



HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE 2030 AGENDA: Decade of Action and Delivery on the SDGs

3 December 2019 | 10 AM – 6 PM | Room XX | Palais des Nations, Geneva

10:00-10:45, Opening, Session 1:

Chair: H.E. Mr. Frank Tressler Zamorano, Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations and other international organizations in Geneva

President of the Human Rights Council: H.E. Mr. Coly Seck (Opening Remarks)

President of ECOSOC: H.E. Ms. Mona Juul, (video message)

UN Deputy Secretary-General: Ms. Amina Mohammed (video message) (tbc)

UN Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights: Ms. Kate Gilmore (Opening Statement)

Special Adviser to the UN Secretary-General on Reforms: Mr. Jens Wandel (Opening Statement)

10:45-13:00, Session 2: Reflections and conversation on human rights and accelerated action and transformative pathways: realizing the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development. Building on the pledge of the 2019 High-level Political Forum Declaration.

“Leave No One Behind”: How promoting and protecting human rights can accelerate the realization of the SDGs.

Panel discussion with:

- **Ms. Sakiko Fukuda-Parr**, Professor of International Affairs and Director of the Julien J. Studley Graduate Programs in International Affairs at The New School, member of the UN Committee for Development Policy
- **Ms. Najat Maalla M'jid**, UN Special Representative on Violence against Children
- **Mr. Deprose Muchena**, Regional Director for Southern Africa, Amnesty International
- **Ms. Sima Samar**, President's Special Envoy and State Minister for Human Rights and International Relations, Government of Afghanistan
- **Ms. Maria-Francesca Spatolisano**, Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs

Moderator: Ms. Nadia Isler, Director, SDG Lab, Geneva

Objectives:

- Stimulate reflection on how the human rights pillar of the United Nations can accelerate the realization of the SDGs, including in light of ongoing reforms of the United Nations.
- Explore the implications of the pledges in the SDG Summit Political Declaration for developing the synergies between promoting human rights and SDG implementation.
- Address the challenges of combatting inequalities. Highlight how the human rights principles of empowerment, inclusion and equality are crucial to the realization of the 2030 Agenda.



13:00-15:00, Lunch: Knowledge Fair

Individual stands outside the Human Rights Council room will showcase a variety of publications and resources relevant to human rights and the SDGs.

15:00-17:30, Session 3: Human rights and SDG implementation at the national level

Panel discussion with:

- **Mr. Brian Williams**, UN Resident Coordinator, Albania
- **Ms. Maria Victoria González-Román**, Ambassador of the 2030 Agenda, Government of Spain
- **Ms. Eva Grambye**, Deputy Executive Director, Danish Institute for Human Rights
- **Mr. Roberto Morales Sáenz**, Analyst of Development, Ministry of Planning and Economic Policy, Government of Costa Rica
- **Mr. George Morara**, Commissioner & Vice Chairperson, Kenya National Commission on Human Rights

Moderator: Ms. Monica Ferro, Director, UNFPA, Geneva

The session will focus on concrete human rights policies, practices, mechanisms and commitments at the country level, including sub-national and city levels that contribute to accelerating SDG delivery and implementation, and the role played by a United Nations under reform. It will also explore the importance of partners and partnerships on the ground concerning the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

Objectives:

- Share individual country best practices to promote empowerment, inclusion, and equality in the implementation of the SDGs.
- Illustrate the role and relationship of national human rights mechanisms in supporting the achievement of SDG goals, targets and indicators.
- Demonstrate measures taken to promote synergies between SDG implementation and the implementation of international human rights obligations and commitments.
- Illustrate the importance of ensuring adequate space for civil society, business representatives, youth and other non-governmental stakeholders.
- Identify and demonstrate good practices in promoting meaningful participation in the application of human rights principles to the delivery of the SDGs.
- Introduce specific approaches supporting the integration of human rights standards and human rights mechanisms' recommendations in SDG-related planning and policy implementation at the country level.

17:30-18:00, Session 4: Building on the pledges of the Political Declaration of the SDG Summit

This session will share reflections on the meeting and draw out key messages for the decade of action and delivery of the SDGs.

- **Mr. Jens Wandel**, Special Adviser to the UN Secretary-General on Reforms
- **Ms. Peggy Hicks**, Director, Thematic Engagement, Special Procedures and Right to Development Division, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights