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**Social Forum**

**31 October - 1 November 2024**

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

**“THE CONTRIBUTION OF FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT TO THE ADVANCEMENT OF ALL HUMAN RIGHTS FOR ALL”**

**PROGRAMME OF WORK**

**Thursday, 31 October 2024**

**10h00-10h30 Opening Remarks**

* H.E. Mr. Marc Bichler, Chairperson-Rapporteur of the Social Forum
* H.E. Ms. Marcela Arias Moncada, Vice-President of the Human Rights Council
* Mr. Volker Türk, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights *(video message)*
* Ms. Rabab Fatima, Under Secretary-General and High Representative, Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States *(video message)*

**10h30 - 11h30 Keynote Panel:** The Human Rights Lens for the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development

* Mr. Navid Hanif, Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), *The Future of* *Financing for Sustainable Development and Reform of the International Financial Architecture (video message)*
* Ms. Mónica Colomer, Ambassador at Large for Financing for Development of Spain, *Preparing the Way to Sevilla: FFD4 in 2025*
* Ms. Jayati Ghosh, Professor of Economics, [University of Massachusetts Amherst](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/University_of_Massachusetts_Amherst), Member of the High-level Advisory Board on Economic and Social Affairs, Independent Commission for the Reform of International Corporate Taxation, *Crafting a United Nations Tax Convention (video message)*
* Ms. Agi Veres, Director, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Geneva, *Financing for Development, including UNDP’s Integrated National Financing Frameworks*
* Ms. Attiya Waris,Independent Expert on Foreign Debt, Other International Financial Obligations and Human Rights,*Towards a Global Fiscal Architecture*

**11h30-13h00** **General Discussion**

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

**15h00-15h45 International Development Cooperation**

Moderator: H.E. Mr. Marc Bichler, Permanent Representative of Luxembourg to the United

Nations Office at Geneva, and Chairperson-Rapporteur of the Social Forum

* + - H.E. Mr. Carsten Staur, Chair, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development - Development Assistance Committee (OECD-DAC) and former State Secretary for International Development Cooperation, Denmark, *Effective North-South Development Cooperation*
    - Ms. Yuefen Li, Senior Advisor on South-South Cooperation and Development Finance, South Centre, Geneva, *South-South and Triangular Cooperation and the Role of Emerging Economies in Development Finance*
    - **Mr. Fadhel Kaboub,** Associate Professor of Economics, [Denison University](https://denison.edu/), USA, President, [Global Institute for Sustainable Prosperity](https://www.global-isp.org/) and Senior Advisor with Power Shift Africa, Nairobi, Kenya, ***Addressing Structural and Systemic Issues for Effective Development Cooperation and Just Global Governance***
    - Ms. Isabelle Durant, Member, Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development, *Advancing Climate Finance for Just, Equitable and Sustainable Development*
    - Mr. Mihir Kanade, Chair, Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development, Professor and Head, Department of International Law and Director, Human Rights Centre, University for Peace (UPEACE), San José, Costa Rica, *Mainstreaming the Right to Development in International Development Cooperation*

**15h45-16h30 Interactive Dialogue**

**16h30-17h15 International Trade as an Engine of Development**

Moderator: Ms. Maria Andrea Echazu Aguero, Right to Development Section, OHCHR

* H.E. Mr. Muhammadou Kah, Permanent Representative of The Gambia to the United Nations, WTO and Other International Organizations in Geneva, *Sharing Lessons from Gambia (video message)*
* Ms. Anoush Der Boghossian, Head, Trade and Gender Unit, World Trade Organization (WTO), *International Trade, Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment*
* Mr. Surya Deva, Special Rapporteur on the Right to Development, *Reimagining Trade to Ensure Inclusive and Sustainable Development (video message)*
* Ms. Kinda Mohamadieh, Senior Researcher andLegal Advisor, Third World Network, Geneva, *Building Just and Equitable Trade and Investment Systems for the Global South*
* Ms. Hana Daoudi, Economic Affairs Officer, Economic Cooperation and Trade Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), *Experiences from Europe, Central Asia and the Caucasus*

