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In Preparation for the 50<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission for Social Development

**The NGO Committee for Social Development  
invites you to the  
**Civil Society Forum****

Co-sponsored by:  
United Nations' DESA's Division for Social Policy and Development  
&  
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**“The Social Protection  
Floor Initiative”**

**“Universal access to basic social protection and social services is necessary to break the cycle of poverty and reduce inequality and social exclusion. A basic social protection floor is affordable; its benefits need to be weighed against the potentially high human, social and economic costs of not investing in social protection.”**

*“The Global Social Crisis: Report on the World Social Situation 2011”*

*‘UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs’ Publication, 2011*

**Date: January 31, 2012**

**Program: 10 AM – 4 PM**

**Venue: UN Headquarters, New York.**

**Details to follow**

This Civil Society Forum is offered in preparation for the Commission for Social Development – February 1st - 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at the United Nations HQ, NY and the UN Conference on Sustainable Development in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, June 4-6, 2012

Registration details for the Civil Society Forum will be shared at a later date.

Meanwhile please pre-register for the Commission at

<http://social.un.org/index/CivilSociety/NGOParticipation/CSocD50Session/OnlinePreRegistration.aspx>