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Ministerial Forum on the priority theme

How to improve mainstreaming of social considerations in development frameworks?

Tuesday, 6 February 2024, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., Conference room 4, UNHQ

Concept Note



1. Background

With seven years left to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), more than half of the associated targets show insufficient progress and around a third have stagnated or even regressed. This includes key targets on poverty and hunger. To secure dignity, opportunity and rights for all, social cohesion must be strengthened.

Social development that builds inclusive, resilient and sustainable societies for all provides a foundation for peace and stability and contributes to the achievement of multiple Sustainable Development Goals. However, sustained social development cannot be effectively pursued through social policies alone. Other policies, including economic and labour market policies, need to be better integrated and aligned with social priorities to achieve fair and sustainable outcomes.

Failure to build peoples' resilience, provide equal opportunities, close gaps in access to basic services and tackle inequalities raises important questions about the nature and effectiveness of development policies and programmes. National implementation is critical for the success of internationally agreed development frameworks, including the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs. Are current development frameworks fit for purpose? Are countries doing enough? Are development policies working in synergy to achieve the SDGs while leaving no one behind? Is domestic resource mobilization matching the scale and ambition of the 1995 Copenhagen Declaration and Programme of Action and the 2030 Agenda? What can the United Nations system do to best support national sustainable development efforts?

The Commission for Social Development will convene its sixty-second session from 5 to 14 February 2024, with a priority theme of “Fostering social development and social justice through social policies to accelerate progress on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and to achieve the overarching goal of poverty eradication”. On 6 February 2024 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., a ministerial forum will be convened, featuring ministers and senior officials from Member States and focusing on *How to improve mainstreaming of social considerations in development frameworks?*

2. Objective and structure

The forum will provide an opportunity for delegates and other stakeholders to interact with ministers and senior officials from Member States. Its main objective is to address policy coherence.

Panellists are invited to structure their 15-minute presentations around recent activities, lessons learned and policy recommendations, on topics ranging from integrating social considerations into broader development frameworks, to enhancing the impact of policymaking and coordination to accelerate implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

The outcome of the discussion will be reflected in the Chair’s summary as part of the inputs from the Commission for Social Development to ECOSOC’s high-level segment and the 2024 High-Level Political Forum.

Proposed time allocation for the panel discussion

Speaker	Suggested speaking time
Moderator: Remarks and introduction	10 minutes
Panellists: Presentations	15 minutes per panellist
Q & A: From the floor	60 minutes
Panellists: Concluding remarks	5 minutes per panellist
Moderator: Summary and conclusion	7 minutes