**17h15-18h00 Interactive Dialogue**

**Friday, 1 November:**

**10h00-10h45 Debt and Debt Sustainability**

Moderator: Ms. Sakshi Rai, Sustainable Development Section, OHCHR

* Mr. Ugo Panizza, Professor of Economics and Head of Department and Pictet Chair in Finance and Development, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, *Foreign Debt and Development Finance*
* Ms. Penelope Hawkins, Senior Economic Affairs Officer, Debt and Development Finance Branch, UNCTAD, *Creating Fiscal Space to Pursue Development and Climate Goals – the Role of Sustainable Debt*
* Ms. Attiya Waris, Independent Expert on Foreign Debt, Other International Financial Obligations and Human Rights, *Debt Restructuring*
* Mr. Juan Pablo Bohoslavsky, Senior Researcher, National and Technical Research Council, Argentina, and Consultant for the UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), OHCHR and UNDP, *Why and How Human Rights in Debt Sustainability Analysis (DSA)?*
* Ms. Iolanda Fresnillo, Policy and Advocacy Manager for Debt Justice, Eurodad, *Climate Change and Debt Sustainability Analysis - A New Debt Architecture to Tackle Debt Sustainability in a context of Climate Emergency*

**10h45-11h30 Interactive dialogue**

**11h30-12h15** **Domestic Resource Mobilization**

Moderator: Mr. Serges Kamga, Dean, Faculty of Law, University of the Free State, South Africa

* H.E. Mr. Sharaf Sheralizoda, Permanent Representative of Tajikistan to the United Nations Office at Geneva, *Domestic Resource Mobilization and Investment for Sustainable Development*
* Ms. Chenai Mukumba, Executive Director, Tax Justice Network Africa, *Tax Justice*
* Mr. Abdul Muheet Chowdhary, Senior Programme Officer, South Centre Tax Initiative, *Lessons Learned and Good Practices – In the Experience of the South Centre Tax Initiative*
* Mr. Gerard Kamga, Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Law, University of the Free State, South Africa, *Illicit Financial Flows from Africa and the Financing of Development*
* Ms. Anu Peltola, Director of Statistics, UNCTAD, *Tracking and* *Measuring Illicit Financial Flows for Domestic Resource Mobilization and the Realization of Human Rights*

**12h15-13h00 Interactive Dialogue**

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

**15h00-15h45 Domestic and International Private Business and Finance**

Moderator: Ms. Özge Aydoğan, Director, Beyond Lab

* Mr. Olivier De Schutter, Special Rapporteur on Extreme Poverty and Human Rights, *Leveraging Private Business and Finance for the Alleviation of Global Poverty*
* **Ms. Kinga Dery, Human Rights Specialist,** International Organization of Employers, *The Role of* *Multistakeholder and Public-Private Partnerships*
* Mr. Veaceslav Sterbert, Managing Partner at Exportza, Moldova, *Sharing Stories and Experiences on Access to Finance in the Republic of Moldova*
* Ms. Yixuan Peng, Ph.D. Candidate, Law School of Huazhong University of Science and Technology, China, *Human Rights Responsibilities of Digital Business Enterprises*
* Mr. Anand Priya Deo, Ananda Foundation, India, *Financial Inclusion, Grameen Microfinance, Women's Empowerment and Livelihoods among Tribal and Indigenous Communities in India*

**15h45-16h30 Interactive Dialogue**

**16h30-17h45** **Recommendations to FFD4 with a focus on Developing Countries, especially**

**LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS, including recommendations from participants**

Moderator: Mr. Mihir Kanade, Professor and Head, Department of International Law and Director, Human Rights Centre, University for Peace, San José, Costa Rica

* **H.E. Ms. Patricia Hermanns, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas to the United Nations in Geneva,** *Sustainable Finance for Caribbean and other Small Island Developing States*
* Ms. Bhumika Muchhala,Political Economist, Policy Advocate and Research Scholar, New School, New York, *Addressing* *Systemic Issues for Justice and Equity in Global Governance (video message)*
* **Mr. Unubat** Narantsatsralt, Student Researcher**, International Institute in Geneva, *Sustainable Financing for Landlocked Developing Countries – From the Perspective of Mongolia***
* **Ms. Gladys Cecilia Hernandez, Deputy Director, *Centro de Investigaciones de la Economia Mondial,* Cuba,*****Proposals for a New International Financial Architecture***
* **Ms. Jane Nalunga, Executive Director, SEATINI, Uganda, FFD Africa Core Group, and Coordination Group of the Civil Society FFD Mechanism – *Ensuring Effective Outcomes for African Countries, Least Developed Countries and All Human Rights for All at FFD4***

**17h45-18h00 Closing Remarks**

* H.E. Marc Bichler, Chairperson-Rapporteur of the Social Forum