

## What is the World Day of Social Justice?

Every year on February 20<sup>th</sup>, the World Day of Social Justice is celebrated. The celebration reflects on guaranteeing fair outcomes throughout employment, social protection, social dialogue, and fundamental principles and rights at work. This declaration was first announced on June 8, 2008, as a step from the United Nations (UN) toward a commitment to continuous social justice and fair globalization. The UN pursuit of social justice is part of their global mission to promote social development and human dignity. The adoption of the declaration on social justice for fair globalization by the International Labour Organization is just one example of many actions of the UN system's commitment to social justice.

There are many social justice issues in the world today. Gender inequality, systemic racism, and unemployment are just a few. The purpose of the day is to focus on the plight of social injustice throughout the world and to press for improvements and solutions. World Day of Social Justice recognizes the need to promote efforts to tackle issues such as discrimination, poverty, gender equality, and access to justice for all.

Over the recent years, the ideas of social injustice have been classified into five different components: the dignity of the human being, primacy of the common good, reciprocal rights and responsibilities, the dignity of workers and rights for workers, and finally but not least, fundamental options for the poor and the vulnerable. These five concepts and many more are what is at the heart of the United Nations and its push for human dignity and equality for all.