

Side Event on the occasion of the 2025 High-Level Political Forum

# On the Road to Doha: From HLPF 2025 to the Second World Summit for Social Development

As the 2025 HLPF undertakes in-depth reviews of SDGs 3 (health and well-being), 8 (decent work and economic growth), and 17 (partnerships for the Goals), the high-level side event will explore how these reviews can help shape the ambition and substance of the upcoming Second World Summit for Social Development (WSSD2), to be held in Doha 4-6 November 2025. The high-level side event will serve as a critical bridge between global review and renewed commitment—highlighting the interlinkages between health, employment, and partnerships in advancing inclusive development, social justice, and SDG implementation.

Invitation to the attention  
of Heads of Delegation to  
the HLPF, Permanent  
Representatives,  
and DPRs

15 July 2025

1:15-2:30 PM

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ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



## Programme



### Welcome Remarks

**H.E. Ms. Alya Ahmed bin Saif Al-Thani**, Permanent Representative of the State of Qatar to the United Nations



### Opening Segment

**H.E. Mr. Rob Rae**, President of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)

**H.E. Fahad Al-Sulaiti**, Director-General, Qatar Fund for Development (QFFD)

**Mr. Li Junhua**, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA)

### High-level Panel

**H.E. Mrs. Sanni Grahn-Laasonen**, Minister of Social Security, Head of Delegation, Finland

**H.E. Mr. Omar Hilale**, Head of Delegation, Kingdom of Morocco, Co-facilitator of 2WSSD

**Dr. Pungkas Bahjuri Ali**, Senior Advisor to the Minister on Social Welfare and Poverty Reduction at the Ministry of National Development Planning, Republic of Indonesia

**Mr. Tomas Lamanauskas**, Deputy-Secretary General, ITU

**Ms. Cynthia Samuel-Olonjuwon**, Special Representative to the UN and Director, ILO

**Dr. Werner H. Obermeyer**, Director, WHO Office at the United Nations

### Moderator

**Prof. Paul Smoke**, Acting Director at New York University's Center on International Cooperation (CIC), Professor and Director of MPA Program at New York University, Robert F. Wagner Graduate School

### Respondent

**Mr. Mohammed Hamad Al-Mannai**, Youth Representative, State of Qatar

