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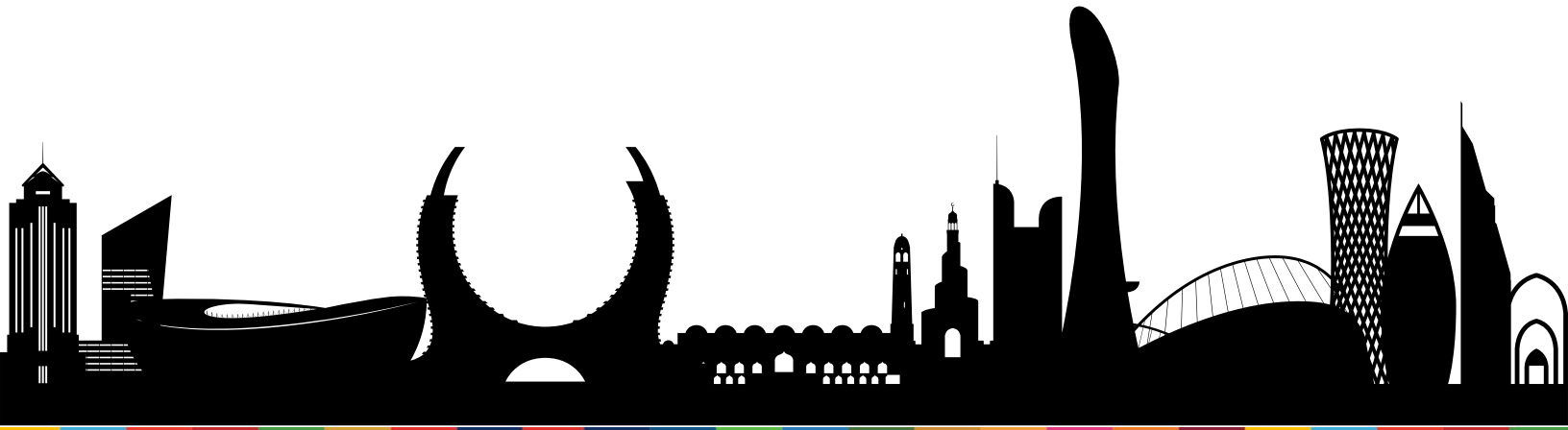
Second World Summit for Social Development

LOCAL TRACK

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The Local Track is a collective effort by the United Nations Local2030 Coalition and its partners to showcase discussions on SDG localization taking place at and around the Second World Summit for Social Development.

In a world facing deepening inequalities, demographic shifts, and rapid technological and environmental changes, the Second World Summit for Social Development provides a crucial platform for global dialogue and collaborative action. It is a unique space for leaders from governments, international organizations, non-governmental organizations, civil society, the private sector, academic institutions, and the UN system to engage on social development.



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*Times and locations are accurate as of the publication date, but please verify for any last-minute changes **

PRE-SUMMIT DAY: 3 NOVEMBER

EMPOWERING CITIES THROUGH PEOPLE-LED PLANNING. A NEIGHBORHOOD MODEL FOR INCLUSIVE URBAN FUTURES, FROM FRAGMENTED LAND TO UNITED COMMUNITIES

11:30- 13:00 AST - Online

Organizer: Ministry of Housing of Egypt; UN Habitat Egypt; Urban Development Fund; Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO); Governorate of Qena; Governorate of Damietta; UN Habitat (Latin America) Office; Subregional Office for Mesoamerica; Ministry of Housing and Human Settlements of Costa Rica
Focus: Presenting evidence-based participatory planning models in developing countries, shedding the light on innovative, community-led finance approaches.
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TURNING GLOBAL COMITMENTS INTO LOCAL IMPACT : FINANCING FOR A JUST AND INCLUSIVE TRANSITION

15:30 - 17:00 AST - Online

Organizers: Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund; All Pakistan Women's Association; PEAC Institute; ChildFund Alliance,; AIC (Int'l Assoc of Charities); Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary -Loreto Generalate The Inclusivity Project, FSW, International PresentationGFDD, ICSD, NGO Committee on FfD
Focus: Building on FfD4 sustainable finance commitments, the session links finance with social, digital and climate goals to reduce poverty, boost livelihoods, and drive inclusive, gender-equal green growth.
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GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION FOR ALL: ADVANCING SOCIAL INCLUSION THROUGH EQUITABLE ACCESS TO QUALITY EDUCATION

