

Charting the course 2020-2021



To put people at the center of development, to make the eradication of poverty, the achievement of gender and social equality, full employment, and the fostering of social integration, the overriding objectives of development.



Work together toward the alignment and integration of main principles of the Copenhagen Declaration and all SDGs and Agenda 2030, as we advocate for a more equal society based on social inclusion, where poverty is eradicated, where women have full participation, and in which social development takes place in an atmosphere of sustainability and respect for human dignity.



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PURPOSES, GOALS AND APPROACH



The committee is dedicated to;

- **Increasing awareness on social development** and other social issues taken up by the UN Commission on Social Development and the whole UN system and to the shared responsibility to contribute to the common good.
- **Using our Advocacy, Awareness Raising and Grassroots work** toward tangible results in Social Development and Sustainability.
- By strategizing on how best to make an impact:
 1. on the **Commission on Social Development** for better policies that put people at the center of sustainable development ensuring social integration, eradication of poverty, gender equality and full employment.
 2. on **Member States at the national and local levels** to eradicate poverty and discrimination, promote universal education and health care for all and create a more equal society, thus fulfilling their commitments to the Copenhagen Declaration.
 3. at the **High Level Political Forum (HLPF)** in its process of follow-up and review of the Agenda 2030 to ensure transparency and accountability toward achievement of the SDGs
- By emphasizing the recurrent importance of **Social Protection Systems** for all for a more equal, healthy, and resilient society and as the best tool to be prepared for future emergencies.
- By raising awareness on the need to work together on **three critical transitions (digital, ecological, and demographic) for the Future of Work.**
- By putting **Women and Girls' Rights** at the center of all our initiatives.
- By focusing on the critical need to close that **economic and social gap of the Digital Divide**, investing for development of physical infrastructure, secure software, and skills to build digitally inclusive societies.

OPERATIONAL PRINCIPLES THAT WILL GUIDE OUR WORK



Process

Inclusion, participation, self-education, and integration of all subcommittee work, so that we can actively contribute to achieving all SDGs,

We will develop **better communications**, starting by knowing each other well internally to project a clear, unified message externally, both to member states, other organizations, and all stakeholders.

We will remind ourselves constantly of our shared mission so that we are all **working toward the same goal in a cohesive, caring way.**

We will develop and use our own abilities, strengths, and skills to make the group stronger, to educate ourselves:

- through receiving the right information from experts
- through sharing our research
- by working closely with UNDESA to prepare for CSOCD 59th session
- by bringing in the voices and life experiences and needs of the most vulnerable groups in society.

Content

To work for the eradication of poverty, gender equality, access to education, health care and social protections for all, we will:

- Focus on the **UN system itself**, understanding its 75 years of history, its adaptation to a changing world and its limitations.
- Focus on the **Role of Digital Technology** on social development (education, health, and other public services), specifically on initiatives aimed at reducing the Digital Divide and at providing safe and affordable digital access to all.
- Work to strengthen and improve **our social media tools**, a main means of raising awareness of the challenges faced by the most vulnerable groups.
- Use the momentum of Covid-19 to raise awareness about the importance of 1. Having strong **Social Protection Systems** in place to deal with crises. 2. Extending access to **safe and affordable Digital Technology** to all as now affects every aspect of human development. 3. Developing up-to-date **early warning systems** in epidemiology so that outbreaks can be detected, and their spread contained.
- Bring in the **voices and experiences of the most vulnerable** into the formulation of social policy in recognition that this is not only their right but that they are the real experts.