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## SIXTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT (CSocD63)

### Provisional List of Speakers, Panellists and Moderators (as of 7 February 2025)

#### Opening segment

Monday, 10 February 2025, 10:00 am to 11:00 am  
Conference Room 4



- **H.E. Mr. Krzysztof Maria Szczerski**, Chair of the Commission for Social Development
- **H.E. Mr. Bob Rae**, President of the Economic and Social Council
- **H.E. Mr. Philemon Yang**, President of the General Assembly
- **Mr. Guy Ryder**, Under-Secretary-General for Policy
- **Mr. LI Junhua**, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs
- **Ms. Liana Almony**, Chair of the NGO Committee for Social Development
- **Ms. Judy Kipkenda**, Co-Chair, Global Indigenous Youth Caucus (pre-recorded video)

Introduction of the reports of the Secretary-General: **Mr. Charles Katoanga**, Director, Division for Inclusive Social Development (DISD), UN DESA

## High-level panel discussion on “Follow-Up of the World Summit for Social Development, in view of the World Social Summit under the title the Second World Summit for Social Development”

Monday, 10 February 2025, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm  
Conference Room 4



### Keynote speaker and Moderator

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

### Panellists

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

**Mr. Mario Nava**, Director-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission

**Ms. Anousheh Karvar**, French Government Representative to the ILO and to the G7-G20 for Labour, Employment & Social Protection, France

**Ms. Eleni Nikolaidou**, Expert Minister Counselor and Deputy Director General, Hellenic Aid, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Greece

**Mr. Fabio Veras**, Senior Researcher, Institute for Applied Economic Research and Head, International Policy Centre for Inclusive Development

## Ministerial Forum on “Strengthening solidarity and social cohesion”

Tuesday, 11 February 2025, 10:00 am-11:30 am  
Conference Room 4



### Panellists

**H.E. Ms. Kaisa Juuso**, Minister of Social Affairs and Health, Finland

**H.E. Ms. Camilla Waltersson-Grönvall**, Minister for Social Services at the Ministry of Health and Social Affairs, Sweden

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

**H.E. Ms. María Luisa Ramirez**, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, Guatemala

**H.E. Mr. Mahdi Mohamed Djama**, Director General, Social Development Agency, Djibouti (virtual participation)

### Moderator

**H.E. Mr. Krzysztof Maria Szczerski**, Chair of the Commission for Social Development

**Panel discussion on Emerging issues  
“Policies to bolster social resilience in the context of more frequent and  
complex crises”**

Wednesday, 12 February 2025, 10:00am – 11:30am  
Conference Room 4



**Panellists**

**Mr. Michael Woolcock**, Lead Social Scientist, Development Research Group, World Bank

**Ms. Obiageli “Oby” Ezekwesili**, President, Human Capital Africa (HCA) Founder, School of Politics Policy and Governance (TheSPPG.org) and Senior Economic Adviser, Africa Economic Development Policy Initiative (AEDPI)

**Mr. Marek Kamiński**, Founder of the Kaminski Foundation

**Mr. Meir Bing**, Chief Executive Officer, The Open University of Israel

**Moderator**

**Mr. Ravi Kanbur**, T.H. Lee Professor of World Affairs, International Professor of Applied Economics, and Professor of Economics, Cornell University

**Panel discussion on Emerging issues**  
**“Universal rights-based social protection systems that adapt to evolving risks  
and support social resilience”**

Wednesday, 12 February 2025, 11:30am – 1:00pm  
Conference Room 4



**Panellists**

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

**Ms. Angela Kawandami**, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Community Development and Social Services, Zambia

**Mr. Héctor Ramón Cárdenas Molinas**, Executive Director, Technical Unit of the Social Cabinet of the President of the Republic of Paraguay

**Mr. Edgilson Tavares de Araújo**, Director of the Socio-Assistance Network of SUAS (Unified Social Assistance System), Ministry of Development and Social Assistance (MDS), Brazil

**Mr. Ravi Kanbur**, T.H. Lee Professor of World Affairs, International Professor of Applied Economics, and Professor of Economics, Cornell University

**Moderator**

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**Interactive dialogue with  
senior officials of the UN System on  
“Preparations for the World Social Summit under the title of the Second World  
Summit for Social Development”**

Thursday, 13 February 2025, 10:00 am – 11:30 am  
Conference Room 4



**Panellists**

**Mr. Claver Gatete**, Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UN ECA) (joining via virtual connection)

**Ms. Rola Dashti**, Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UN ESCWA)

**Ms. Laura Thompson**, Assistant Director-General for External and Corporate Relations speaking, International Labour Organization speaking on behalf of **Mr. Gilbert Hounbo**, ILO Director-General

**Ms. Magdalena Sepúlveda Carmona**, Director, United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD)

**Mr. Srinivas Tata**, Director, Social Development Division, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN ESCAP) speaking on behalf of **Ms. Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana**, UN ESCAP Executive Secretary

**Mr. Rodrigo Martínez**, Senior Social Affairs Officer, Social Development Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (UN ECLAC), speaking on behalf of **Mr. José Manuel Salazar-Xirinachs**, UN ECLAC Executive Secretary

**Moderator**

**Mr. Navid Hanif**, Assistant Secretary-General, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs

**Multi-stakeholder Forum on  
“Promoting solidarity and social cohesion through Cooperatives, the Social  
and Solidarity economy as a path for achieving the SDGs”**

Thursday, 13 February 2025, 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm  
Conference Room 4



**Panellists**

**H.E. Mr. Ankhbayar Nyamdorj**, Permanent Representative of Mongolia to the United Nations

**H.E. Mr. Carlos Jorge Paris Ferraro**, Vice Minister, Social Policies, Ministry of Social Development, Paraguay

**Mr. Maxime Baduel**, Ministerial delegate for SSE, French Ministry of the Economy, Finance and Industrial and Digital Sovereignty, France

**Moderator**

**Mr. Konstantinos Papadakis**, Principal Social Affairs Officer, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs