



Expert group meeting
New research on inequality and its impacts
World Social Situation 2019

New York, 12-13 September 2018
United Nations Headquarters
Conference Room B and Conference Room 9

Agenda

Wednesday, 12 September (Conference Room B)

- 10:00 – 10:30 **Welcome and registration**
- 10:30 – 11:00 **Opening session**
- Welcoming remarks
Elliott Harris, Chief Economist and Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA)
- Daniela Bas, Director, Division for Inclusive Social Development (DISD), DESA*
- Overview and expected outcomes of the meeting
Wenyan Yang, DISD, DESA
- 11:00 – 12:30 **Session I: Income inequality trends and their measurement**
Moderator: *Hamid Rashid, Economic Analysis and Policy Division, DESA*
- Recent trends in income and wealth inequality
Lucas Chancel, World Inequality Lab (by videoconference)
- Income inequality in developing countries
Francisco Ferreira, World Bank
- Discussion
- 12:30 – 14:00 *Lunch*



14:00 – 15:30 **Session II: Income mobility over the life course, poverty dynamics and inequality**

Moderator: *Pedro Conceição, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)*

Measuring income mobility
Hai-Anh Dang, World Bank

Poverty dynamics and opportunity
Anirudh Krishna, Duke University

Chronic poverty and inequality
Vidya Diwakar, Overseas Development Institute

Discussion

15:30 – 15:45 *Break*

15:45 – 17:15 **Session III: Social impacts of inequality**

Moderator: *Anirudh Krishna, Duke University*

Impacts of inequality on poverty and exclusion
Abigail McKnight, London School of Economics

Inequality and social mobility in OECD countries
Celine Thévenot, OECD

Discussion

Thursday, 13 September (Conference Room 9)

9:30 – 11:00 **Session IV: Political impacts of rising inequality**

Moderator: *Bea Cantillon, University of Antwerp, Belgium*

Cultural backlash and the rise of authoritarian populism
Pippa Norris, Harvard University

Inequality, democracy and redistribution
Robert Andersen, University of Western Ontario

Beliefs about inequality, opportunity and redistribution



Leslie McCall, City University of New York

Discussion

11:00 – 11:15

Break

11:15 – 13:00

Session V: What can be done to tackle inequality?

Moderator: *Francisco Ferreira, World Bank*

Promoting equal opportunity and social mobility

Miles Corak, City University of New York

The impact of fiscal policy on inequality

Stephen Younger, Commitment to Equity Institute, Tulane University

Rising inequalities, welfare generosity and social protection

Bea Cantillon, University of Antwerp, Belgium

International Equality Dynamics: a redistribution Kuznets curve?

Paul J.J. Welfens, University of Wuppertal, Germany

Discussion

13:00 – 14:30

Lunch

14:30 – 15:30

Conclusion and implications for the *World Social Situation 2019* report

Moderator: *Wenyan Yang, DISD, DESA*

Main themes and conclusions arising from the discussions during the EGM

Suggestions regarding potential case studies and background papers