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## SIXTY-SECOND SESSION OF THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT (CSocD62)

### Provisional List of Speakers, Panellists and Moderators

#### Opening segment

Monday, 5 February 2024, 10:00 am to 11:00 am  
Conference Room 4



- **H.E. Ms. Ruchira Kamboj**, Chair, Commission for Social Development
- **H.E. Mr. Dennis Francis**, President, General Assembly
- **H. E. Mr. Robert Rae**, Vice President, Economic and Social Council
- **Mr. LI Junhua**, Under-Secretary-General, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs
- **Ms. Jean Quinn**, Chair, NGO Committee on Social Development
- **Ms. Mwiza Muwowo**, Global Youth Health Caucus, Copper Rose Zambia (pre-recorded video)

Introduction of the Secretary-General's reports: **Mr. John Wilmoth**, Officer-in-Charge, Division for Inclusive Social Development (DISD), UN DESA

**High-level panel discussion on the priority theme  
“How can future social policies achieve inclusive, resilient and equitable societies?”**

Monday, 5 February 2024, 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm, Conference Room 4



**Keynote speaker**

**Ms. Nora Lustig**, Samuel Z. Stone Professor of Latin American Economics and founding Director of the Commitment to Equity Initiative (CEQ), Tulane University (joining via virtual connection)

**Panellists**

**H.E. Ms. Valérie Berset Bircher**, Ambassador, Head of International Labour Affairs, Labour Directorate, State Secretariat for Economic Affairs of Switzerland

**Ms. Eleni Nikolaidou**, Expert Minister Counselor, Director, Development Cooperation Policy, Hellenic Aid, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Greece

**Ms. Gloria Reyes**, General Director of Supérate Programme, Presidency of the Dominican Republic

**Ms. Sabina Alkire**, Professor of Poverty and Human Development, Director of Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative, University of Oxford

**Moderator**

**Mr. Danilo Türk**, President, Club de Madrid

**Ministerial Forum on the priority theme  
“How to improve mainstreaming of social considerations in development  
frameworks?”**

Tuesday, 6 February 2024, 10:00 am-1:00 pm, Conference Room 4



**Panellists**

**H.E. Mr. Johannes Rauch**, Federal Minister of Social Affairs, Health, Care and Consumer Protection, Austria

**H.E. Mr. Wellington Dias**, Minister of Development and Social Assistance, Brazil (pre-recorded video)

**H.E. Ms. Ana Mendes Godinho**, Minister of Labour, Solidarity and Social Security, Portugal

**H.E. Ms. Betty Amongi**, Minister, Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development, Uganda

**H.E. Mr. Alejandro Solano Ortiz**, Vice Minister of Multilateral Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Costa Rica

**Moderator**

**H.E. Ms. Ruchira Kamboj**, Chair, Commission for Social Development

## High-level Panel discussion on the thirtieth anniversary of the International Year of the Family (IYF)+30

Wednesday, 7 February 2024, 10:00am – 1:00pm, Conference Room 4



### Opening Remarks

**Ms. Maria-Francesca Spatolisano**, Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA)

### Panellists

**Mr. Linton Mchunu**, Acting Director-General of the National Department of Social Development of South Africa

**Ms. Bahira Trask**, Professor, Human Development & Family Sciences, University of Delaware

**Ms. Zitha Mokomane**, Professor and Head of the Department of Sociology at the University of Pretoria

**Ms. Susan Walker**, Associate Professor Emeritus, Family Social Science, University of Minnesota

### Moderator

**Mr. John Wilmoth**, Officer-in-Charge, Division for Inclusive Social Development (DISD), UN DESA

**Panel discussion on emerging issues**  
**“The Influence of Digital Transformation on Inclusive Growth and Development: A Path to Realizing Social Justice”**

Wednesday, 7 February 2024, 3:00 pm-6:00 pm, Conference Room 4



**Panellists**

**H.E. Mr. Gabriel Bastos**, Secretary of State for Social Security of the Ministry of Labour, Solidarity and Social Security, Portugal

**Ms. Heba Hagrass**, UN Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities

**Ms. Ursula Wynhoven**, Head of UN Affairs Division, International Telecommunications Union (ITU)

**Ms. Aida Opoku-Mensah**, Managing Director of Centric Digital GH

**Ms. Julia Stoyanovich**, Institute Associate Professor of Computer Science & Engineering, Associate Professor of Data Science, Director of the Center for Responsible AI at New York University (NYU)

**Moderator**

**Ms. Cynthia Samuel-Olonjuwon**, Special Representative to the UN and Director of the Office for the United Nations of the International Labour Organization (ILO)

**Interactive dialogue with  
senior officials of the UN System on the priority theme  
“How to improve mainstreaming of social considerations in development  
frameworks?”**

Thursday, 8 February 2024, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm, Conference Room 4



**Panellists**

**Mr. Gilbert Hounibo**, Director-General, International Labour Organization (ILO)

**Ms. Tatiana Molcean**, Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UN ECE) (joining via virtual connection)

**Ms. Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana**, Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN ESCAP) (pre-recorded video)

**Ms. Mehrinaz El Awady**, Director - Cluster Leader, Gender Justice, Population and Inclusive Development, UN ESCWA, speaking on behalf of Ms. Rola Dashti, UN ESCWA Executive Secretary

**Mr. Saurabh Sinha**, Chief of Social Policy Section - Gender, Poverty and Social Policy Division, UN ECA, speaking on behalf of Mr. Claver Gatete, UN ECA Executive Secretary

**Mr. Rodrigo Martinez**, Senior Social Affairs Officer, Social Development Division, UN ECLAC, speaking on behalf of Mr. José Manuel Salazar-Xirinachs, UN ECLAC Executive Secretary

**Moderator**

**Ms. Maria-Francesca Spatolisano**, Assistant Secretary-General, Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs

**Multi-stakeholder Forum on the priority theme  
“Good practices and innovative solutions in promoting social development  
and social justice”**

Thursday, 8 February 2024, 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm, Conference Room 4



**Panellists**

**Mr. Danilo Türk**, President, Club de Madrid

**Mr. Doug O’Brien**, President and CEO, National Cooperative Business Association CLUSA International (NCBA CLUSA)

**Ms. Ifeyinwa Ofong**, National Coordinator of Women in Development and Environment (WorldWIDE Network Nigeria)

**Ms. Cathy Feingold**, Deputy President, International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)

**Ms. Shea Gopaul**, Special Representative to the UN, International Organisation of Employers (IOE)

**Moderator**

**Ms. Jean Quinn**, Chair, NGO Committee on Social Development