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## 61<sup>st</sup> session of the Commission for Social Development

**Informal inter-session preparatory meeting on the priority theme:  
“Creating full and productive employment and decent work for all as a way of  
overcoming inequalities to accelerate the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and the  
full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”**

Tuesday, 13 December 2022, 1:15 pm – 2:45 pm  
Virtual

### Draft Concept Note



#### 1. Background

The Commission for Social Development will be convened with the priority theme of “**Creating full and productive employment and decent work for all as a way of overcoming inequalities to accelerate the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**”.

The deliberations and outcome of the Commission will be an important input to the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) in July 2023. The theme of the 2023 HLPF is “Accelerating the recovery from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at all levels”. The Forum will support the mid-term review of the implementation of the SDGs and the preparations for the 2023 SDG Summit.

The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in massive job and income losses; exacerbated inequalities and multiple forms of deprivation, and increased poverty, hunger, chronic undernourishment and school dropouts. It has immensely impacted the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and has made global efforts to achieve many of the SDGs, including SDG8 (Decent work and economic growth) and SDG10 (Reduced inequalities), even more challenging. These challenges call for policies focusing on integrated, inclusive and sustainable measures that leave no one behind for a better, sustainable and speedy recovery.

The Bureau of the Commission for Social Development will organize an informal inter-session preparatory meeting to support Member States and other stakeholders for engagement in the upcoming 61<sup>st</sup> session (6 – 15 February 2023) to deliberate on the priority theme. The Commission session is expected to adopt a resolution on the priority theme with action-oriented policy recommendations.

The informal preparatory meeting will be held virtually on **Tuesday, 13 December** from **1:15 pm to 2:45 pm**.

## Programme

<b>1:15 -1:25 pm</b>	<b><u>Opening</u></b> Opening remarks by <b>H.E. Ms. Alya Ahmed Saif Al-Thani</b> , Chair, Commission for Social Development
	<b><u>Presentation</u></b>
<b>1:25-1:50 pm</b>	Presentation by <b>Ms. Beate Andrees</b> , Director, International Labour Organization (ILO), New York
<b>1:50-2:40 pm</b>	<b><u>Interactive dialogue</u></b>  Questions, comments, sharing of good practices, and responses.  Concluding comments by the presenter.
<b>2:40 – 2:45 pm</b>	<b><u>Closing</u></b>  Closing remarks by <b>H.E. Ms. Alya Ahmed Saif Al-Thani</b> , Chair, Commission for Social Development