

AGENDA

2016 Civil Society Regional Meeting in Bucharest, Romania

12 January 2016, 14:00-17:00, Hyperion University

Entrance A, 6th Floor, Conference Hall, Calea Calrasilor no. 169

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14:00 – 14:15

Introductory remarks and explanation of the objectives of the day (with Q&A)

- What is the Commission for Social Development?
- What are the Sustainable Development Goals?
- What are we hoping to accomplish during these 3 hours?

Mr. Daniel Perell, Chair of the 2016 Civil Society Forum

14:15 – 14:45

The importance of Civil Society/Government Partnerships to Achieve the SDGs

Mr. Luca Ciubotaro, Minister's Advisor, Ministry for Consultation & Civil Dialogue

Mr. Mihai Lisetchi, Deputy Minister, Ministry for Consultation & Civil Dialogue

14:45 – 15:15

Sustainable Development Goals (facilitated discussion)

- What SDGs are of greatest concern to you?
- What do you think could be done, at the local, national or international level, to implement these particular goals?
- How do you think Civil Society and government at all levels can best work together?

Mr. Daniel Perell

15:15 – 16:00

Inequalities Open Discussion

- What have you/your organization learned about inequalities in the region? Causes/effects.
- What are effective ways to counter inequalities in your region?
- What policy recommendations would you wish to deliver to Member States at the UN?

Ms. Ioana Caciula, Professor & INPEA National Representative

16:00 – 16:30

Poverty Eradication in Romania and the region

Mr. Thomas Pogge, President, Academics Stand Against Poverty

16:30 – 17:00

Civil Society Declaration (facilitated discussion)

- What are elements of the Civil Society Declaration are helpful?
- What could be improved or added to the Declaration? (concrete proposals are best!)
- How might such a declaration be useful to you in your community and your work?

Closing Remarks

Mr. Daniel Perell



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In preparation for the 54th Commission for Social Development
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In preparation for the United Nations Commission for Social Development, Civil Society will be meeting in Bucharest, Romania to discuss issues related to social development that are of particular concern in Romania and the wider region.

Why Romania? The United Nations Commissions each have a bureau of five Member States who are in charge of the functioning of the Commission. Each Bureau has a President – and this year the President is Ambassador Ion Jinga from the Permanent Mission of Romania to the United Nations. Because of this, we hope that Romania will set a precedent for future Bureau Presidents: a Civil Society consultation will be held in the home country of the President prior to the start of the Commission.

What does Civil Society do? Each year, in the day(s) prior to the Commission for Social Development, Civil Society representatives from around the world come together to discuss and learn about the priority theme of the Commission, to share knowledge, and to prepare advocacy strategies. Additionally, Civil Society drafts a formal Declaration which is shared with and read to Member States at the start of the Commission.

What will the meeting in Bucharest look like? The three hour meeting in Bucharest will take place at Hyperion University. However, there will be a video feed so any and all from around the world who would like to watch will be able to. In addition, a Twitter Hashtag will be established so questions can be asked and contributions can be made.

What will be the result of the meeting? The hoped-for results will be felt at many levels. At the most basic level, we hope the Civil Society Declaration can be strengthened to better represent the voices at the grassroots. Additionally, we hope that those who attend and watch the meeting can learn more about and have their voice be heard regarding Inequalities, the Sustainable Development Goals and the wide range of issues concerning Social Development. Lastly, we hope that the results will strengthen collaboration between Civil Society and government and create a platform for effective open dialogue. Furthermore, we hope to set a precedent for future meetings like this. A short report of the day's proceedings including valuable quotes, conclusions and/or recommendations will be prepared and used in the Civil Society consultations that will take place in New York.