Briefing by Daniela Bas
Director of Division for Social Policy and Development (DSPD)
United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA)
18 January 2017
Highlights of the 55th Session of CSocD

The Commission will open its 55th Session on 1 February and expect to complete its work on 10 February.

Three high level panel discussions will take place:
1) Priority theme: “Strategies for Eradicating Poverty to achieve Sustainable Development for All” Item 3(a) - Wed.1 Feb. 3pm - 6pm
2) Emerging Issues: “Promoting integrated policies for Poverty Eradication: Youth Development in the 2030 Agenda” Item 3(c) - Thurs.2 Feb. 10am - 1pm
3) “Leaving No One Behind: Poverty and Disability” Item 3(b) - Fri.3 Feb. 10am - 1pm

Deadline for Draft Proposal Submission: 5:00 PM on Tues. 7 Feb. Final deadline: 3:00 PM on Wed. 8 Feb.
High-Level Panel on the Priority Theme of the 55th Session of CSocD
Wed 1 Feb. 3pm – 6pm

- The panel on the priority theme will engage in a substantive dialogue, focused on the following:

  1. Concrete policies, strategies and measures that have been effective at eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions.
  2. Innovative approaches to eradicate poverty that can leverage the interlinkages between the social, economic and environmental dimensions of sustainable development.
  3. Policy recommendations as substantive contributions to the 2017 ECOSOC annual theme and the 2017 high-level political forum.

Kindly note concept Notes for all panel discussion are available on the CSocD55 website at: social.un.org/csocd
The panel on emerging issues will focus on the following topics:

(1) Key aspects of youth development addressed in the WPAY and 2030 agenda; how these frameworks contribute to youth development efforts.

(2) Improved outcomes for youth through innovative thinking, strategies and approaches; good practices and lessons, including approaches that pay particular attention to the most marginalized/vulnerable youth.

(3) How CSocD could contribute to the review of progress in the implementation of the social dimension of sustainable development.
High-Level Panel: “Leaving No One Behind: Poverty and Disability”
Fri. 3 Feb. 10am – 1pm

The panel will engage in the following topics of discussion:

(1) Overview of international policy framework on disability and development related to poverty reduction.
(2) Current situation and challenges in poverty reduction for persons with disabilities.
(3) Good practices in poverty reduction for persons with disabilities and recommendations for achieving SDG 1 (end poverty in all its forms) for persons with disabilities, including action by Member States, the UN system and other stakeholders.
Reports and Notes of the 55th session of CSocD

1. Strategies for eradicating poverty to achieve sustainable development for all

2. Third review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002: preliminary assessment

3. Policies and programmes involving youth

4. Mainstreaming disability in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

5. Social dimensions of the New Partnership for Africa’s Development
Informal Consultations and Side Events of CSocD55

- Informal consultations will commence as soon as possible. Interested delegations are encouraged to contact the facilitators or the Vice-Chairs who are responsible for draft resolutions to actively engage in the negotiations of these draft resolutions.

- There will be no formal meetings from Tuesday, 7 February to Thursday, 9 February.

- We have received notification of more than 50 side-events as of today, covering a range of relevant topics. All delegations are of course invited to participate.

- Information on side-events will be posted on the CSocD55 website, accessible through social.un.org/csocd
Conclusion

- The afternoon of Friday, 10 February will be dedicated to the consideration of the draft proposals before the conclusion of the work of the CSocD55.

- CSocD56 will open immediately after the official conclusion of the CSocD55.

- The deadline for submission of draft proposals is Tuesday 7 February at 5:00 PM. And final deadline is at 3:00pm on Wednesday 8 February.
Delegates with Disabilities at CSocD55

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

➢ Please contact us at social@un.org, telephone 917-367-9456.
THANK YOU

55TH COMMISSION for SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Strategies for the eradication of poverty to achieve sustainable development for all

1-10 February 2017, United Nations Headquarters, New York