

Call for Proposals

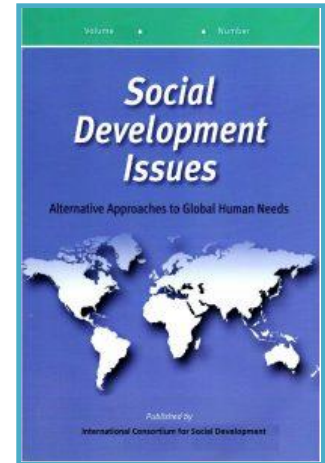
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The *Second World Summit for Social Development*, to be held in Qatar in November 2025, marks a key moment in global efforts to advance social progress. Building on the commitments made at the 1995 World Summit for Social Development in Copenhagen, it presents an opportunity to reassess global commitments to social progress, in light of emerging challenges and persistent inequalities. The Summit will focus on three core pillars that remain essential to social development: (1) poverty eradication, (2) full and productive employment and decent work for all, and (3) social inclusion. This special issue aims to serve as a platform for rigorous debate and fresh perspectives on the evolving landscape of global social development.

This special issue of *Social Development Issues* will highlight research and analysis that critically engage with the Summit's objectives, themes, and policy implications, offering insights into its potential impact on national and international social development strategies. We welcome contributions that explore the Summit's significance, including but not limited to:

- **Revisiting the Copenhagen Commitments.** How have the original social development goals evolved over the past three decades, and where do gaps remain? What actions are needed to address them and the SDGs?
- **Policy and Governance Perspectives.** Analyses of global, national, or local policy frameworks that respond to the Summit's agenda, including policy design and implementation. What constraints might impact the effectiveness of these policies?
- **Challenges in Measuring Social Progress:** Critical assessments of how poverty, employment, and inclusion are quantified and evaluated in international research or policy.
- **Regional and Context-Specific Approaches:** Comparative studies on how different regions or sectors interpret and implement social development goals.
- **Intersectional and Cross-Sectoral Solutions:** Research that examines how intersectionality, cross-sector collaboration, and multi-disciplinary approaches can be integrated to advance social well-being.

Proposals for complete papers should follow these sections as applicable to the proposed paper: Objective, Literature Review, Methods, Results, and Conclusion. Paper proposals should outline the research focus, key arguments, and relevance to the 2025 Summit. Proposals should not exceed 1000 words (2-4 pages with references and an abstract of 50 words).

- Send in electronic format to the Editor of *Social Development Issues* at sdijournal@uga.edu by **November 30, 2025**.
- Authors will be notified by **February 1, 2026** of the decision regarding the submission of completed manuscripts. Authors of selected abstracts will be invited to submit full manuscripts for peer review.
- Completed manuscripts are **due May 1, 2026**, and will be peer reviewed.

All work must be original, unpublished, and not submitted for publication elsewhere. For information, contact Ben Lough, bjlough@illinois.edu or Philip Hong, sdijournal@uga.edu