16:00- 17:30 AST - Online

Organizer: SDSN; Mission 4.7; Columbia University's Centre for Sustainable Development
Focus: Exploring how Global Citizenship Education can foster social inclusion and equitable access through innovative initiatives and expert-led discussion, featuring two exemplary localized models.
More information: click here

RENEGOTIATING (ECO-) SOCIAL CONTRACTS FOR A JUST AND SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

20:00 - 21:30 AST - Online

Organizer: United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD; Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS); Women engage for a Common Future WECF); UNEP-WCMC)
Focus: Discussing ways to create inclusive, resilient, and sustainable social contracts, forge a new contract with nature and catalyze transformative change through collective action.
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DAY 1: TUESDAY 4 NOVEMBER

NATIONAL URBAN POLICY THAT LEAVES NO ONE AND NO PLACE BEHIND: ADDRESSING URBAN-RURAL INEQUALITIES THROUGH INTEGRATED SPATIAL APPROACHES

11:30 - 13:00 AST - Online

Organizer: UN Habitat Egypt; FAO; GIZ
Focus: Exploring how National Urban Policy can be leveraged as a transformative tool to support the localization of 2030 Agenda and strengthen urban-rural linkages.
More information : click here

SCALING UP INVESTMENTS IN YOUTH FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND DECENT WORK

11:30 - 12:45 AST
Venue : Room ID8

Organizer: UN Youth Office; ILO; EOSG team for Pact Implementation; State of Kuweit; Republic of Kazakhstan
Focus: Focusing on investing in youth as a driver of social justice and inclusive growth and empower young people as key agents of sustainable and equitable development

LAUNCH OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL REPORT ON LOCAL AND REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS

Time: 12:00 - 12:30 AST
Venue: WSSD2 Press Briefing Room

ADEQUATE HOUSINGAS A FOUNDATION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

13:15 - 14:30 AST
Venue: Room 105

Organizer: UN Habitat
Focus: Highlighting housing as the foundation for dignity and opportunity, strengthening commitments for urgent action to transform slums, secure tenure security, and expand access to basic services.
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UAE PATHWAYS TO INCLUSIVE SOCIAL PRO GRESS FROM GLOBAL RIGHTS TO EARLY CHILDHOOD & COMMUNITY IMPACT "STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIPS, SHAPING INCLUSION

13:15 - 14:30 AST
Venue: Room 3

Organizer: United Arab Emirates - Ministry of Family & Zayed Authority For People Of Determination
Focus: Showcasing the UAE model to co-design inclusive, resilient, and sustainable societies through cross-sectoral partnerships.
More information: click here

LOCAL ACTION, NATIONAL IMPACT: SCALING CLIMATE-RESILIENT BASIC SERVICES AND HOUSING IN SMALL AND SECONDARY CITIES

15:00 - 16:15 AST- Online

Organizer: UN-Habitat; Government of LAO PDR; Government of Mozambique; Adaptation Fund; World Bank
Focus: Exploring how local, scalable climate adaptation efforts can drive equity through resilient infrastructure and social inclusion, embedding local innovation into national systems.
More information: click here

SCALING LOCAL ACTION FOR INCLUSIVE SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

15:00 - 16:15 AST
Venue: Room 104

Organizer: Government of Spain; Cabo Verde; Philippines; UN Local2030 Coalition; Global Taskforce of Local and Regional Governments; CatalystNow; Mondragon Group
Focus: Showcasing how local actors drive inclusive social development through community-led solutions. It will promote multilevel and multi-stakeholder governance, participatory planning and the empowerment of local and regional institutions.
More information: click here

MEASURING WHAT MATTERS: QUALITY OF LIFE AS A COMPASS FOR 21ST CENTURY SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

15:00 - 16:15 AST
Venue: Room 105

Organizer: Kingdom of Saudi Arabia - The Quality of Life Program Center; UN HABITAT & ESCWA
Focus: Showing how the Quality of Life Index transforms development planning by centering well-being, inclusion, and lived experiences—spotlighting the need for people-first policies.
More information: click here

VOICES FROM DOHA: ADVANCING THE LOCAL SOCIAL COVENANT AND SHAPING THE FUTURE OF LOCAL MULTILATERALISM

16:45 - 18:00 AST
Venue: Room 11

Organizer: United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG); Arab Towns Organization
Focus: Defining localization priorities for the post-2030 agenda, with a strong social focus to guide future global negotiations.
More information: click here

