

**Civil Society Forum**  
*Commission for Social Development*

**Inequalities and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development:  
Rethinking and Strengthening Social Development in the Contemporary World**

**Monday, February 1 - Tuesday, February 2, 2016**  
**United Nations HQ, Conference Room 4**

The Civil Society Forum has been planned by the NGO Committee for Social Development in joint sponsorship with UN-DESA Division for Social Policy and Development and the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, New York Office. This Forum has been organized to prepare civil society participants to engage at the 54<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission for Social Development (3-12 February, 2016 at UNHQ in New York) as well as in ongoing discussions related to the application and evaluation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Speakers are invited to address and critique the Commission's two year focus on "Rethinking and Strengthening Social Development in the Contemporary World" and, specifically, its relationship to the theme of inequalities which is a distinguishing feature of the new development agenda. The aim is that, at the end of these two days, participants will have developed concrete recommendations for the Commission, honed their understanding of the relationship between CSocD and Agenda 2030, and been galvanized to engage meaningfully both with governments in New York, and at the grassroots.

**Monday, February 1**

**3:00 pm – 3:30 pm      Orientation to Agenda 2030 and its relationship to CSocD**  
**Ms. Margaret Mayce**, Chair, NGO Committee for Social Development

**3:30 pm – 5:00 pm      SDG Thematic Breakout Groups**

Ending poverty and hunger (e.g. Goals 1, 2, 3)

Facilitator: **Cristina Diez**      Rapporteur: **Michele Morek**

Empowering women and girls, and leaving no one behind (e.g. Goals 4, 5)

Facilitator: **Bette Levy**      Rapporteur: **Cecilia O'Dwyer**

Tackling inequalities (e.g. Goals 1, 10)

Facilitator: **Justin Wedes**      Rapporteur: **Lyn Hensle-Hirsch**

Fostering sustainable economic growth & sustainable consumption and production (e.g. Goals 6, 8, 12)

Facilitator: **Andrew Allimadi**      Rapporteur: **Sally Dunne**

Protecting our planet and combatting climate change (e.g. Goals 7, 13, 14)

Facilitator: **Margaret Mayce**      Rapporteur: **Tori Larson**

Building effective, accountable and inclusive institutions; promoting peace and justice (e.g. Goal 16, 17)

Facilitator: **Astrid Hurley**      Rapporteur: **Daniel LeBlanc**

**5:00 pm – 6:00 pm      Civil Society Declaration: Generate Recommendations**

**Mr. Daniel Perell**, Chair, Civil Society Forum; Vice-Chair NGO Committee for Social Development

**6:30 pm – 8:00 pm      Reception & Cultural Event (Church Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)**



Tuesday, February 2

**9:00 am – 10:00 am Orientation to the Commission for Social Development**

**Ms. Eileen Reilly**, Executive Committee Member, NGO Committee for Social Development

**Ms. Margaret Mayce**, Chair, NGO Committee for Social Development

**10:00 am – 10:30 am**

**Welcome:**

**Mr. Daniel Perell**, Representative, Bahá'í International Community's United Nations Office,  
Chair of 2016 Civil Society Forum, Vice Chair of NGO Committee for Social Development

**Ms. Bettina Luise Rürup**, Executive Director, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, New York Office

**Special Presentations:**

Remarks from Secretary General **Ban Ki-Moon** delivered by **H.E. Mr. Wu Hongbo**

**H.E. Mr. Wu Hongbo**, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs

**H.E. Mr. Ion Jinga**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative,  
Permanent Mission of Romania to the United Nations, Bureau Chair, Commission for Social  
Development

**10:30 am – 11:00 am Keynote Address**

**Ms. Sakiko Fukuda-Parr**, Professor at The New School, International Affairs Program

**11:00 pm – 1:00 pm Fishbowl style panel: "Rethinking and strengthening social development in the contemporary world"**

**Moderator:** *Ms. La Neice Collins, Communications and Advocacy Adviser at the United Nations*

**Speakers:**

**Ms. Daniela Bas**, Director, Division for Social Policy and Development, UN-DESA

**Ms. Sakiko Fukuda-Parr**, Professor at The New School, International Affairs Program

**Ms. Maryann Broxton**, Activist, International Movement ATD Fourth World

**Ms. Jasmin Burgermeister**, German Youth Delegate for ECOSOC Youth Forum

**Mr. Michael Cichon**, Professor of Social Protection, Graduate School of Governance, UNU MERIT

**First Respondent:** **Ms. Beulah Walker**, Detroit Water Brigade

**1:00 pm – 3:00 pm LUNCH**

**3:00 pm – 3:30 pm Introduction to advocacy and presentation of CS Forum Recommendations  
To Be Determined**

**3:30 pm – 5:00 pm Regional Breakout groups to share learning and discuss advocacy  
Facilitated by attendees from the regions (determined on Day 1)**

