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Human Rights Council

**Social Forum**

**8 – 9 October 2020**

**Room XX, *Palais des Nations*, Geneva**

**“GOOD PRACTICES, SUCCESS STORIES, LESSONS LEARNED AND   
CURRENT CHALLENGES IN COMBATING POVERTY AND INEQUALITIES”**

**PROGRAMME OF WORK**

**Thursday, 8 October 2020**

**10h00-10h30 Opening remarks**

* H.E. Mr. Vaqif Sadiqov, Co-Chairperson-Rapporteur of the Social Forum
* H.E. Mr. Purevsuren Lundeg, Co-Chairperson-Rapporteur of the Social Forum
* H.E. Ms. Elisabeth Tichy-Fisslberger, President of the Human Rights Council
* Ms. Michelle Bachelet, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

**10h30-11h30 Keynote panel:**

* Mr. Chen Zhigang, Vice Minister of the State Council Leading Group Office of Poverty Alleviation and Development (LGOP) of China  
  *The role of poverty alleviation in promoting and protecting human rights*
* Ms. Winnie Byanyima, Executive-Director of the Joint United Nations Program on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)  
  *Health Crises, Poverty and Inequality*
* Mr. Lucas Chancel, Co-director of the World Inequality Lab and of the World Inequality Database, Paris School of Economics and Lecturer, Sciences Po   
  *World Inequality and Human Rights*
* Ms. Fekitamoeloa Katoa ‘Utoikamanu, High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States  
  *Climate Change, Poverty and Inequality Among Countries*
* Ms. Ruth Manorama, Dalit social activist, laureate of the Right Livelihood Award 2006  
  *Poverty and Inequality – A Human Story*

**11h30-13h00** **General discussion**

**13h00-15h00 LUNCH BREAK/Side events**

**15h00-15h45 Community level: Factors perpetuating inequality and intergenerational transmission of poverty, and how to overcome them**

Moderator: H.E. Ms. Kadra Ahmed Hassan, Permanent Representative of Djibouti

* Ms. Hope Laing, Young Adviser at the Office of the Children and Young People’s Commissioner of Scotland  
  *Children's and young people's experiences of poverty and their human rights*
* Ms. Magdalena Sepúlveda Carmona, Executive Director of The Global Initiative for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights  
  *Feminization of poverty, unpaid care work and women’s empowerment*
* Mr. Xavier Godinot, Research Director at Joseph Wresinski Research Center, ATD Fourth World  
  *Institutional and social maltreatment*
* Ms. Ana Maria Suarez Franco, Accountability and Monitoring at FIAN International  
  *Food systems and the right to food of people living in poverty*

**15h45-16h25 Interactive dialogue**

**16h25-16h35 "Play for Freedom: The Transformative Power of Capoeira” - Short documentary by Capoeira4Refugees**

**16h35-17h20 Global-local interlinkages I: Obstacles to realizing the right to development and to addressing poverty and inequality**

Moderator: H.E. Mr. Vaqif Sadiqov, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Co-Chairperson-Rapporteur of the Social Forum

* Ms. Alena Douhan, Special Rapporteur on the negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights  
  *Unilateral coercive measures*
* Ms. Berhan Taye, Africa Policy Manager, Global Internet Shutdowns Lead at Access Now  
  *Digital divides as an obstacle to address inequality*
* Mr. Carlos Maria Correa, Executive Director of the South Centre  
  *Technology transfer to overcome barriers to development*
* Ms. Sanya Reid Smith, Legal Advisor and Senior Researcher at the Third World Network  
  *Intellectual property rights and access to medicines*

**17h20-18h00 Interactive dialogue**

**Friday, 9 October:**

**10h00-10h45 Global-local interlinkages II: Productive capacity, public budgeting, tax justice and participation**

Moderator: Ms. Anida Yupari Aguado, Economic Affairs Officer, Office of the Secretary General, UNCTAD