STRENGTHENING EDUCATION FOR PEACE, DIGNITY AND JUSTICE: TRANSFORMATIVE MODELS AND INITIATIVES

16:00 - 19:30 AST- Online

Organizer: SDSN SDG Academy; Columbia University
Focus: Highlighting innovative approaches and local initiatives that re-center education on principles of peace and dignity.
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DAY 2: WEDNESDAY 5 NOVEMBER

WOMEN AT THE HEART OF DEVELOPMENT: FROM EMPOWERMENT TO IMPACT

11:30 - 12:45 AST
Venue: Room 104

Organizer: The Sultanate of Oman Ministry of Social Development; State of Kuwait - The General Secretariat of the Gulf. Ministers of Social Affairs of the Gulf States; UNFPA; UN-Women
Focus: Highlighting the role of women in social and economic development and enhancing cooperation at the local and international levels.
More information: click here

HOUSING AS A HUMAN RIGHT: REGIONAL INSIGHTS AND STRATEGIES FOR THE ARAB WORLD
11:30 - 12:45 AST
Venue: Room 3

Organizer: League of Arab States, UN-Habitat, UNESCWA, Habitat for Humanity
Focus: Outlining the state of adequate housing across the Arab region, highlighting how housing can serve as a foundation for inclusive social development, resilience, and dignity.
More information: click here

GLOBAL COALITION FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE FORUM
11:30 - 14:30 AST
Venue: Room 106

Organizer: ILO; Governments of Brazil, Qatar and Switzerland
Focus: Highlighting concrete pathways to translate global commitments into real, on the ground impact through multi-stakeholder actions and innovative collaborations that demonstrate leadership and drive.
More information: click here

RETHINKING SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: ECONOMIC SOLUTIONS AND EMPOWERING COMMUNITY-BASED BUSINESS
13:15 - 14:30 AST
Venue: Room 12

Organizer: Government of Egypt (Ministry of Planning, Economic Development and International Cooperation), United Nations Development Program.
Focus: Showcasing Egypt's model of linking economic empowerment and community-based businesses to drive inclusive, sustainable social development.
More information: click here

INTEGRATED HEALTH PODS: WHERE TECH, CAPACITY, AND HEALTH CONVERGE FOR SCALABLE, SUSTAINABLE IMPACT
14:00 - 15:30 AST- Online

Organizer: Global Alliance Office on Drugs and Crime (GAODC); African Citizens Development Foundation (ACDF); The ANORW Police & Emergency Services of Ottawa Watershed (ANORW); Foundation for Optimal Beginnings' (FFOB)
Focus: Presenting integrated community infrastructure that aligns technology, health, and livelihoods and unlocking local capacity for sustainable, self-directed development.
More information: click here

MAKING EVERY RESULT COUNT FOR THE SDGS - HOW TO ALIGN RESULTS FRAMEWORKS AND ENSURE ROBUST MEASUREMENT
15:00 - 16:15 AST
Venue: Room 3

Organizer: Qatar Fund for Development, Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development(OECD)
Focus: Outlining how to deliver credible SDG results by striking the right balance between donor frameworks, local ownership, and methodological rigor.
More information: click here

ADDRESSING STRUCTURAL INEQUALITIES THROUGH GIRLS' EDUCATION FOR INCLUSIVE SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT
15:00 - 16:15 AST
Venue: Room 12

Organizer: Plan International; Government of Ireland; ChildFund Alliance, Save the Children International, SOS Children's Villages International, Malala Fund
Focus: Highlighting how gender-transformative education addresses systemic inequalities through localized, multi-stakeholder collaboration that empowers children, especially girls, to shape inclusive education and development policies.
More information: click here

SHAPING PEACE FROM WITHIN: SOCIAL INTEGRATION THROUGH LOCAL LEADERSHIP
16:00 - 17:30 AST - Online

Organizer: UNDP
Focus: Exploring strategies to strengthen local collaborative leadership and examining how empowered local leaders can drive social integration.
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CARE AT THE CENTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: ADVANCING CARE-CENTRE SOLUTIONS FOR AN EQUAL WORLD
16:45 - 18:00 AST
Venue: Room 105

