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Solutions Session at the Second World Summit for Social Development "The Social Accelerator: Glocal Training and Research for Inclusive Growth"

People

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BACKGROUND

The United Nations General Assembly, through its resolutions 78/261 and 78/318, decided to convene the "World Social Summit" in 2025, under the title "the

Second World Summit for Social Development.” Convening at the level of Heads of State or Government, the summit aims to address the gaps and recommit to the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development and the Programme of Action and its implementation and give momentum towards the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. The summit will be held in Doha, Qatar from 4-6 November at the Qatar National Convention Centre. Pre-Summit events will take place on 3 November 2025.

In a world facing deepening inequalities, demographic shifts, and rapid technological and environmental changes, the Second World Summit for Social Development provides a crucial platform for global dialogue and collaborative action. It is a unique space for leaders from governments, international organizations, non-governmental organizations, civil society, the private sector, academic institutions, and the UN system to engage on social development issues at the highest level and advance social progress, ensuring that no one is left behind in our global sustainable development journey.

EVENT OBJECTIVES

The session presented practical, replicable solutions that accelerate social development by showcasing glocal approaches that combine global expertise with locally relevant action. Drawing from United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and its CIFAL (International Training Centres for Authorities and Leaders) training centres, it illustrated how training, research, and multi-sector collaboration can generate tangible social impact.

CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

1. Inaugural Remarks by Director, Division for People, and Chairman, Foreign Affairs Committee and Member of the Shura Council
2. Panel Discussion – Social Accelerator: Glocal Training and Research:
Moderated Interventions from 3 CIFAL centers
3. Closing Remarks and Q&A

METHODOLOGY

Panel discussion

TARGETED AUDIENCE

Representatives from CIFAL Global Network, academia, government, and international organizations in an engaging exchange of ideas and practices