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**New York launch of a new publication
of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR):**

***Human Rights Indicators –
A Guide to Measurement and Implementation***
&
**A panel discussion on “Human Rights Indicators
and the Post-2015 Development Agenda”**

10 May 2013, 15:00 – 17:00
ECOSOC Chambers, UN Headquarters, New York

Opening: Moderated by Assistant Secretary-General, Ivan Šimonović, OHCHR

Welcome remarks by: HE. Permanent Representative of Finland to the United Nations, Ambassador [Jarmo Viinanen](#), and HE. Deputy Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations, [Ambassador Yanerit Morgan](#)

Opening Statement by [High Commissioner for Human Rights Navi Pillay](#)

[Ms. Maria-Virginia B. Gomes](#), Member of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, Senior Social Policy Adviser in the Ministry for Solidarity and Social Security, Portugal

[Dr. Jarna Petman](#), Professor a.i. in International Law & Deputy Director of the Erik Castrén Institute of International Law and Human Rights, University of Helsinki; Member of the European Committee of Social Rights, Council of Europe

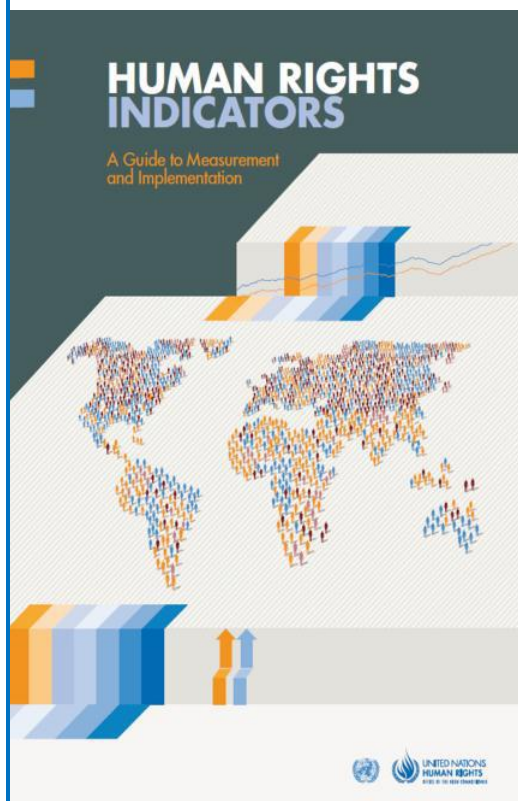
[Mr. Roberto de Leon](#), Delegate to the Third Committee, Mission of Mexico

[Mr. Rajeev Malhotra](#), Professor and Executive Director, Centre for Development and Finance, Jindal School of Government and Public Policy, India

[Mr. Ignacio Saiz](#), Executive Director, Center for Economic and Social Rights

[Mr. Jan Robert Suesser](#), Senior Official Statistician, Member of the Board of the Ligue des droits de l'Homme, Senior Advisor to the International Cooperation Agency of the Ministry of Finance, France

Moderated by Ms. Maarit Kohonen Sheriff
Deputy to the Head of Office,
Chief of Geographic Section and Administration (OHCHR)



“Only robust and accurate statistics can establish the vital benchmarks and baselines that translate our human rights commitments into targeted policies, and only they can measure how effective those policies truly are.” -- Navi Pillay, High Commissioner for Human Rights

Human rights challenges in recent years have compelled us to constantly review existing legal, analytical and methodological frameworks. Central to this review is the need for robust measurement frameworks to realize freedom from fear and want, overcome discrimination of all kinds, encourage participation in development and in the fair distribution of its benefits, strengthen accountability, and empower people, especially the most vulnerable and the most marginalized. Statistical information plays a key role in informing public policy and assessing progress in the translation of human rights commitments into reality. This means that dialogue between human rights experts and practitioners, statisticians and policy-makers is critical to the promotion of human well-being.

In response to growing requests from States and human rights mechanisms on using indicators in promoting and assessing the realization of human rights, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) has published *‘Human Rights Indicators: A Guide to Measurement and Implementation.’* The development of this publication benefited from the guidance by the United Nations human rights treaty bodies and a series of workshops and consultations that OHCHR organized between 2005 and 2012 at country and regional levels. This process involved a wide range of organizations, including government agencies, national human rights institutions, statistical offices, civil society organizations and UN agencies. The Guide outlines a structured and consistent approach to facilitate a dialogue among these stakeholders by translating universal human rights standards into indicators that are contextually relevant at country level. The adopted methodology helps States and other relevant stakeholders in building national capacities for human rights implementation. It is neither designed nor suitable for ranking the overall human rights performance of States.

The Guide was launched by the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Navi Pillay, at the 22nd Session of the Human Rights Council in Geneva. The panel discussion organized as part of the launch of the Guide in United Nations Headquarters in New York will be on *‘Human Rights Indicators and the Post-2015 Development Agenda’* and will permit the exchange of views between different human rights actors, including policy-makers, human rights experts and statisticians, on the development and use of indicators aligned with universally accepted human rights standards.

The panel discussion will raise awareness of the relevance of statistical data to further the realization of human rights; highlight national efforts to enhance collaboration with producers and users of statistics relevant to human rights; present the indicators framework outlined in *‘Human Rights Indicators – A Guide to Measurement and Implementation’* and its relevance to the discussions on the linkage between human rights and the Post-2015 development agenda as well as its measurement framework.

A limited number of printed copies of the Guide will be made available at the event.

Further information available at: <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Indicators/Pages/HRIndicatorsIndex.aspx>, hindications@ohchr.org