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Ministry
of Social Policy, Family
and Unity of Ukraine



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SIDE EVENT
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CONCEPT NOTE

Title: People-Centered Social Development in Ukraine: Advancing Dignity, Equality, and Social Justice through Coordinated and Inclusive Partnerships

Date: Tuesday February 3rd 2026

Time: from 13:15 to 14:30 NYC time

Organizers: Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the United Nations, Ministry of Social Policy, Family and Unity of Ukraine, SpivDiia Charity Foundation, Alliance of Ukrainian Civil Society Organizations

Format: panel discussion, in person only

Location: Conference Room 11, UNHQ

1. Background

Ukraine is facing an unprecedented social challenge driven by prolonged war, large-scale displacement, and deepened vulnerability of millions of people. Internally displaced persons, children, youth, older people, persons with disabilities, and women-led households require coordinated, inclusive, and technology-enabled social services that respond to both immediate needs and long-term recovery.

Aligned with the CSocD64 priority theme “Advancing Social Development and Social Justice through Coordinated, Equitable, and Inclusive Policies,” this side event will present Ukraine’s experience in reforming the social protection system under war conditions. The discussion will highlight policy innovation, cross-sectoral partnerships, digital solutions, and best practices that strengthen social protection systems and ensure no one is left behind (E.g., Resilience centers, private-public social service procurement systems).

The event will also serve as a platform to present Ukraine in New York, showcasing national reforms, civil society leadership, and international cooperation supporting social development and social justice.

2. Objectives

- Demonstrate how coordinated and inclusive social policies can be implemented in crisis and recovery contexts
- Highlight innovative and technology-enabled approaches to social service delivery
- Showcase effective partnerships between the government, civil society, donors, and international organizations
- Share lessons learned and policy-relevant insights applicable to other countries facing complex social challenges

3. Proposed Speakers

- **Iлона Havronska**, Deputy Minister of Social Policy, Family and Unity of Ukraine for European Integration
National reform and policy perspective on people-centered social development and social protection transformation in Ukraine.
- **Representatives of the Alliance of Ukrainian Civil Society Organizations**
On effective multi-stakeholder partnerships and innovative community-based service delivery models
- **Donor and International Non-Governmental Organizations (INGOs)**
Perspectives on the humanitarian-development nexus, resilience programming, and support to inclusive social development.
- **United Nations Member States (TBC)**
Global policy context and alignment with international frameworks for inclusive and people-centered social development.

4. Expected outcomes

- Increased visibility of Ukraine's social development reforms and innovations
- Strengthened international partnerships supporting coordinated and inclusive social policies
- Policy-relevant insights contributing to CSocD64 deliberations and outcomes

5. Participants

The event is intended for:

- Member States
- UN Secretariat and UN Agencies, Funds, and Programmes
- Resident Coordinators and UN Country Teams
- Civil society and community-based organizations
- Academia, research institutions, and think tanks
- Development partners, IFIs, and private sector actors

5. Format

In person panel discussion designed to ensure inclusivity and an open dialogue.