LOGISTICS NOTE

High-Level Event on "International Panel on Inequality: Addressing the Global Inequality Crisis"

United Nations Headquarters, New York
Conference Room 2
Wednesday, 23 September 2026 | 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

INTRODUCTION

This high-level side event is convened by Brazil, Norway, South Africa and Spain [with the United Nations Deputy Secretary-General]. It will bring together Heads of State and Government, Ministers and leaders of International Organizations, on the need to address the global inequality crisis, an issue of great concern for Member States and the UN.

The event shall provide an opportunity to exchange views and offer inputs on the proposed international panel, and build broad international political support for its establishment. An IPI would be a body anchored in neutral, science-based and objective analysis, situated within the multilateral system. The event will discuss how an IPI could work effectively and lay the groundwork for a future UN resolution.

OBJECTIVES

- Highlight the importance of addressing persistent inequalities, within and between countries, as core to the multilateral agenda, aligned with wider UN efforts and that of the Global Goals.

- Present the proposal for an International Panel on Inequality to the international community as a multilateral initiative that would provide science-based and objective analysis, and support more effective national and international policymaking. Lay groundwork for future UNGA resolution.

- Welcome member state engagement to exchange views and offer inputs on the proposed international panel and build broad international political support for its establishment.

- Welcome member states to consider supporting the non-binding high-level vision statement on the IPI as an expression of support to the establishment of the panel; this would be presented at the high-level meeting.

FORMAT OF THE MEETING:

- Group photo
- High-level segment

- Interactive dialogue
- Closing remarks

PROVISIONAL AGENDA: 10:30am – 12:30pm

Group photo
The event will commence with an official photograph of the Panellists
High-level segment

This session will be opened by H.E. Mr Ronald Lamola, Minister of International Relations and Cooperation, Republic of South Africa
• Joint video message from:
  ○ H.E. Mr Cyril Ramaphosa, President of the Republic of South Africa,
  ○ H.E. Mr Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, President of the Federative Republic of Brazil,
  ○ H.E. Mr Jonas Gahr Støre, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Norway,
  ○ H.E. Mr Pedro Sánchez Pérez-Castejón, President of the Government of Spain.
Statements - of approximately 2-3 minutes each - will follow from:
• H.E. Ms Amina J. Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations (tbc),
• H.E. Mr Mauro Vieira, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Federative Republic of Brazil,
• H.E. Mr José Manuel Albares, Minister for Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation, Kingdom of Spain,
• H.E. Mr Espen Barth Eide, Minister of Minister of Foreign Affairs, Kingdom of Norway,
• Professor Joseph E. Stiglitz, Nobel Laureate and Chair of the Founding Committee of the International Panel on Inequality.

Interactive Dialogue
In the interactive Dialogue the floor will be opened to hear from and engage with leaders and ministers, to welcome engagement on an International Panel on Inequality.
Close
• H.E. Mr Ronald Lamola, Minister of International Relations and Cooperation, Republic of South Africa, • Ms Winnie Byanyima, UN Under-Secretary General and UNAIDS Executive Director.

VENUE AND ACCESS:

This high-level side event will take place in Conference Room 2. Please note the following requirements:

1. **Member States/Delegates**: All delegates invited to the event can access the room using their regular UN grounds pass. No secondary tickets are required.
2. **Civil Society Organizations/NGOs and UN Staff**: Secondary tickets (non-name-specific tickets) are required for all invited Civil Society representatives, NGO participants, and UN staff members.
3. **External Participants (Non-UN Participants)**: For any invited external participants, we will issue name-specific Special Event Tickets, which will be distributed accordingly.

Secondary tickets and Special event tickets can be collected from the Mission of South Africa – please contact Ms T Ravhandalala - ravhandalalat@dirco.gov.za and Mr S Mpama - mpamas@dirco.gov.za regarding collection.

Provision for delegation participation is as follows:

- UN Member and Observer: 1+3
- Invited Intergovernmental Organisations: 1+3
- Invited Civil Society Organisations: 1+2

To note that seats behind the flag will accommodate 1+1. Additional delegates may be allocated seats in the gallery area and extra seating in the room.

SPEAKERS LIST:

During the interactive dialogue the floor will be open for interventions from delegations. Interested delegations are invited to fill out the inscription form below. The deadline for inscription is **21 September 2026.** A consolidated speakers list will be circulated ahead of the meeting. Requests for inscription submitted through any means other than the form mentioned above will not be considered. Delegations will deliver their statements from their seats.

The inscription form can be accessed through the following link or QR code:

INSCRIPTION LIST: High Level Event on the IPI - UNHQ CR 2 23 September 2026 – Fill out form



To facilitate interpretation, it is recommended that Delegations submit their statements in advance (preferably in Microsoft Word, as well as the PDF versions) by email to estatements@un.org and Mr S Mpama - mpamas@dirco.gov.za and Ms A Caistor Arendar - ana@inequalitycommittee.com

TIME ALLOCATIONS FOR INTERVENTIONS:

- UN Member and Observer States wishing to speak and those represented at Head of state Level: 4 minutes each
- UN Member and Observer States represented at Ministerial and Deputy Ministerial level: 3 minutes each
- Other UN Member and Observer States attending the meeting: 2 minutes each
- Invited Intergovernmental Organisations: 2 minutes each

WEBCAST:

The meeting will stream online on UN Web TV: https://webtv.un.org/en

INTERPRETATION:

Interpretation services will be available in all official UN languages. Delegations seeking to provide their own interpreters are requested to inform the Meetings Management Section of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management well in advance by email (gmeets@un.org) and to copy the Interpretation Service (is-unhq@un.org), the Protocol and Liaison Service (unprotocol@un.org) and the Broadcast and Conference Support Section (request-for-services@un.org).

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