

**Joint Meeting
of the Second Committee of the General Assembly
and the Economic and Social Council**

Fostering sustainable and resilient societies in uncertain times

**15 October 2024, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 pm
UN Headquarters New York, Conference Room 2**

Draft Programme

**10:00 - 10:15 am
Opening Session**

- H.E. Mr. Muhammad Abdul Muhith, Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations, Chair of the Second Committee of the United Nations General Assembly
- H.E. Mr Bob Rae, Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations and President of the Economic and Social Council

**10:15 – 10:25 am
Keynote Statement**

Ms. Isabel Ortiz, Director, Global Social Justice, former Director at ILO and UNICEF (virtual)

10:25 - 11:40 am

**Panel 1: Harnessing social protection for gender equality, resilience and transformation -
Launch of the World Survey on the Role of Women in Development 2024, UN-Women**

Moderator: H.E. Mr Bob Rae, Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations and President of the Economic and Social Council

Speakers:

- Ms. Sarah Hendriks, Director, Policy, Programme & Intergovernmental Division at UN Women
- Ms. Vidya Diwakar, Deputy Director of the Chronic Poverty Action Network
- Ms. June Barrett, Vice president of the International Domestic Workers' Federation

Interactive dialogue and responses from the floor

- *Interventions by Member States and questions to the panel of experts. The two moderators may wish to invite speakers to respond to interventions*

11:40 - 12:50 pm

Panel 2: Financing Resilience: an imperative for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, UN-DRR and WMO

Moderator: H.E. Mr. Muhammad Abdul Muhith, Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations, Chair of the Second Committee of the United Nations General Assembly

Expert panel perspectives

- **H.E. Mr. Krzysztof Szczerski**, Permanent Representative of Poland to the United Nations, and Chair of the Commission for Social Development at its 63rd session
- **Ms. Ruth Richardson**, Executive Director, Accelerator for Systemic Risk Assessment
- **Ms. Bridget Burns**, Executive Director, Women's Environment and Development Organization

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12:50 - 1:00 pm

Closing remarks

- Closing remarks by H.E. Mr. Muhammad Abdul Muhith, Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations, Chair of the Second Committee of the United Nations General Assembly
- Closing remarks by H.E. Mr. Lok Bahadur Thapa, Permanent Representative of Nepal to the United Nations and Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council