

**Fiftieth Session of the Commission for Social Development**

1 to 10 February 2012

**Tentative List of Side-Events**

*(1:15pm to 2:30pm, unless otherwise specified)*

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**Wednesday 1 February**

1. **Conference Room: 4, NLB**
   - **Organizers:** UN-NGLS and Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung
   - **Theme:** Transition in the Arab World: Poor-People Power for Peace, Democracy and Progress
   - **Speakers:**
     - **Moderator:** Mr. Werner Puschra, Director, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, New York Office
     - **Panelists:**
       - Mr. Jomo Kwame Sundaram, Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations
       - Ms. Laila Iskander Kamel, Chairperson, Community and Institutional Development Consulting, Egypt
       - Mr. Baquer Namazi, Independent CSO Activist Coordinating the Pro-Poor CSO Initiative; Founding Member of Iran Local Development NGO Resource Center
       - Ms. Marwa Sharafeldine, Board Member, Musawah International Movement for the Reform of Muslim Family Law

2. **Conference Room: D, NLB**
   - **Organizers:** DESA-DSPD
   - **Theme:** Cooperatives and Poverty
   - **Speakers:** Cynthia Giagnocavo (Research Fellow, University of Almería)

3. **Conference Room: 5, NLB (6:30-8pm)**
   - **Organizers:** Bahá'í International Community
   - **Theme:** Equitable Societies: A Roundtable Discussion on the Underlying Assumptions of the Relationship between Poverty and Wealth
   - **Speakers:**
     - Moderator - Mr. Ming Hwee Chong, Representative, Bahá'í International Community
   - **Panelists:**

1. H.E. Mr. Jorge Valero Briceño, Permanent Representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Chair of the Bureau
2. Mr. Jomo Kwame Sundaram, Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development, DESA
4. Mr. Louis Riquet, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations
5. Mr. Werner Puschra, Executive Director of New York Office, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung

4. Conference Room: E, NLB
Organizers: Permanent Missions of Sweden and Mexico
Theme: Women voices in disability and development
Speakers:

5. Conference Room: A, NLB
Organizers: Vivat International
Theme: Climate Change and Poverty: Lives in the Balance
Speakers:
Anita Wenden, International Peace Research Association
Caroljean Willie, Sisters of Charity Federation
Representative of the Mission of Bangladesh or India

Thursday 2 February

6. Conference Room: 4, NLB
Organizers: International Network for Prevention of Elder Abuse, Global Alliance for the Rights of Older Persons
Theme: How NGOs can utilize the resources of the Office of the High Commissioner of Human Rights for advocacy.
Speakers:
Ms. Rosemary Lane, DESA-DSPD Ageing
Ms. Juana Sotomayor, UN OHCHR
Invited member of OAS
James Collins, V. Chair UN NGO Comm. on Ageing, NY
Susan Somers, INPEA and Global Alliance for the Rights of Older Person

7. Conference Room: D, NLB
Organizers: Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues for the Psychology Coalition at the UN
Theme: Psychological Contributions on Empowerment for the Eradication of Poverty
Speakers:
Dr. Mary O’Neill Berry, International Association of Applied Psychology
Dr. Deanna Chitayat, American Psychological Association
Ms. Christina Kirkman, American Psychological Association
Dr. Judy Kuriansky, International Association of Applied Psychology
Dr. Corann Okorodudu, Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues
Ms. Fahad Rahman, American Psychological Association
Dr. Peter Walker, International Council of Psychologists

8. Conference Room: 5, NLB
Organizers: DESA-DSPD
Theme: Promoting international cooperation to address poverty issues among persons with disabilities
Speakers:
SCRPD, World Bank, GPDD, Rehabilitation International
Website: http://www.un.org/disabilities/default.asp?id=1592

9. Conference Room: 6, NLB
Organizers: DESA-DSPD
Theme: Cooperatives and Youth Employment
Speakers: Tom Pierson (Director of Development Services, North American Students of Cooperation)
Emily Lippold Cheney (Executive Director, North American Students of Cooperation)
Rosemary Schmidt (Director, Center for Student Business, University of Massachusetts - Amherst)