* Mr. Patrick Osakwe, Head, Trade and Poverty Branch, UNCTAD  
  *Building productive capacities and transforming economies to achieve sustained and inclusive development in Africa*
* Ms. Busi Sibeko, Economist and researcher at the Institute for Economic Justice (IEJ), South Africa  
  *Budgetary choices and spending priorities*
* Mr. Nicholas Lusiani, Senior Advisor on Corporate Advocacy at Oxfam America  
  *Fiscal space, taxation and illicit financial flows*
* Ms. Flavia Oliveira, Commentator at GloboNews, Columnist at O Globo newspaper and radio CBN. Podcaster at Angu de Grilo, Brazil  
  *Discrimination, Racism and participation in budgeting*

**10h45-11h25 Interactive dialogue**

**11h25-11h30 “Seasons in the Time of Corona”, Music video by the UN Music Club (UN.Ensemble.Virtuel):**

Ms. Idalina Cappe de Baillon (soprano, staff member, UNICEF)  
Ms. Ursula Loizides (flute, staff member, WHO)  
Mr. Damianos Serefidis (violin, staff member, OHCHR)  
Mr. Michael Wiener (piano and composer, staff member, OHCHR)

**11h30-12h20 The role of the state and public policies to address poverty and inequalities**

Moderator: Mr. George-Konstantinos Charonis, Youth Focal Point, OHCHR

* Ms. Ileana Morales Suarez, National Director of Science and Technological Research at the Ministry of Public Health of Cuba  
  *Health*
* Ms. Shahra Razavi, Director of the Social Protection Department, International Labour Organization  
  *Social Protection, Universal Basic Income and Cash Transfers*
* Mr. Andrew Becroft, Children’s Commissioner, New Zealand  
  *Child poverty: Cause and solutions? – Community causes and government response*
* Ms. Sharan Burrow, General Secretary of the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)  
  *Employment, decent work and minimum wage, and the future of work*
* Mr. Balakrishnan Rajagopal, Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living, and on the right to non-discrimination in this context  
  *Housing and urbanization*
* Ms. Ariunaa Shagdarsuren, Chairperson, Association to Support Mongolian Women’s Labour, and Ms. Dolgor Ayush, Chairperson, Alliance for Development, Mongolia  
  *Education in the context of extreme poverty*

**12h20-13h00 Interactive dialogue/Breakout groups**

**13h00-15h00 LUNCH BREAK/Side events**

**15h00-15h45 International level: The global economy, financing for sustainable development and the right to development (in collaboration with UNCTAD)**

Moderator: H.E. Mr. Purevsuren Lundeg, Permanent Representative of Mongolia, Co-Chairperson-Rapporteur of the Social Forum

* Mr. Richard Kozul-Wright, Director of the Globalisation and Development Strategies Division in UNCTAD  
  *Multilateralism, Globalisation and Global Governance*
* Ms. Yuefen Li, Independent Expert on the effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of all human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights  
  *Foreign Debt and Economic, Social and Cultural Rights*
* Mr. Stefano Prato, Managing Director, Society for International Development *Financing for Development*
* Ms. Bhumika Muchhala, Consultant on Global Economic Governance, Finance and Development  
  *Fiscal Justice, the Right to Development and Economic and Social Rights*

**15h45-16h30 Interactive dialogue**

**16h30-17h30 Towards transformation: A matrix for breaking the cycle of poverty and inequality and ensuring accountability**

Moderator: Ms. Nada Al-Nashif, Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights

* Mr. Olivier De Schutter, Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights
* Mr. Abdul Aziz Muhamat, Martin Ennals Award laureate
* Ms. Katja Hujo, Senior Research Coordinator in the Social Policy and Development Programme of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development

**17h30-18h00 Closing remarks**

* H.E. Mr. Purevsuren Lundeg, Co-Chairperson-Rapporteur of the Social Forum
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