The UN Commission for Social Development CSocD is the advisory body responsible for the social development pillar of global development.

Priority Theme 2021:

“Socially just transition towards sustainable development: the role of digital technologies on social development and well-being of all.”

The NGO Committee for Social Development (NGOCScD), in which the IPA is an active member, is also focusing this year upon the digital aspect of the theme, exploring how technology can be used to help lift people from poverty and vulnerability.

Through the Grass Roots Task Force of the NGOCScD, the IPA hopes to bring to the Commission the voices of those impacted positively and negatively by digital technology. Hence, the IPA Justice Contacts were invited by the IPA NGO Representative to submit video clips in response to the question: “Have you found digital technology helpful or a challenge during COVID-19?”, sharing how technology has helped in one’s daily work or personal life during the COVID-19 crisis and/or what has been challenging about technology during the COVID-19 crisis. The submitted videos will be used and showcased as part of a montage at the launch of the Civil Society Forum of CSocD59, as well as individually on the NGOCScD social media platforms. It will also be posted on the website ngosocdev.org and the IPA Twitter account (@IPA_UN).

Additionally, the IPA, together with the other members of the NGOCScD Grassroots Task Force, will host an online event (March 1st, 2021) launching the Grassroots report “Towards 2030: Grassroots experiences with inequalities.”, published in December 2020.