Full-day open informal consultation

Human rights and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: The opportunities and challenges of convergence

Château des Bois, Geneva
Thursday 29th June 2017

Programme

In order to respond to rising global inequalities, States and other stakeholders must work to leverage the inter-dependent and mutually reinforcing nature of, on the one hand, the promotion and protection of, and respect for all human rights, including economic, social and cultural rights, civil and political rights, and the right to development; and, on the other hand, the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

If the 2030 Agenda is to be realised in a way that truly does ‘leave no one behind,’ then human rights obligations and commitments must be applied, implemented and protected by all UN member States. Similarly, the full enjoyment of all human rights will only be possible in the context of worldwide progress with the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals and Targets, including the eradication of poverty in all its forms and dimensions.

With this in mind, on 29th June the group of friends of the Human Rights Council initiative on ‘human rights and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development’ will convene a one-day meeting at the Château de Bois, just outside Geneva.

The morning session will provide a space for States to exchange information and experience vis-à-vis national efforts to leverage the mutually reinforcing nature of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and international human rights obligations, commitments and recommendations. The afternoon will offer a chance to consider international support and cooperation to assist States with the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and their international human rights obligations, including through capacity-building and technical assistance, and the development of practical tools.
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Morning

09h00 – 09h30  Coffee and croissants

09h35 – 09h40  Welcome by H.E. Mr Carsten Staur, Permanent Representative of Denmark

09h45 – 10h15  **High level opening**

H.E. Mr Joaquin Maza Martelli, President of the Human Rights Council

H.E. Ms Kate Gilmore, Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights

H.E. Mr Michael Møller, Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva

10h15 – 12h30  **Panel and interactive dialogue 1**

Exchanging domestic experience and good practice

Identifying and leveraging synergies, at national level, between implementation of and reporting on: UN human rights obligations, commitments and recommendations; and the Sustainable Development Goals ‘leaving no one behind’
Introduction by the moderator

Moderator: H.E. Ms Marta Mauras, Permanent Representative of Chile

Country case study 1: Kenya

Ms Wambui Kimathi
Senior Advisor,
Office of the Cabinet Secretary
Ministry of Devolution Planning
Kenya

Country case study 2: China

Mr JIANG Duan, Minister, Human Rights, Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations Office at Geneva and other international organizations in Switzerland

Country case study 3: Germany

H.E. Ms Antje Leendertse
Ambassador, Permanent Representative
Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Germany to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva

Country case study 4: Republic of Ecuador

Ms Pamela Rocha
Director of Environment and Sustainable Development
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Human Mobility
Republic of Ecuador

Interactive discussion with all participants

With coffee break
12h30 – 13h30  Lunch (buffet lunch)

13h30 – 16h45  Panel and interactive dialogue 2

How can the UN’s human rights pillar and other relevant parts of the UN best support States leverage the positive relationship between the domestic implementation of human rights recommendations and the 2030 Agenda?

Introduction by the moderator

*Moderator: Ms Eva Grambye, Danish Institute for Human Rights*

Perspectives on the actual and potential contribution of the UPR, especially the implementation of, follow-up to and reporting on recommendations, as a contribution to the realisation of the 2030 Agenda

*Mr Gianni Magazzeni, Chief of UPR Branch, OHCHR*

Resource mobilization, SDGs and Special Procedures of the Human Rights Council

*Mr Juan Pablo Bohoslavsky, member of the Coordination Committee of the UN Special Procedures, and UN Independent Expert on the effects of foreign debt on the full enjoyment of human rights*

Integrating UN human rights recommendations into UN Development Assistance Frameworks (UNDAFs) as a contribution to the realisation of the 2030 Agenda and the enjoyment of human rights

*Ms Maria-Luisa Silva, Director, UNDP Geneva*
Economic, social and cultural rights and the SDGs: benefiting from existing tools, recommendations and reporting; ensuring participation, transparency and accountability; and the role of business and human rights frameworks

Ms Lucy McKernan, Geneva Representative, Global Initiative for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Interactive discussion with all participants

With coffee break (with demonstration sites on the database linking human rights and SDGs)

16h45 – 17h00  **Wrap-up and next steps**

H.E. Ms Marta Maurás, Permanent Representative of Chile

H.E. Mr Carsten Staur, Permanent Representative of Denmark

17h00 – 18h00  Reception