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Highlights of the CSocD54

The Commission will open its 54th Session on 3 Feb. and expect to complete its work on 12 Feb.

- Each day will be divided into two sessions: 10am - 1pm and 3pm - 6 pm.
- Civil Society Forum: “Inequalities and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development” from 1-2 Feb.

High level panel discussion on the Priority Theme: “Rethinking and Strengthening Social Development in the Contemporary World” - Item 3(a) on Wednesday 3 Feb. 3-6pm.

- The Under-Secretary-General of UNDESA is expected to address the Commission during the opening session.



Priority Theme

- “Rethinking and Strengthening Social Development in the Contemporary World”

3 Feb. morning:

- General discussion on the priority theme (item 3a).
- Presentation of the outcome of the Civil Society Forum
- Presentation by a Youth Representative





High Level Panel Discussions



This session will consist of three panel discussions:

1. Wednesday 3 Feb. from 3pm to 6pm: Priority theme

- Topic: “Rethinking and Strengthening Social Development in the Contemporary World”

2. Thursday 4 Feb. from 10am to 1pm: Emerging Issue

- Topic: Implementing the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development: moving from commitments to results for achieving social development”

3. Friday 5 Feb. from 10am to 1pm

- Topic: “Implementation of the Post-2015 Development Agenda in the light of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities”



High Level Panel Discussions

Priority Theme Panel

- **H. E. Mrs. Claudia Ana Costea**, Minister of Labour, Family, Social Protection and the Elderly, Romania;
- **Ms. Vanessa Rubio Márquez**, Under-Secretary of Planning, Evaluation and Regional Development, Ministry of Social Development, Mexico;
- **Mr. Jean-Paul Tricart**, Advisor on International Relations, European Commission, Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, France;
- **Prof. Rolph van der Hoeven**, Emeritus Professor, the International Institute of Social Studies (ISS), Erasmus University Rotterdam
- **Mr. Kumanan Rasanathan**, Senior Health Specialist, UNICEF
- **Ms. Ana Martinez de Luco**, founding member of "Sure We Can."
- **Mr. Raymond Torres**, Director, Research Department, International Labour Organization (ILO) (Moderator)



High Level Panel Discussions

Emerging Issues Panel

- **Mr. Ahmad Alhendawi**, UN Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth (Keynote)
- **Dr. Ingolf Dietrich**, Head of the Special Unit “Post-2015 Agenda for Sustainable Development” at the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany;
- **Mr. Juan Manuel Valle Pereña**, Director General, Ministry of Social Development (DICONSA), Mexico;
- **Prof. Kunal Sen**, Professor of Development Economics and Policy, University of Manchester;
- **Ms. Claire Melamed**, Head of Programme, Oversea Development Institute (ODI), United Kingdom;
- **Prof. Nora Lustig**, Professor of Latin American Economics at Tulane University and a Non-resident Fellow at the Center for Global Development and the Inter-American Dialogue (Washington, DC) and
- **Ms. Cristina Diez**, UN Representative for the International Movement ATD 4th World.
- **Mr. Paul Ladd**, Director, United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD) (Moderator)



High Level Panel Discussions

Multi-stakeholder panel discussion on the “Implementation of the Post-2015 development agenda in light of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities”

- **Ms. Catalina Devandas Aguilar**, Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities of the Human Rights Council
Mr. Lenin Moreno, Secretary-General’s Special Envoy on Disability and Accessibility and former Vice President of Ecuador
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- **Mr. Osamu Nagase**, Visiting Research Professor of Ritsumeikan University, Japan
- **Mr. Valery Nikitich Rukhledev**, President, All-Russian Public Organisation of the Persons with Disabilities «All-Russian Society of the Deaf» (ARSD), the Russian Federation
- **Ms. Christine Brautigam**, Director, Intergovernmental Support Division, UN Women;
- **Mr. Vladimir Cuk**, Executive Director of the New York Office of the International Disability Alliance (IDA) (Moderator)



General Discussions

- **3 Feb. am and 4 Feb. pm:** Agenda item 3(a): Priority theme
- **5 Feb. pm:** Agenda item 3 (b): Review of relevant UN plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups
- **8 Feb. am:** Agenda items 3 (a) and 3 (b).
- **8 Feb. pm:** Agenda item 4 on programme questions and other matters before resuming the general discussions of items 3 (a) and 3 (b).





Reports and Notes

1. Rethinking and Strengthening Social Development in the Contemporary World
2. Emerging issues: Implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: moving from commitments to results for achieving social development
3. Implementation of the objectives of the International Year of the Family and its follow-up processes
4. Social dimensions of the New Partnership for Africa's Development





Informal Consultations and Side Events

9-11 Feb:

- Informal consultations with the deadlines for submission of draft proposals at 5:00 pm on 9 Feb
- **No formal meetings**
- 29 side-events as of today, covering a range of relevant topics. All Delegations are invited to participate.
- Information on side-events: <http://bit.ly/undesadspd-csocd54>





Conclusion

12 Feb:

- Consideration of the draft proposals
- Conclusion of the 54th session
- Opening of the 55th session





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