10. Church Center, Presbyterian Conference: Room, 7th floor (1:00 to 2:45 pm)
Theme: Children’s Rights and Poverty Eradication (Caucus)
Participants: Roger Hart, environmental psychologist, CUNY-Graduate Center (invited)
“Children and Environmental Poverty”, Paul Harris, International Movement ADT Fourth World (invited)
“Innovative Approaches to Poverty in the Fourth World”, Corann Okorodudu, Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues
“Children’s Rights as a Prerequisite for Poverty Eradication”, Margaretha Jones, Co-Chair of the Committee on Children’s Rights and International Humanist and Ethical Union (ECOSOC Special)
“Poverty in the US and abroad”, Cristina Blanc Szanton, International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological, Sciences (IUAES) (ECOSOC Special)
“Children’s Rights as a Cornerstone of Poverty Eradication”, Stephanie Alfaro, Columbia University Latin American Center (invited)
“Examples of useful programmes from Latin America and Africa”, Avis Sri Jayantha, Defence for Children International (invited)
“Children’s Rights in Poor War torn Sri Lanka”, Safiyya (Marcia) Sarkin, Women Beyond Survival (WBS)
“Poor Children in Situations of Conflict in Africa”, Plair, Therese Folkes, Institute for the Development of Education, Arts and Leisure International (IDEAL)
“Early Childhood and Poverty”, Mahroo Moshari, Manhattan Multicultural Summer Youth Program
“Young People’s Involvement in Uplifting Communities”
Friday 3 February

11. Conference Room: 4, NLB
Organizers: Holy See Mission and New Humanity Organization
Theme: Poverty Eradication: Ongoing Developments in the Economy of Communion in Freedom Project
Speakers:

12. Conference Room: A, NLB
Organizers: Qatar Mission and Doha International Institute for Family Studies and Development (DIIFSD) in cooperation with the NY NGO Committee on the Family
Theme: Protecting families from poverty: employment, social inclusion and intergenerational solidarity
Speakers:
H.E.Mishal Bin Hamad Al Thani, the Ambassador of the State of Qatar
Dr. Richard Wilkins, DIIFSD
Ms. Renata Kaczmarska, Focal Point on the Family, DSPD/DESA
Dr. Helen Verdeli, the NY NGO Committee on the Family
Mr. Ignacio Socias, International Federation for Family Development (IFFD)

13. Conference Room: D, NLB
Organizers: International Presentation Association of the Sisters of the Presentation, Mission of Finland, Congregation of Our Lady of the Charity of Good Shepherd and International Movement ATD Fourth World
Theme: ‘Social Protection and Human Rights: Challenges and Opportunities
Speakers:
Moderator
Nouhoum Sangare of the OHCHR
Featuring:
Ambassador Ms. Yenerit Morgan, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Mission of Mexico to the United Nations
Rauno Merisaari of the Human Rights Unit, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland
Carly Nyst on behalf of the Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and Extreme Poverty
Mary Ivers: Successful Social Protection Floor Experiences in Ecuador

14. Conference Room: 5, NLB
Organizers: Sponsored by the Government of Finland in collaboration with HelpAge International and the United Nations Population Fund
Theme: Older persons in action toward a society for all ages
Speakers: Mr Richard Blewitt, Chief Executive HelpAge International
Ms Vappu Taipale, Chair, Union of Senior Services, Valli, Finland
Ms Galina Poliakova, Director; Turbota pro Litnih v Ukraini, Ukraine
Mr Johan Lodewyk Strijdom, Head of Social Welfare, African Union, Ethiopia
15. Conference Room: 7, NLB
Organizers: Permanent Mission of Brazil to the United Nations
Theme: Brazilian National Cash Transfer Program and Access to Social Benefits
Speakers:
Presentation will be made by Mr. Luiz Henrique Paiva, Head of Brazil’s National Secretariat of Citizenship Income, and responsible for the Bolsa Familia Program

16. Conference Room: E, NLB
Organizers: Citizens United for Rehabilitation of Errants (CURE)
Theme: Access to Justice; Abuses in Pretrial Detention
Speakers:
Martin Schonteich
Rudy Cypser

Monday 6 February

17. Conference Room: 4, NLB
Organizers: International Association of Schools of Social Work
Theme: Participatory Approaches to Poverty Eradication
Speakers:
Dr. M.C. "Terry" Hokenstad, International Association of Schools of Social Work
Ms Elsa Muttathu, International Presentation Association
Dr. Rebecca Davis, International Association of Schools of Social Work
Dr. Lynne Healy, International Association of Schools of Social Work

18. Conference Room: D, NLB
Organizers: Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur (SNDdeN)
Theme: SNDdeN 'Power of the Sun' Photovoltaic Project in Congo and Nigeria
Speakers:
Sister Lorraine Connell, Photovoltaic Project Coordinator
Sister Claudine Dumbi, Onsite experience in Congo
Sister Lucie Kima, Onsite experience in Congo
Sister Kristin Hokanson, Global Impact Through Technology

