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61st Session of the Commission for Social Development (CSocD61)

Provisional List of Speakers and Panellists

Opening session

Monday, 6 February 2023, 10:00 am to 11:00 am
Conference Room 4



- **H.E. Ms. Alya Ahmed Saif Al-Thani**, Chair, Commission for Social Development
- **H. E. Ms. Lachezara Stoeva**, President, Economic and Social Council
- **Mr. Li Junhua**, Under-Secretary-General, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs
- **Ms. Jean Quinn**, Chair, NGO Committee on Social Development
- **Mr. Rafiu Lawal**, Founder and Executive Director, Building Blocks for Peace Foundation
- **Ms. Frances Zainoeddin**, Representative of the International Federation on Ageing (IFA), a member of the NGO Committee on Ageing in New York

High-level panel discussion 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”**

Monday, 6 February 2023, 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm, Conference Room 4



Keynote speaker

Ms. Manuela Tomei, Assistant Director-General, Governance, Rights and Dialogue Cluster, ILO

Panellists

H.E. Mr. Rafael Eugenio Rodríguez Pellecer, Minister, Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare, Guatemala

Dr. Dirk Andreas Zetzsche, Professor, Financial Law, University of Luxembourg

Ms. Céline Thévenot, Senior economist, Fiscal Affairs Division, Spending Policy Department, IMF

Ms. Paola Simonetti, Director, Equality Department, International Trade Union Confederation

Dr. Rose Ngugi, Executive Director, Kenya Institute for Public Policy Research and Analysis (joining via virtual connection)

Moderator

Ms. Carmela I. Torres, Undersecretary, Employment and Human Resources Development, Department of Labor and Employment, Philippines

Ministerial Forum 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, 7 February, 10:00 am-1:00 pm, Conference Room 4



Panellists

H.E. Ms. Hanna Sarkkinen, Minister, Social Affairs and Health, Finland

H.E. Mr. Admir Adrović, Minister, Labor and Social Welfare, Montenegro

H.E. Ms. Mariam bint Ali bin Nasser Al Misnad, Minister, Social Development and Family, the State of Qatar

Hon. Doreen Sefuke Mwamba, Member of Parliament, Minister, Community Development and Social Services in Zambia

H.E. Mr. Christian Guillermet-Fernández, Vice-Minister, Multilateral Affairs, Costa Rica

H.E. Mr. Anar Karimov, Deputy Minister, Labour and Social Protection of the Population of the Republic of Azerbaijan

Ms. Carmela I. Torres, Undersecretary, Employment and Human Resources Development, Department of Labor and Employment, Philippines

Moderator

H.E. Ms. Alya Ahmed Saif Al-Thani, Chair, Commission for Social Development

High-level panel discussion on the Fourth Review and Appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing

Wednesday, 8 February 2023, 10:00am – 1:00pm, Conference Room 4



Opening Remarks

H.E. Ms. Alya Ahmed Saif Al-Thani, Chair, Commission for Social Development

Mr. Li Junhua, Under-Secretary-General, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs

Keynote

Mr. Alexandre Sidorenko, Senior Advisor, European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research and former Chair of DESA Programme on Ageing

Panellists

H.E. Ms. Aishath Mohamed Didi, Minister of Gender and Social Affairs, Maldives and Chair of the Intergovernmental Meeting for the Asia-Pacific Review and Appraisal

Mr. Mohammad Meqdady, Secretary-General, Council of Family Affairs, Jordan

H.E. Mrs. Paula Narváez Ojeda, Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations and Vice President of ECOSOC

Ms. Emem Omokaro, Director General, National Senior Citizens Centre, Nigeria

Mr. Alfredo Ferrante, Chair, ECE Standing Working Group on Ageing, Italy

Ms. Carole Osero-Ageng'o, Representative of the Global Alliance for the Rights of Older People (GAROP) Member Organization, HelpAge International

Ms. Heidrun Mollenkopf, Sociologist and Gerontologist, Germany

Moderator

Mr. Daniel Zavala Porras, Minister Counselor, Permanent Mission of Costa Rica to the United Nations and Vice-Chair of the sixty-first session

Panel discussion on emerging issues
“Addressing the social impacts of multi-faceted crises to accelerate recovery from the lingering effects of the pandemic through the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”

Wednesday, 8 February, 3:00 pm-6:00 pm, Conference Room 4



Panellists

H.E. Ms. Luciana Tito, Head of the Advisory Cabinet Unit of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship, Argentina

Ms. Eleni Nikolaidou, Expert Minister Counselor, Director, Development Cooperation Policy, Hellenic Aid, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Greece

Ms. Maha Hamad Alattiya, International Projects Manager, Ministry of Social Development and Family, the State of Qatar

Dr. Anthony Mveyange, Former Executive Director, Partnership for African Social and Governance Research

Ms. Lara Hicks, Executive Assistant and Assistant UN Representative for UNANIMA International, as well as the Executive Assistant for the NGO Committee for Social Development

Moderator

H.E. Ms. Hanna Sarkkinen, Minister, Social Affairs and Health, Finland

Panel Discussion: Interactive dialogue with senior officials of the UN System on the priority theme

Thursday, 9 February, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm, Conference Room 4



Panellists

Mr. Gilbert Hougbo, Director-General, International Labour Organization (ILO) joining via pre-recorded video and **Ms. Beate Andrees**, Special Representative to the UN and Director, ILO Office for the United Nations, to participate in the interactive dialogue on his behalf

Ms. Olga Algayerova, Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UN ECE) (joining via pre-recorded video)

Mr. Simone Cecchini, Director, Population and Development Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (UN ECLAC), speaking on behalf of Mr. José Manuel Salazar-Xirinachs, UN ECLAC Executive Secretary

Mr. Srinivas Tata, Director, Social Development Division, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN ESCAP), speaking on behalf of Ms. Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana, UN ESCAP Executive Secretary

Mr. Jalal Abdel-Latif, Senior Social Policy Advisor in the Gender, Poverty, and Social Policy Division at the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UN ECA) (joining via virtual connection), speaking on behalf of Mr. Antonio Pedro, UN ECA Acting Executive Secretary

Moderator

Ms. Maria-Francesca Spatolisano, Assistant Secretary-General, Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs

**Multi-stakeholder Forum 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”**

Thursday, 9 February, 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm, Conference Room 4



Panellists

Mr. Paul Vincent W Añoover, Assistant Secretary, Employment and Human Resource Development, Department of Labor and Employment, Philippines

Mr. Matías Sotomayor, General Director, International Relations and Institutional Communication, National Council of Coordination of Social Policies, Argentina

Ms. Maryam Abdulla Al-Thani, International Projects manager, Office of the Minister of the Social Development and the Family, State of Qatar

Ms. Hafsa Qadeer, CEO and Founder, ImInclusive United Arab Emirates

Moderator

Ms. Jean Quinn, Chair, NGO Committee on Social Development