

Submission in follow-up to HRC resolution 27/2 “The Right to Development”

United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

Further submissions/comments to the draft right to development criteria and operational sub-criteria

Although ECLAC has already submitted inputs for the design and implementation of future criteria and operational sub-criteria it considers that it is time now to contribute with some comments to the valuable consolidation work being undertaken by the Development and Economic and Social Issues Branch of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.

It seems that the pertinent approach to the building up of criteria and operational sub criteria as an ongoing process has demonstrated its clear validity vis-à-vis the current context on the post 2015 Development Agenda and the future decisions of the United Nations General Assembly thereon.

As indicated by ECLAC before, it is essential that the foundation of criteria and sub-criteria is deeply rooted in the process towards the sustainable development goals being elaborated and agreed up in the framework of the said post 2015 Development Agenda.

It seems advisable that no decision is made on its final shape before the UN General Assembly has adopted the new sustainable development goals for a matter of consistency, efficiency and resource optimization.

Similarly, it appears as necessary to make a close follow up around the developments on the concept of human security which has recently gained new momentum in the United Nations.

Another scenario that must carefully be looked at is the debate and proposals around the preparations of the Habitat III Conference and the specific instances relating to the right to the habitat, the right to the city and the various social, economic and cultural rights connected to a dignified housing for the human beings.

As already suggested, the situation in conflict and post conflict countries where people are deprived of their habitat and of the right to stay in their place of choice also deserve consideration in the elaboration of criteria and sub criteria for the right to development.

It is relevant that a careful follow up of the General Assembly Resolutions on the Right to Development and on the role of the United Nations in promoting a new global human order is made and the criteria and sub criteria fed from the guidelines of such current or future instruments.