19. Conference Room: 7, NLB
Organizers: DESA-DSPD
Theme: Launch of the World Youth Report: Youth Perspectives on the Pursuit of Decent Work in Changing Times
Speakers:
Moderator: Mr. Gianni Rosas, Programme Coordinator, Youth Employment Programme (YEP), International Labour Organization (ILO)
Panelists: Ms Susana Vaz Patto, Permanent Mission of Portugal to the United Nations
Ms Gail Gershon, Senior Director, Gap Inc
Ms. Yasmyn Camier, Youth representative

**Tuesday 7 February**

**20. Conference Room: 4, NLB**  
**Organizers:** Loretto Community  
**Theme:** The Social Inclusion of Migrants to Impact Poverty Eradication  
**Speakers:** Shulamith Koenig, People's Movement for Human Rights Learning (PDHRE)  
Anne Grobet, The United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC)

**21. Conference Room: D, NLB**  
**Organizers:** American Psychological Association  
**Theme:** Empowering Poor Rural Women: Psychosocial Interventions, Education and Training, Social Activism  
**Speakers:**  
Rucha Chitnis, Womens Earth Alliance, India Program Director (women, Food Security, Climate Change, Maame Yelbert-Obeng, Women's Earth Alliance, African Program Director, Dr. Liliana Mayo, Ph.D. Peruvian Psychologist, Founder Ann Sullivan Institute (invited), Drs. Mary Berry and Judy Kuriansky, IAAP, Psychologists, Lesotho Africa, Moving Girls out Poverty

**Wednesday 8 February**

**22. Conference Room: 4, NLB**  
**Organizers:** International Youth and Student Movement for the United Nations  
**Theme:** Youth, Family Issues and Poverty Eradication  
**Speakers:**  
1. Pozo Gabriel, President, CODEJU  
2. Dr. Catherine Bernard, Director, SERFAC  
3. Dr. Tyler Smith, USA  
4. Oluwole D. Oshota, President, ISMUN

**23. Conference Room: D, NLB**  
**Organizers:** Sisters of Charity Federation and Daughters of Charity  
**Theme:** G.L.O.B.E. - An Innovative Microfinancing Program  
**Speakers:**  
Dr. Linda Sama, Ph.D. and students from St. John's University, Queens, NY

**24. Conference Room: D, NLB (3-6 p.m.)**  
**Organizers:** NGO Committee  
**Theme:** Meeting of the Committee
25. Conference Room: 5, NLB
Organizers: Permanent Mission of Portugal
Theme: World Programme of Action for Youth Briefing Series: Understanding the three E's: Education, Employment, Environment
Speakers:
Panelists: Representative from the Permanent Mission of Portugal to the United Nations
Representative from the Permanent Mission of Mexico to the United Nations
Representative from the Permanent Mission of Germany to the United Nations
Representative from the European Youth Forum

Thursday 9 February

26. Conference Room: 4, NLB
Organizers: Salesian Missions
Theme: Traffickers: Exploiters of Those Living in Poverty
Speakers:
Leonir Chiarello, Executive Director, Scalabrini International Migration Center
Florenzo Rigoni, Director, Casa del Migrante, Tapachulas, Chiapas, Mexico. Ms. Irmgard Pundt, Assistant Director of the Casa del Migrante of Tapachula
Moderator: Thomas Brennan, Salesians Missions

27. Conference Room: D, NLB
Organizers: Aid The Children Network
Theme: Effect of Incarceration on Children in Africa: Problem Statement
Speakers:
Michael Davies, Prof. Frenando Linhores, Prof. Annie Ngana-Mundeke

Friday 10 February

28. Conference Room: 4, NLB
Organizers: Salesian Missions
Theme: Poverty as a contributing factor to and consequence of HIV infection
Speakers:
Beatrice J. Krauss, Ph.D., Professor of Urban Public Health and Executive Director, Hunter College Center for Community and Urban Health
Joyce Hunter, DSW, Research Scientist/Assistant Professor, Center for Clinical and Behavioral Studies/NYSPI/Columbia University
Felix Jones, VIVAT International
Moderator: Thomas Brennan, Salesians Missions
29. Conference Room: D, NLB
Organizers: Service and Research Institute on Family and Children
Theme: “Poverty Eradication and Sustainable Family Life”
Speakers:
Dr. John Shea, USA
Dr. Catherine Bernard, Director, SERFAC, India
Dr. Tyler Smith, USA
Dr. Beverly Musgrave, USA
Mr. Oluwole D Oshota, Nigeria