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## 62<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Commission for Social Development

### Multi-stakeholder forum on the priority theme

#### *Good practices and innovative solutions in promoting social development and social justice*

Thursday, 8 February 2024, 3-6 p.m., Conference room 4, UNHQ

### Concept Note



#### 1. Background

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development includes the pledge that no one will be left behind. This commitment is rooted in a social perspective on development, giving priority to equity, social justice and non-discrimination. More broadly, peace and sustainable development cannot be achieved without social justice, which requires the fair and equal treatment of everyone, including equal access to opportunities and social services, equal rights and equal sharing of the benefits of economic growth.

Social justice provides a foundation for inclusion and cuts across all sectors by drawing attention to systemic barriers and societal biases based on race, gender, disability, socioeconomic status and other factors that promote inequality in income, opportunities and influence. Ensuring social justice and inclusion becomes even more critical in times of multiple and overlapping crises. Unfortunately, many countries are ill-prepared to face the imminent challenges of climate change, population ageing and digitalization.

Governments alone cannot meet the challenges of today's fast-changing world. To promote a trajectory of inclusive and equitable growth and to build resilient societies, partnerships and cooperation among all stakeholders are needed. Capable, transparent and accountable institutions that are well governed and coordinated within government administrations are essential for effective partnerships. Successful policies require broad consultations with stakeholders from the design stages through implementation and follow-up.

In this respect, how can various stakeholders, including the private sector, work with governments to ensure that social development and social justice are promoted? What roles can different stakeholders play in innovating and implementing practical and creative solutions? How should national policies be designed to ensure that no one is left behind? How should governments mobilize resources in a fair way that matches the scale and ambition of the 1995 Copenhagen Declaration and Programme of Action and the 2030 Agenda?

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”. A multi-stakeholder forum to be held on 8 February 2024 from 3 to 6 p.m. will focus on *Good practices and innovative solutions in promoting social development and social justice*.

## 2. Objective and structure

The forum’s main objective is to identify opportunities and lessons learned for promoting social development and social justice. Panellists are invited to structure their 10-minute presentations around solutions, good practices and innovative approaches for fostering inclusive social development and social justice to accelerate implementation of the 2030 Agenda and to ensure its lasting impact.

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
<b>Chair:</b> Opening remarks	3 minutes
<b>Moderator:</b> Remarks and introduction	5 minutes
<b>Panellists:</b> Presentations	10 minutes per panellist
<b>Q &amp; A:</b> From the floor	60 minutes
<b>Panellists:</b> Concluding remarks	3 minutes per panellist
<b>Moderator:</b> Summary and conclusion	7 minutes
<b>Chair:</b> Closing	5 minutes