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Concept Note
for a Side Event on the 61st Session of the UN Commission for Social Development
Theme: “Creating full and productive employment and decent work for all as a way of overcoming inequalities to accelerate the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.”

Title: Productive Employment, Decent Work, and Reducing Inequalities - Challenges and Nexus: Sharing Sound Policies and Good Practices

Friday, February 10th, 2023, at 9.45 – 11.00 AM (EST)
Virtual

Background:

This side event highlights the challenges and nexus of creating full and productive employment and decent work to reduce inequalities during the COVID-19 Pandemic and beyond, as well as implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Before the COVID-19 Pandemic, inequality was high and increasing in some countries. The Pandemic has exposed and worsened inequalities. It has resulted in losing massive jobs and income, exacerbated inequalities and multiple forms of deprivation, and increased poverty, hunger, chronic undernourishment, and school dropouts. It has immensely impacted the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. It has made global efforts to achieve many SDGs even more challenging, including SDG8 (Decent work and economic growth) and SDG10 (Reduced inequalities).

The speakers will address the challenges and nexus by creating sound policies at the national and global levels and doing good practices in the local communities.

This side event will be hosted and sponsored by VIVAT International, a faith-based NGO with a special consultative status at the United Nations, with a membership of more than 25,000 working in 120 countries, vigorously promotes the United Nations Agenda by working for sustainable development, gender justice, peace promotion, human rights protection, and equality of all. VIVAT members with a strong presence in India and Indonesia will bring their experiences and insights from their engagement in creating employment and decent work for people in the local communities that impact the reduction of social and economic inequalities among people in their respective societies. They are committed to providing decent work for people long before the COVID-19 Pandemic breakout. Their commitment is even more vital during the Pandemic period.

Objective/Desired Outcome:

This side event will highlight the sound policies and best practices made by State, the UN Agency (ILO), and civil society organizations in addressing social and economic inequalities by creating
employment and decent work and empowering vulnerable groups, people with disabilities in particular.

The side event will be held virtually on **Friday, 10 February 2023, from 9:45 Am to 11 AM**

**Speakers:**

- State Representative of the Republic of Indonesia (TBC)
- UN Agency representative from International Labour Organization (TBC)
- Richard Quadros, Human Resource Development and Training Centre, Sarva Vikas Deep, India
- Dr. Wamuyu Mahinda, Ashoka Fellow, Social Entrepreneur, Field Catalyst, and Consultant, Kenya

**The Zoom link to register:**
https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUvcOqhjiljGdzLdeGmbWNdFlaSiYN99_p8

**Program (75 minutes)**

**Opening session** – Moderator welcomes the attendance and introduces the speakers (7 mins)

**Presentations:** 50 Mins (10 mins for each speaker)

- ✔ Speaker 1: Indonesian government (TBC-10 mins): …..
- ✔ Speaker 2: ILO Representative (TBC - 10 mins): …..
- ✔ Speaker 3: Richard Quadros (10 mins): “Inequality and Marginalization, with a special reference to COVID-19.”
- ✔ Speaker 4: Dr. Wamuyu Mahinda (10 mins) – “The Collective Enterprise Model – an ecosystem development model that is both inclusive and transformational.”

**Q&A Session** – 15 mins

**Closing session** – 3 mins

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