system-wide plan of action for poverty eradication to coordinate the efforts of the UN system
- Theme for the Decade: “Accelerating global actions for a world without poverty”



DESA Inclusive Social Development

The United Nations system-wide plan of action for the Third United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty(2018 – 2027)



- The objective of the plan of action is to promote integrated programmes by the UN system, which support countries implement poverty eradication policies and strategies
- UN system expected to join hands with Member States, civil society and academia, and other stakeholders

The United Nations system-wide plan of action for the Third United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2018 – 2027) (Cont'd)

The plan of action has seven thematic policy areas :

- a) Structural transformation, productive employment and decent work;
- b) Expanding social protection systems to underpin inclusive poverty-reducing development;
- c) Human capability development: addressing the non-income forms of poverty;
- d) The future of food and sustainable agriculture;
- e) Reducing inequalities;
- f) Addressing climate change and the intensification of natural hazards;
- g) Fighting poverty in fragile and humanitarian contexts

Purpose

- The GA at its 75th session requested the Secretary-General to submit to its 76th session a report on the **gaps, challenges and progress** made in the implementation of the 3rd Decade, including COVID-19-related aspects, effects and response
- An inter-agency expert group meeting under the theme “Accelerating global actions for a world without poverty”, which is also the theme of the Decade organized to provide substantive inputs to the report



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