

**The 8<sup>th</sup> session of the Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development**  
**Item 5 of the Provisional Agenda**  
**Implementation of the mandate and programme of work - Focused thematic discussion**  
Palais des Nations, Room XX, Geneva

**The UN system and opportunities for mainstreaming  
and promoting the right to development**

Wednesday 1 November 2023, 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM

**Concept Note**

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**Introduction**

In numerous resolutions, including the latest resolution [A/HRC/54/18](#), the Human Rights Council has encouraged relevant bodies of the United Nations system, within their respective mandates, including United Nations specialized agencies, funds and programmes, relevant international organizations, including the World Trade Organization and relevant stakeholders, including civil society organizations, to give due consideration to the right to development in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and to cooperate with the Expert Mechanism in the fulfilment of its mandate with regard to the promotion and implementation of the right to development. Similarly, the General Assembly has time and again reiterated the same.<sup>1</sup> In addition, the General Assembly has also specifically called upon the specialized agencies, funds and programmes of the United Nations system to mainstream the right to development into their operational programmes and objectives and has stressed the need for the international financial and multilateral trading systems to mainstream the right to development into their policies and objectives.<sup>2</sup>

**Purpose**

To provide a forum to exchange ideas among Directors of relevant entities within the United Nations system and related organizations of the United Nations on how their respective organizations and scope of work can mainstream and benefit from the normative framework of the right to development.

**Guiding questions**

1. Do you consider that your organization/office/programme/fund has been able to mainstream the right to development into your operational programmes, policies and objectives? How so?
2. What are the challenges you have found or may have in mainstreaming the right to development?
3. Can you identify a few areas of work of your organization that could benefit from mainstreaming the right to development?
4. How can the Expert Mechanism support this effort?

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<sup>1</sup> For instance, see UNGA Resolution 77/212 adopted on 15 December 2022, para.50.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid. para.48.