Organizer: Governments of Mexico and Uruguay
Focus: Highlighting care as a cornerstone of equality, inclusion, and sustainability, and uniting governments and civil society to share localized, care-centered strategies that advance gender equality, decent work, and social justice.
More information: click here

MAPPING PATHWAYS TO POVERTY ALLEVIATION AND EMPLOYMENT: SCALING LOCAL INITIATIVES THROUGH GLOBAL ACTION MOSAIC
17:00 - 19:00 AST - Online

Organizer: Humanitarian Tracker; The Foundation for Post Conflict Development (FPCD)
Focus: Highlighting scalable, locally led initiatives for poverty reduction, job creation, and health system resilience, and presenting global case studies and collaboration opportunities to promote sustainable development.
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"ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND ARTISANAL INTELLIGENCE SYNERGIZING FOR SUSTAINABLE LIVING." BRIDGING ANCESTRAL KNOWLEDGE AND ETHICAL AI FOR REGENERATIVE SOCIAL PROTECTION
18:00 - 20:00 AST - Online

Organizer: Asociación Civil Hecho por Nosotros & animaná
Focus: Exploring the synergies between artificial intelligence and artisanal intelligence for sustainable living, integrating Indigenous, local-based experiences from Latin America, Africa, and Asia.
More information: click here

DAY 4: THURSDAY 6 NOVEMBER

THE SOCIAL ACCELERATOR: GLOCAL TRAINING AND RESEARCH FOR INCLUSIVE GROWTH
10:00 - 11:15 AST
Venue: Room 5

Organizer: UNITAR; CIFAL London; CIFAL Doha
Focus: Offering a scalable, high-impact model for the role of training and research in inclusive growth and social development.
More information: click here

UNLOCKING SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND HUMAN SECURITY THROUGH HOUSING: FROM PRINCIPLES TO ACTION
11:30 - 12:45 AST
Venue: Room 3

Organizer: UNTFHS; UN-Habitat; UN Permanent Missions of Canada, Colombia, Italy, Japan, South Africa; UCLG; DCAF; Habitat International Coalition
Focus: Reimagining housing through human security to deliver solution oriented approaches that advance inclusive, resilient, and socially integrated development.
More information: click here

DECENT WORK AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES: ACTION-ORIENTED APPROACHES TO EMPOWER FUTURE GENERATIONS OF WOMEN AND GIRLS
13:15 - 14:30 AST
Venue: Room 1

Organizer: International Presentation Association; Soroptimist International; Swiss Confederation; UNANIMA International; NGO Committee for Social Development; NGO Committee on Financing for Development; Global Coalition for Social Protection Floors
Focus: Presenting national and community projects that invest in educating women and girls, promoting women's entrepreneurship and advocating against workplace harassment.
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A NEW PARTNERSHIP TO ACCELERATE THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS IN DRYLAND ECOSYSTEMS
15:00 - 16:15 AST
Venue: Room 10

Organizer: Earthna Center for a Sustainable Future; Children Investment Fund Foundation; Qatar Fund for Development
Focus: Presenting scalable initiatives to restore land and water systems and improve health in hot and arid environments, prioritizing solutions based on local, indigenous and traditional knowledge and focused on the most vulnerable populations.
More information: click here

THE PATH TO INCLUSIVE SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: FROM EMPOWERMENT TO INDEPENDENT LIVING
15:00 - 16:15 AST
Venue: Room 7

Organizer: The Ministry of Social Development; Kingdom of Bahrain; The League of Arab States (Council for Arab Ministers of Social Affairs)
Focus: Emphasizing the transition from traditional support mechanisms to full individual independence, by highlighting inclusive policies for low-income families and persons with disabilities and fostering regional dialogue and exchange of best practices.
More information: click here

SAFEGUARDING INDIGENOUS AND TRADITIONAL MEDICINE IN THE FACE OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL DEGRADATION
15:00 - 16:15 AST
Venue: Room 2

Organizer: Angels in the Field; Global Indigenous & Traditional Medicine Alliance (GITMA); MRN, Govardhan App; Climate Entertainment
Focus: Safeguarding indigenous and traditional medicine from climate change and biodiversity loss to strengthen health equity, cultural resilience, and sustainable community livelihoods.
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YOUTH-LED SOLUTIONS: ADVANCING YOUNG WOMEN AND GIRLS' RIGHTS, ACHIEVING FOOD SECURITY AND IMPROVING NUTRITION
16:00 - 17:00 AST - Online

