

SECOND WORLD SUMMIT FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: A CALL TO GLOBAL ACTION

The Second World Summit for Social Development convened in Doha, Qatar, from November 4–6, 2025—marking three decades since the historic Copenhagen gathering. The world leaders came together to redefine strategies for social progress, strengthen global partnership, and promote inclusive policies that foster equitable opportunities for all. Over 14,000 people attended the summit.



Arrival and reception of VIP for the Second World summit for Development in Doha, Qatar

The summit focused on Social Development issues and reaffirmed commitments to the Copenhagen Declaration. Major commitments included expanding investments in young people, enhancing development financing, redefining progress indicators beyond traditional GDP metrics, and strengthening collaboration with local and regional authorities. A strong emphasis on ensuring that no individual or community is overlooked. In addition, accredited civil society organizations shared compelling accounts of their work aligned with the three core pillars of Social Development and their involvement with the United Nations.

The theme guiding the summit was clear and action-driven: **building societies that are more resilient, inclusive, and sustainable.**



Helena, the President of the General Assembly delivers her opening remarks



Nine-year-old at the Second World Social Summit for Development advocates for those excluded by the existing systemic structures.

Urgent needs addressed:

- Climate Crisis which wipes out social systems
- Finding finances needed to ensure that benefits reach everyone.
- Deficit of decent work
- Climate mitigation and Adaptation affecting jobs.
- Debt that hinders Social Development
- Inequality and distrust are affecting social development.
- Many people are still hungry.
- Seven hundred million people still live in poverty.
- 4 billion lack access to Social Protection
- 224 million will remain out of school by 2030.
- Space for Civil Society is shrinking.
- The world still experiences conflict, displacement, digital divide etc.

Some Achievements since the Beijing Declaration:

- 1 billion people have escaped extreme poverty.
- More girls are attending school.
- More international organizations are supporting development.
- More donors are helping people to invest in development.
- Civil Society has played a significant role in fostering equity.

FOCUS ON SOLUTIONS AND WAY FORWARD:

- To strengthen accountability
- Work on the Monitory framework
- Use data to shape integrated policies.



Civil Society Forum during Second Social Summit for development. Panelist presentation on Various issues

CLOSING OF THE SECOND SOCIAL SUMMIT

World Leaders united at the Second Social Summit for Development in Doha-Qatar. They recommitted to social development.