

Global Coalition for Social Justice - Annual Forum 2026

Concept note

The [Global Coalition for Social Justice](#), established by the International Labour Organization in 2023, is a global platform to strengthen multistakeholder cooperation and accelerate collective action for decent work and social justice.

Bringing together over 400 partners from governments, employers' and workers' organizations, international and regional organizations, development banks, the private sector, academia and civil society, the Coalition fosters coherent and integrated approaches across institutions to advance social justice, by expanding opportunities for all, fostering shared prosperity and contributing to resilient societies.

The Coalition provides a collaborative framework for dialogue and action through which partners develop and implement actions that translate international commitments into concrete results and lasting social progress.

Learn more about how Coalition partners are turning commitments into action by visiting the [Global Coalition for Social Justice website](#).

Purpose

The Coalition Forum is the Coalition's annual gathering of partners, convened in accordance with the governance arrangements set out in its Terms of Reference. It provides a dedicated space for partners to share experiences and lessons learned, reflect on progress, identify new opportunities for collaboration, and shape future collective action.

Format and content

The Coalition's Annual Forum will take place in a virtual format on 16 and 17 September 2026, ahead of the High-Level General Debate of the 81st session of the United Nations General Assembly.

The 2026 Forum builds on the collective efforts of Coalition partners to advance the implementation of its thematic priorities and key interventions. Particular attention will be given to the Coalition's contribution to the implementation of the Doha Political Declaration adopted at the Second World Summit for Social Development. Discussions will also highlight the Coalition's added value in fostering collaboration, strengthening policy coherence and supporting coordinated action across the multilateral system, in line with the objectives of the UN80 agenda.

The programme will combine panel discussions and interactive sessions to share experiences, foster peer learning and identify practical ways to accelerate implementation at the global, regional and country levels.

The Forum will be livestreamed on ILO Live, with simultaneous interpretation available in the six official languages of the United Nations.

Agenda

<i>Day / Time</i>	<i>Session</i>	<i>Content</i>
Wednesday, 16 September		
13:30 – 14:30	Official Opening	Addresses by the Co-Chairs and Co-Vice-Chairs of the Coalition's Coordinating Group. Setting the strategic direction of the Forum and outlining priorities for the year ahead.
14:30 – 15:40	Partners in Action: Delivering Results through Key Interventions (Panel)	Panel bringing together partners leading key interventions to highlight collective objectives, progress achieved and opportunities for further collaboration.
15:40 – 16:30	Interactive Session: Partner Spotlight	Partners are invited to present their contributions, share experiences and lessons learned, announce new commitments, or invite others to join initiatives.
Thursday, 17 September		
13:30 – 14:45	From international commitments to implementation: Delivering Social Justice (Panel)	Panel discussion on the Coalition's contribution to implementing the Doha Political Declaration and advancing international commitments on social progress.
14:45 – 16:30	Interactive Session: Partner Spotlight	Partners invited to present their contribution, share experience and lessons learned, announce new commitments or invite other partners to join ongoing collaborative initiatives.

 **Interactive Session:** The Interactive Partner Dialogues are designed to maximize partner participation and foster peer learning across the Coalition. Partners are invited to present their contribution to the Global Coalition for Social Justice through 3–4 minutes interventions. Presentations should highlight concrete actions, lessons learned, partnerships developed, new commitments, and opportunities for collaboration.

Partners wishing to take the floor are invited to register in advance ([here](#)). The Coalition Secretariat will review all requests and allocate speaking slots to ensure a balanced representation across partner categories, thematic priorities and regions.