



## **“MOBILIZING CIVIL SOCIETY FOR BOLD SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT”**

**Restitution of the Second World Social Summit (SWSS) on Social Development Outcome**

**The SDK Conference Center, Senegambia, The Gambia, October 12-16, 2026.**

Theme: **“Pathway and Partnerships for the Future after 30 years.”**

The NGO Affairs Agency within the Ministry of Lands, Regional Government, and Religious Affairs in The Gambia, in partnership with the NGO Coalition for Social Development in New York, USA, will host a regional workshop for the restitution of the **Second World Summit (SWSS) on Social Development and the Launching of “Earth Hours Award”** at the SDK Convention Centre, Senegambia, The Gambia, October 12-16, 2026.

The aim is to begin uniting civil society through grassroots solidarity, resilience, and coherence, and to develop a Civil Society Framework of Action (CSFA) to monitor and report the progress and commitments of heads of state toward the *2025 Doha Outcome for Social Development*.

The event will be a historic gathering of **over 1500 international social development experts from around the world, including parliamentarians, government officials, UN agencies, civil society members, NGOs, indigenous and first nation peoples, seniors, people with disabilities, people of African descent, youth, women, children, community leaders, religious leaders, academics, social workers, trade unionists, advocates, and human rights activists.**

The primary goal is to launch the annual civil society initiative, *“NGO-Common Space,”* which acts as a platform to mobilize, unite, connect, share, learn, and amplify advocacy efforts to help shape an inclusive global social development agenda. It will also connect with existing international campaigns, showcase NGOs' efforts, emphasize the need for leaders to act on the world's most urgent social and development issues, and lay the groundwork for monitoring and reporting the *“2025 Doha Outcome”*.

*Would you like to join us in exploring the 2026 NGO Restitution summits in Gambia?*

**Key moments of the Civil Society Action Week in The Gambia include: (1) NGO Mobilization Day on Wednesday, October 21st, (2) community conversations and Indigenous ceremonies on Thursday, October 22nd, (3) meetings with parliamentarians on Capitol Hill, followed by an open house and a Award ceremony and convivial dinner, and (5) sightseeing excursions to a 25-mile beach.**

This self-funded event offers a rare chance to start engaging meaningfully in the new social development outcomes after 30 years. The summit goes beyond speeches or presentations; it acts as a collective voice for civil society, aiming to create *“The World We Want”* and to encourage greater collaboration with local Gambians and civil society worldwide as *“everyone involved”*.

Thank you for agreeing to collaborate with us in building a stronger partnership where everyone has a seat at the table. **It promises to be a memorable, engaging, and fun experience!**

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