Organizer: World Food Forum (WFF) Global Youth Action Initiative (FAO and UN Women)
Focus: Spotlighting youth-led initiatives, particularly those empowering young women, that are advancing food security and nutrition through locally driven solutions.
More information: click here

PATHWAYS TO FUTURE SKILLS: MULTISTAKEHOLDER SOLUTIONS FOR A SUSTAINABLE AND INCLUSIVE LABOUR MARKET FOR ALL
16:00- 17:30 AST - Online

Organizer: SDSN; University College Dublin; BuildSkills Academy; IOM; UNITAR
Focus: Showcasing the multi-stakeholder initiatives that are focusing on enabling a labour market that is more sustainable, inclusive, and that supports employability for all.
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DURING THE ENTIRE SUMMIT (4-5-6 NOVEMBER)

BUILDING RESILIENT COMMUNITIES THROUGH INNOVATION
10:00 - 17:00 AST, Daily, 3 times
Venue: Booth 32.S, QNCC Exhibition Hall 6

Organizer: WoMen Against Violence and Exploitation (WAVE) Foundation Africa
Focus: Showcasing grassroots innovations and tech-driven solutions that build resilient, inclusive communities, protect vulnerable groups, and advance social transformation.
More information: click here

INVEST IN WOMEN AND GIRLS' SAFETY TO ACHIEVE THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS
10:00 - 17:00 AST, Daily, 3 times
Venue: Booth 6, QNCC Exhibition Hall 6

Organizer: United Nations Spotlight Initiative
Focus: Showcasing UN Spotlight Initiative's proven, locally-led model for ending violence against women and girls and accelerating progress on the SDGs through inclusive, evidence-based approaches.
More information: click here

FROM DARKNESS TO DREAMS: E4ED SOLUTION TO END ENERGY POVERTY FOR RURAL AFRICA
10:00 - 17:00 AST, Daily, 3 times
Venue: Booth 17.S, QNCC Exhibition Hall 6

Organizer: The Economic and Trade Cooperation of African Youth
Focus: Showcasing solar-powered education kits that bridge energy and education gaps in rural Liberia promoting gender equity, safety, and sustainability for underserved students.
More information: click here

FUTURE IN ACTION: YOUTH INNOVATION AND PRACTICE FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT
10:00 - 17:00 AST, Daily, 3 times
Venue: Booth 12.S, QNCC Exhibition Hall 6

Organizer: Nanjing Ivy Youth Service Center
Focus: Showcasing youth-led initiatives leveraging AI and emerging technologies to drive social development, from environmental protection and cultural heritage preservation, to education and community empowerment.
More information: click here

QATAR FOUNDATION SPACE – EMPOWERINGINCLUSIVE SOCIAL PROGRESS
10:00 - 17:00 AST, Daily, 3 times
Venue: Booth 4, QNCC Exhibition Hall 6

Organizer: Qatar Foundation
Focus: Showcasing Qatar Foundation's work in advancing education, research, and community development to drive social progress, sustainability, and innovation, empowering inclusive, culturally rooted, and globally connected societies.
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VOICES FOR DEVELOPMENT
10:00 - 17:00 AST, Daily, 3 times
Venue: Booth 3.S, QNCC Exhibition Hall 6

Organizer: Improve Your Society Organization (IYSO)
Focus: Spotlighting the impact of conflict on social development in Yemen and showcasing community-led solutions and IYSO's efforts to promote inclusion, justice, and resilience.
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CHINESE NGOS' CONTRIBUTION TO SDGS: STORIES FROM GRASSROOTS TO GLOBAL

10:00 - 17:00 AST, Daily, 3 times
Venue: Booth 17.S, QNCC Exhibition Hall 6

Organizer: China NGO Network for International Exchanges (CNIE)
Focus: Showcasing Chinese NGOs' contributions to the SDGs through interactive displays on poverty eradication, decent work, and social integration, highlighting grassroots initiatives and global impact.
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ECO-COMMUNITIES AS CATALYSTS: CHINA'S CIVIL SOCIETY IN ACTION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

10:00 - 17:00 AST, Daily, 3 times
Venue: Booth 4.S, QNCC Exhibition Hall 6

Organizer: Beijing International Exchange Association
Focus: Showcasing how China's civil society advances SDGs through eco-community models, grassroots innovation, and international knowledge exchange for sustainable development.
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