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60th Session of the Commission for Social Development

Interactive dialogue with senior officials of the UN Systems on the priority theme

Wednesday, 9 February 2022, 3:00 – 5:00 pm
Virtual

Draft Concept Note

1. Background

The Commission for Social Development will convene its sixtieth session from 7 to 16 February 2022, under the priority theme of “**Inclusive and resilient recovery from COVID-19 for sustainable livelihoods, well-being and dignity for all: eradicating poverty and hunger in all its forms and dimensions to achieve the 2030 Agenda**”. During the Commission, an interactive dialogue with senior officials of the UN system on the priority theme will be held virtually on 9 February 2022 from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm, New York Time.

The interactive dialogue is organized in response to the resolution on future organization and methods of work of the Commission for Social Development (E/RES/2021/8), adopted by the ECOSOC on 8 June 2021. In that resolution, the ECOSOC invited the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the relevant specialized agencies, regional commissions, funds, and programmes of the United Nations system, and the international financial institutions to present their relevant activities and reports, which may contribute to the advancement of the priority theme, including by participating in interactive dialogues with Member States and relevant stakeholders.

In this context, the Bureau of the 60th session of the Commission has invited senior officials of the UN Regional Commissions, and relevant UN organizations to participate in an interactive dialogue with members of the Commission. This will provide an opportunity for Member States to keep abreast of the UN system’s work at the global, regional and national levels to ensure inclusive and resilient recovery from COVID-19 for sustainable livelihoods, well-being and dignity for all, with a focus on eradicating poverty and hunger in all its forms and dimensions to achieve the 2030 Agenda. Senior officials of the Regional Commissions and other relevant UN entities will present regional initiatives and perspectives by reporting their work, including publications and capacity-building activities, on the theme.

The two-hour dialogue is open to all Member States, regional and sub-regional organizations, UN entities, international financial institutions and development partners,

Major Groups, social groups, and other stakeholders. The dialogue will facilitate an exchange between Member States, senior officials of the UN entities, and relevant stakeholders, including representatives of civil society, of views, policies, and strategies to build inclusive and resilient recovery from COVID-19, and eradicate poverty and hunger in all its forms and dimensions to achieve the 2030 Agenda.

2. Objectives

The main objective of the interactive dialogue is to link the Commission's work with regional and national actions for enhanced coordination and strengthened policy coherence. By inviting the UN Regional Commissions and relevant UN organizations, the dialogue aims to further strengthen policy coherence at the global, regional, and national levels in building inclusive and resilient recovery from COVID-19 and eradicating poverty and hunger in all its forms and dimensions, which will assist Member States to ensure sustainable livelihoods, well-being and dignity for all and achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The interactive dialogue also aims to highlight current trends, good practices, innovative approaches, lessons learned; identify common challenges across regions; and promote linkages between regional strategies and global normative frameworks. The outcomes of the dialogue will reinforce the linkage between the Commission for Social Development and the Regional Sustainable Development Forums for the 2022 HLPF.

3. Structure and format of the interactive dialogue

The interactive dialogue will be chaired by the Chair of the 60th session of the Commission for Social Development. The interactive dialogue will take the form of a moderated panel discussion, including short presentations from a 5-member panel and questions from the moderator. An open discussion with members of the Commission will follow.

Panellists are expected to structure their presentations around major trends and recent activities in eradicating poverty and hunger in all its forms and dimensions, and initiatives and actions taken to build inclusive and resilient recovery from COVID-19, at the regional level. They are also expected to present key messages/recommendations from their recent publications, including effective policies and strategies, common challenges, and lessons learned.

The outcomes of the discussions will be reflected in the Chair's summary, which will be one of the key inputs of the Commission for Social Development to the ECOSOC, in particular, its high-level segment, and the 2022 High-Level Political Forum to be convened under the theme: "Building back better from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development".

The time allocation for the panel discussion is as follows:

Speaker	Suggested speaking time
Chair: Opening remarks	3 minutes
Moderator: Brief remarks and the introduction of panellists	5 minutes
Panellists (5): Presentations	10 minutes per panellist
Moderated interactive dialogue	Q & A and interactive dialogue (40 minutes)
Concluding remarks by panellists and the moderator	10 minutes
Closing by the Chair	3 minutes
	Total duration: 2 hours