57th Session of the Commission for Social Development - CSocD57
The President of the General Assembly (GA), President of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), UN Secretary-General, Under-Secretary-General for UNDESA, a Civil Society Representative, and a Youth Representative have been invited to address the opening session of the Commission on 11 February 2019.

Four High-level Panel Discussions

1) Priority theme: “Addressing inequalities and challenges to social inclusion through fiscal, wage and social protection policies” – Monday 11 Feb. 3pm - 6pm

2) Ministerial Forum on Social Protection - Tuesday 12 Feb. 10am – 1pm

3) Emerging issues: Empowerment of people affected by natural and human-made disasters to reduce inequality: addressing the impacts on persons with disabilities, older persons and youth - Wednesday 13 Feb. 10am - 1pm

4) Interactive dialogue with senior officials of the UN System on the priority theme – Wednesday 13 Feb. 3pm - 6pm

Civil Society Forum on “Social Protection and Transformative Fiscal and Wage Policy”

The Forum will be held on 15 February 2019, 10am - 1pm and 3 - 6pm
High-Level Panel on the Priority Theme on “Addressing inequalities and challenges to social inclusion through fiscal, wage and social protection policies”

Mon 11 Feb. 3pm – 6pm

The panelists will lead the general debate on the priority theme focusing on:

(1) Sharing knowledge and experiences on how countries can design and implement fiscal policies that help reduce inequality and poverty simultaneously.

(2) Lessons learned when governments pursue counter-cyclical fiscal policy in an attempt to address both inequality and poverty.

(3) Labour market policy, including wage and minimum wage policies, in addressing inequality and challenges to social inclusion.

(4) Innovative approaches and effective strategies to build nationally appropriate social protection systems including floors.
High-Level Panel on the Priority Theme on “Addressing inequalities and challenges to social inclusion through fiscal, wage and social protection policies”

The following panelists have been invited:

1. **Keynote Speaker: Mr. Lucas Chancel**, Co-Director of the World Inequality Lab and of the World Inequality Database (WID.world) at the Paris School of Economics, and Lecturer at Sciences Po in the Master of Public Policy on the economics of inequality and sustainable development.

2. **Mr. HAO Bin**, Director General of the Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Human Resources and Social Security (MOHRSS) of the People’s Republic of China.

3. **H.E. Mr. Andrei Dapkiunas**, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Belarus.

4. **Ms. Nora Lustig**, Professor of Latin American Economics and Director of the Commitment to Equity Institute (CEQ) at Tulane University, Argentina.

5. **Ms. Manuela Tomei**, Director of the Conditions of Work and Employment Department, International Labour Organization (ILO).

6. **Ms. Rosa Pavanelli**, General Secretary of Public Services International (PSI), Italy.

7. **Moderator: UN DESA/ASG** (tbc).

**Lead discussants:**

1. **H.E. Mr. Gil S. Beltran**, Deputy Minister of Finance and Undersecretary of the Department of Finance, Philippines.

Ministerial Forum on social protection
Tue 12 Feb. 10am-1pm

The Ministerial Forum will engage in a substantive dialogue, focused on the following:

1. Exchange of national and regional experiences on effective and innovative approaches and lessons learned.

2. Identify gaps and challenges to building/strengthening nationally appropriate social protection systems, including floors.

3. Identify challenges and opportunities faced by countries in the implementation of the Copenhagen Declaration and Programme of Action that were agreed upon at the World Summit for Social Development.
Ministerial Forum on social protection
Tue 12 Feb. 10am-1pm

Panellists:

- H. E. Ms. Liliana del Carmen la Rosa Huertas, Minister of Social Development of Peru.
- Minister of Labour and Social Development of Iraq.

Moderator:

- Chair of the 57th session of the Commission for Social Development.
High-Level Panel on the Emerging Issues  
Wed 13 Feb. 10am-1pm

The panel on the emerging issues will focus on the following:

(1) Opportunities and key challenges facing countries in empowering persons with disabilities, older persons and youth, who are disproportionately affected and impacted by natural and human-made disasters.

(2) Facilitate exchange of information, expertise and good practices at various levels showcasing promising solutions that help support the development of policies and practices to address the impacts and concerns of affected social groups.

(3) Underscore the importance of empowering people, inclusive disaster and humanitarian actions, and building resilient societies and sustainable development for all.
High-Level Panel on the Emerging Issues

The following panelists have been invited:

1. **Mr. Mesbah Ansari Dogaheh**, Head of Office for Social Development, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Iran (Islamic Republic of).

2. **Mr. Mosharraf Hossain**, Director of Global Policy, Influencing and Research, in the Action on Disability and Development (ADD) International, UK.

3. **Ms. Lisa Marsh Ryerson**, President, AARP Foundation, USA.

4. **Ms. Marcie Roth**, President and CEO of Partnership for Inclusive Disaster Strategies, USA.

5. **Ms. Jaishree Beedasy**, Research Project Director at National Center for Disaster Preparedness (NCDP), Columbia University, USA.


**Lead discussants:**

1. **H.E. Mr. Abdullah Eren**, Chief Advisor to President of Turkey and Director of the Turkish Agency for Turks Abroad and Related Communities (YTB), Turkey.

2. **H. E., Mr. Walter Paul Twanama Altamirano**, Director-General of the Department of Social Development of Peru.
Interactive dialogue with senior officials of the UN System on the priority theme
Wed 13 Feb. 3pm – 6pm

The interactive dialogue on the priority theme will focus on the following:

(1) Policy coherence at the global, regional and national levels in addressing inequality and promoting social inclusion, which will assist Member States in their implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

(2) Identify megatrends driving inequality and social exclusion at the regional level and innovative approaches to address these trends.

(3) Underscore linkages between regional strategies and global normative frameworks.
Interactive dialogue with senior officials of the UN System on the priority theme

All Executive Secretaries of the Regional Commissions and Heads of UNDP and UN Women are invited.
Secretary-General Reports and Notes

1. Addressing inequalities and challenges to social inclusion through fiscal, wage and social protection policies - E/CN.5/2019/3

2. Implementation of the objectives of the International Year of the Family and its follow-up processes - A/74/61 AND E/2019/4


4. Accelerating the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development by, for and with persons with disabilities - E/CN.5/2019/4

Delegates with Disabilities

- Please inform the Secretariat in advance if there are delegates with disabilities that require particular support.

- Please contact the UN Accessibility Centre at: accessibilitycentre@un.org.
Resolutions

1. **Addressing inequalities and challenges to social inclusion through fiscal, wage and social protection policies**: facilitated by (to be decided).

2. **Social Dimensions of the New Partnership for Africa’s Development (NEPAD)**: facilitated by the Chair of G-77 and China.

3. **Policies and programmes involving youth**: facilitated by Portugal and Senegal.

4. **Persons with Disabilities**: facilitated by (to be decided).

5. **Future organization and methods of work of the Commission for Social Development**: facilitated by (to be decided).
Side Events

- We have received notification of more than 60 side-events, covering a range of relevant topics. All delegations are of course invited to participate.

- Information on side-events will be posted on the CSocD57 website, accessible through social.un.org/csocd.
Conclusion

- CSocD58 will open immediately after the official conclusion of the CSocD57, for the purpose of electing its officers.

- The deadline for submission of draft proposals is: Friday 15 February at 3:00 PM.
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