

Accelerating Social Progress to Boost SDG Implementation: A UN DESA Global Policy Dialogue

Monday, 21 July 2025

11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. EDT

Conference Room 11 and online

UN Headquarters, New York

Programme

Introduction

(5 minutes)

- **Meggie Palmer**, moderator

Video

(2 minutes)

- **Social inclusion and SDGs**, UN DESA

Panel 1: Social inclusion as an accelerator for the SDGs

(38 minutes)

- **Sabina Alkire**, Director, Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative, University of Oxford, member of the UN Committee for Development Policy
- **Parfait Eloundou-Enyegue**, Professor of Global Development and Brooks School of Policy, Cornell University, and member of the UN High-level Advisory Board on Economic and Social Affairs (virtual)
- **Tatiana Molcean**, Executive Secretary, UN Economic Commission for Europe
- **Poorvaprabha Patil**, Focal point on health, UN Major Group on Children and Youth

Video

(3 minutes)

- **Stocktaking: What will it take to achieve the SDGs?**

Panel 2: Decent work, well-being and shared prosperity

(38 minutes)

- **Jayati Ghosh**, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Massachusetts at Amherst, and member of the UN High-level Advisory Board on Economic and Social Affairs (virtual)
- **Norichika Kanie**, Professor, Graduate School of Media and Governance, Keio University, and member of the Independent Group of Scientists that produced the *Global Sustainable Development Report 2023*

- **José Manuel Salazar-Xirinachs**, Executive Secretary, UN Economic and Social Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
- **Björg Sandkjær**, UN Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination, UN DESA

Wrap-up and closing

(1 minute)

- Moderator