



30.03.2016 – Inequality is unhealthy for societies and economies.□ Inequality is not only a universal social, economic and political challenge, but also a moral imperative.

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals pledge to reduce inequality and provides a vision of a shared future with equality and opportunities for all.

Inequality trends are affected strongly by national and global policymaking. Some countries have shown that universal social policies, including social protection, universal access to essential services, effective employment policies and robust institutions are critical for reducing inequality. However, the reduced trends of inequality in these countries are an anomaly; global inequality is rising.

Why are inequalities so persistent? What forms of inequalities are more persistent than others and how can they be addressed?

How do we address inequality as a universal challenge? What are the most pressing priorities in reducing inequality at the global level?

How can the international community ensure that the Sustainable Development Goals effectively reduce inequality?

What are the moral and ethical imperatives to reduce inequalities?

These are just a few of the questions that will be discussed at the ECOSOC Special Meeting on Inequality which takes place on 30 March at UN Headquarters in New York.

The meeting will emphasize the need for addressing inequality through the provisions of [Sustainable Development Goal 10](#) on reducing inequality within and among countries. This Goal will provide the foundation for the discussions, which will also build upon the United Nations fundamental values of equality and the right to development.

The event will be broadcast live via [UN Web TV](#)

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