





In Preparation for the 50th Session of the Commission for Social Development

The NGO Committee for Social Development invites you to the **Civil Society Forum**

Co-sponsored by: United Nations' DESA's Division of Social Policy and Development & Freidrich-Ebert-Stiftung.

"The Social Protection Floor Initiative"

"Universal access to basic social protection and social services is necessary to break the cycle of poverty and reduce inequality and social exclusion. A basic social protection floor is affordable; its benefits need to be weighed against the potentially high human, social and economic costs of not investing in social protection."

"The Global Social Crisis: Report on the World Social Situation 2011" 'UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs' Publication, 2011

Date: January 31, 2012

Program: 10 AM – 4 PM

Venue: UN Headquarters, New York.

Details to follow

This Civil Society Forum is offered in preparation for the Commission on Social Development – February 1st - 10th, 2012 at the United Nations HQ, NY and the UN Conference on Sustainable Development in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, June 4-6, 2012

Registration for the Civil Society Forum also requires pre-registration for the Commission at: <u>http://social.un.org/index/CivilSociety/NGOParticipation/CSocD50Session/OnlinePreRegistration.aspx</u>