



INPUT OF THE CENTRE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE RESEARCH TO CONSULTATION ON RIGHTS AND THE SDGS

The Centre for Human Rights and Climate Change Research commends the Human Rights Council for opening up discussion and undertaking the intersessional meeting for dialogue and cooperation on Human Rights and the 2030 agenda for sustainable development and particularly commends transparency in the process and the opportunity given to Major Groups and other stakeholders to make inputs.

The Sustainable Development Goals and the Agenda 2030 reaffirm the importance of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, as well as other international instruments relating to human rights and international law and anchors its shared principles on the Charter of the United Nations, full respect for international law, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, international human rights treaties among others.

The Sustainable Development Goals and the Agenda 2030 emphasizes the responsibilities of all States, in conformity with the Charter of the United Nations, to respect, protect and promote human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, without distinction of any kind as to race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth, disability or other status. In sum the sustainable development goals is a soft meeting point of all categories of human rights. Implementation and reporting on the sustainable development goals can be used to strengthen human rights outcome.

The State of human rights globally since inception of the sustainable development goal is still a far cry from the expectation of citizen's round the worldⁱ. Although Governments emphasized that a robust, voluntary, effective, participatory, transparent and integrated follow-up and review framework would make a vital contribution to implementation, National Voluntary Reportingⁱⁱ of various countries have not reflected the emphasis on the agenda on using the sustainable development goals to reaffirm the importance of human rights and pursuing human rights objectives.

KEY MESSAGES

1. Align national plans for implementing the sustainable development goals with international Human Rights obligations and Objective.
2. National Reports should reflect national priorities and targets for sustainable development and their relation to Human Rights obligations.
3. Methodology that was adopted for the review should be founded on human rights impact assessment and major human rights principle including transparency and participation.
4. Institutional mechanisms for implementation must include the role of National Human rights institutions and human rights NGOs.
5. Means of implementation including plans for financing, data collection should align with objectives of promoting human rights while implementing and reporting on the sustainable development goals.

ⁱ See [UN Human Rights Report 2017](#), [Nigeria 2017 Human Rights Report](#), [World Report 2018](#).

ⁱⁱ See [Voluntary National Reviews Database](#)