



*International Association of Economic and Social Councils  
and Similar Institutions*  
(AICESIS)

**THE THESSALONIKI APPEAL**

**FOR HUMANITY AND GLOBAL JUSTICE**

(Adopted\* by the Board of Directors of AICESIS – 30 January 2026)

**WE, THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF AICESIS,**

Representing organized civil society from Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America and Caribbean,  
Meeting in Thessaloniki,

**DECLARE OUR UNITY AND OUR RESPONSIBILITY:**

In a world marked by fractures, conflicts, inequalities and global emergencies, we refuse  
indifference and resignation.

We affirm that multilateralism can no longer be limited to diplomatic summits or statements of  
principle. To regain its legitimacy, it must be translated into concrete, equitable and measurable  
action, in the service of peoples and human dignity.

As a global network of Economic and Social Councils and similar institutions, we assume our role  
as a bridge between citizens, social partners and public decision-makers, and our duty to  
contribute to a more just and more humane global dialogue.

This text seeks to highlight the role and contribution of economic and social dialogue institutions  
at the international level.

**WE CALL FOR URGENT ACTION AROUND FIVE FUNDAMENTAL PILLARS:**

*1. DIGNITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS*

International law must protect every human being, everywhere and without exception.

We demand the effective guarantee of fundamental rights, without double standards,  
discrimination or relativism.

The physical and moral integrity of the human person constitutes an absolute red line that  
cannot be negotiated.

## *2. THE FIGHT AGAINST INEQUALITIES*

Extreme inequalities in income, opportunities and access to essential services weaken societies and fuel instability.

We call for moving beyond an approach based solely on numerical economic growth, towards an economy of shared well-being, social justice and cohesion.

## *3. THE CONCRETE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS*

The 2030 Agenda must not remain a formal promise.

We commit to working towards translating the Sustainable Development Goals into tangible results in the daily lives of citizens, particularly regarding access to water, health, education, employment and social protection.

## *4. A JUST AND INCLUSIVE CLIMATE TRANSITION*

Climate action is a vital necessity for humanity.

However, it cannot succeed without social justice.

We advocate for an ecological transition that protects workers, supports territories and assists the most vulnerable communities. No one must be left behind.

## *5. A RENEWED CIVIC AND SOCIAL DIALOGUE*

Democracy requires listening, participation and trust.

We commit to promoting open, inclusive and renewed social dialogue, fully involving youth, the informal sector, women and all the vital forces of society.

It is under these conditions that public policies will regain their legitimacy and effectiveness.

## **AS A CONSEQUENCE,**

Through this Thessaloniki Appeal, we affirm the historic responsibility of organized civil society in building a more just, more united and more humane world.

We call upon governments, multilateral institutions, regional organizations, social and economic partners, as well as all public and private actors, to make these principles effective orientations for public action and development.

AICESIS commits to carrying this appeal into all spaces of dialogue, consultation and decision-making, and to actively contributing to its implementation in the service of peoples and future generations.

Done in Thessaloniki, 30 January 2026  
For the Board of AICESIS