



Ageing

Recognizing the potential of older persons as a powerful basis for future development



Family

Advancing family-oriented policies for sustainable development



Civil Society

Engaging people for their voice to be heard and included in decision making



Indigenous Peoples

Empowering indigenous peoples to strengthen their identity and determine their lives



Cooperatives

Cooperatives empower their members and strengthen communities



Sport for Peace and Development

Using sport to foster peace and sustainable development



Disability

Realizing inclusive and accessible societies for all



Youth

Investing in youth being the leaders of the present and future



Who we are?

The Division for Inclusive Social Development (DISD) is part of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) of the United Nations Secretariat.

What we do?

DISD has unique global mandates on groups of people that have traditionally been left behind (indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities, older persons and youth), as well as issues (families, cooperatives and sports for peace and development) and themes (eradicating poverty, promoting employment and decent jobs, fostering inclusion and participation, and reducing inequalities).

DISD promotes socially inclusive development by translating relevant international norms into policy and practice at regional, national and sub-national levels through technical cooperation, capacity development and partnerships.

DISD is also contributing to acceleration of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, with a focus on the social dimension of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).





Core Themes



Poverty Eradication

End poverty in all its forms everywhere



Reducing Inequalities

Promote equality and equity



Social Inclusion

Promote inclusive societies for all people of all ages and abilities



Employment Generation

Promote full and productive employment and decent work for all



UN DESA's Division for Inclusive Social Development (DISD) provides technical cooperation to Member States, at their request, to promote socially inclusive development by:

1

Building national capacities and developing partnerships to promote inclusion of social groups, such as persons with disabilities, older persons, family, youth, and indigenous peoples, and to advance issues, such as social protection, social cooperatives and sport/physical activities.

2

Developing and disseminating knowledge and expertise through advisory services, training workshops, guidelines and toolkits.

3

Providing platforms for the full participation of social groups in national development through an inclusive approach.

4

Engaging with the Resident Coordinator system and the UN Country Teams to translate relevant international norms into national policy and practice.

Thought Leadership

DISD continues to be a thought leader on critical social development topics through its cutting-edge research, analysis and policy guidance.



Intergovernmental Mechanisms and Processes

DISD supports key intergovernmental processes and mechanisms relating to social development, including the 2nd and 3rd Committees of the General Assembly, the Commission for Social Development, the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues and the Open-Ended Working Group on Ageing.



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