



International Federation of Social Workers
UN HLPF on Sustainable Development - **VIRTUAL** Side Event
Tuesday, July 11, 2023 1:15 PM- 2:30 PM (EST)

Co-building an Eco-Social World for Sustainable Development

Speakers will highlight the importance of a robust universal social protection system to help mitigate risks for child labor and unpaid workforce, the growing disparities and loss of social connections due to COVID 19 that impact health and mental health, and how citizens, communities, inclusive coalitions, and professionals can co-build partnerships that ensure multidimensional policies and services that align with human rights and further the goals of the SDGs.

The side-event supports The People's Charter for an Eco-Social World, a commitment from civil society, NGOs, and governance that promotes community centered policy and practice that is respectful of the social, environmental, and cultural context of communities, organizations, and allied professionals. Join us for the conversation!

Maggie Carter, Senior Research Analyst
United Nations Research Institute for Social Development



Maggie Carter will review key findings from the “Crises of Inequality: Shifting Power for a New Eco-Social Contract,” and highlight sustainable development approach based on alternative economies, strengthening solidarities, and a vision for transformation change: a new eco-social contract for people and planet.



Thea Mei Lee, Deputy Undersecretary
International Affairs, U.S. Department of Labor

Families that have access to social supports are far less likely to resort to child labor. Deputy Undersecretary Thea Lee will share learning from the Bureau of International Labor Affairs' work to counter child labor and trafficking by linking vulnerable families with social protections, and will discuss how this work advances SDGs.

Gita Jaffe, Senior Policy/Global Affairs Advisor
Global Alliance for Behavioral Health Social Justice

Gita Jaffe will share findings from efforts in fostering social connection, reconceptualizing the mental health workforce, primary prevention of child trafficking, advocating for the inclusion of mental health in UHC and emergency preparedness, and address centering mental health and human rights in society as critical to achieving the SDGs.



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