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The Contribution of Development to the Enjoyment of all Human Rights

Human Rights Council Resolution 47/11

CONCEPT NOTE

I. Introduction

On 12 July 2021, the Human Rights Council adopted resolution 47/11, on “The contribution of development to the enjoyment of all human rights”.

In this resolution, the Council requested the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to organize a series of regional seminars, one for each of the five geographical regions.

In addressing the contribution of development to the enjoyment of all human rights, these seminars will allow Member States, relevant United Nations agencies, funds and programmes, international and regional organizations, national human rights institutions, civil society organizations and other stakeholders to identify challenges and gaps and share good practices and experiences in this regard. This concept note details the content, methodology and expected outcome of the aforementioned regional seminars.

II. Background

In its resolution 35/21, adopted in 2017, the Human Rights Council affirmed that development contributes significantly to the enjoyment of all human rights by all. It called upon all countries to realize people-centered development of the people, by the people and for the people; and to spare no effort to promote sustainable development, in particular while implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, as it is conducive to the overall enjoyment of all human rights.

The Council also invited relevant bodies of the United Nations system to mobilize resources to assist States, as requested, in realizing sustainable and inclusive development and requested its Advisory Committee to conduct a study on the ways in which development contributes to the enjoyment of all human rights by all. Consequently, the Advisory Committee produced a report (A/HRC/41/50) with a set of conclusions and recommendations on this matter.

In its resolution 41/19 of 2019, the Human Rights Council reiterated points made in resolution 35/21, and further invited relevant United Nations human rights mechanisms and procedures to continue to take into account the role of development in promoting and protecting human rights when fulfilling their mandates. The Council also invited the Office of the United Nations

High Commissioner for Human Rights to strengthen its work relevant to sustainable development, including studies on the role of development in the enjoyment of all human rights. Pursuant to this request, OHCHR commissioned a [consultancy study](#) aimed at analyzing the contribution of development to the enjoyment of all human rights.

As part of resolution [41/19](#), the Human Rights Council requested the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to organize a one-day intersessional seminar on the contribution of development to the enjoyment of all human rights, in order to allow Member States, relevant United Nations agencies, funds and programmes, international organizations, national human rights institutions, civil society organizations and other stakeholders to identify challenges and gaps and share good practices and experiences in this regard. OHCHR organized the seminar on 28 May 2021 and submitted the report on the seminar ([A/HRC/48/25](#)) to the forty-eighth session of the Council.

In its resolution [47/11](#), adopted in 2021, the Human Rights Council requested “the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to organize a series of regional seminars, one for each of the five geographical regions, before the fifty-third session of the Council, on the contribution of development to the enjoyment of all human rights, in order to allow Member States, relevant United Nations agencies, funds and programmes, international and regional organizations, national human rights institutions, civil society organizations and other stakeholders to identify challenges and gaps and share good practices and experiences in this regard.” OHCHR plans to organize these seminars during the period of September 2022 to February 2023.

III. Regional Seminars

Overall Theme

As requested by resolution [47/11](#), the regional seminars will focus on the contribution of development to the enjoyment of all human rights in order to allow Member States, relevant United Nations agencies, funds and programmes, international and regional organizations, national human rights institutions, civil society organizations and other stakeholders to identify challenges and gaps and share good practices and experiences in this regard.

Date and Venue

The two-day regional seminars will take place from September 2022 to February 2023. Due to the COVID-19 situation, some of these meetings will be hybrid. Further details will be communicated in advance of each meeting. The meetings will be webcast live and archived at <https://media.un.org/>.

These seminars will be set in locations which host United Nations regional economic commissions or other international and regional organizations which allow for broad participation and can provide operational support to the organization of the seminars as follows:

- **Europe and Central Asia:** Geneva, Switzerland, 1 and 2 September 2022 (English, French, Russian)
- **Arabic-speaking countries:** Beirut, Lebanon, 8 and 9 November 2022 (Arabic, English and French)
- **Africa:** Nairobi, Kenya, 24 and 25 November 2022 (Arabic, English and French)
- **Americas and the Caribbean:** San Jose, Costa Rica, 8 and 9 December 2022 (English and Spanish)
- **Asia and the Pacific:** February 2023 (TBC) (English, Russian, Chinese)

Participants

As requested by resolution [47/11](#), the seminars will engage "Member States, relevant United Nations agencies, funds and programmes, international and regional organizations, national human rights institutions, civil society organizations and other stakeholders." (The seminars will include accessibility features.)

Methodology

The seminar will be composed of opening remarks, keynote panel and interventions from the floor, five panels followed by interactive dialogue, a roundtable and closing remarks.

The topics of specific panels are inspired by the various provisions of resolutions [35/21](#), [41/19](#) and [47/11](#), including the importance of States promoting sustainable development to enable better enjoyment of all human rights, to achieve gender equality and to promote equality of opportunity for development. The implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals will be a cross-cutting topic throughout all seminars, including, but not limited to, SDG 1 on no poverty, SDG 8 on decent work and economic growth, and SDG 10 on reduced inequalities.

IV. Outcome

Resolution [47/11](#) requested "the High Commissioner to prepare a summary report on the discussions held at the seminars and to present the report to the Human Rights Council at its fifty-fourth session". The report will build on the previous intersessional and also identify additional challenges and gaps and share good practices and experiences on the contribution of development to the enjoyment of all human rights.

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PROGRAMME OF WORK

Day 1 Morning

Opening session

Keynote panel

The contribution of development to the enjoyment of all human rights

Interventions from the floor

Day 1 Afternoon

Panel I

The essential role of international cooperation for sustainable development in promoting and protecting human rights, including in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic

Panel II

The contribution of ending poverty in all its forms everywhere (SDG I) to the enjoyment of all human rights: challenges, gaps, good practices and experiences

Day 2 Morning

Panel III: Regional thematic panel

Europe and Central Asia: "The contribution of official development assistance and other forms of finance for development to the enjoyment of all human rights"

Arabic-speaking countries: "The contribution of development opportunities for youth to the enjoyment of all human rights"

Africa: "The contribution of the Doha Programme of Action for LDCs to the enjoyment of all human rights"

Americas and the Caribbean: "The contribution of development of cities and improving local policies to the enjoyment of all human rights"

Asia and the Pacific: "The contribution of development and human rights to the global commitment to leave no one behind"

Panel IV: Regional thematic panel

Europe and Central Asia: “How development opportunities for migrants contribute to the enjoyment of all human rights”

Arabic-speaking countries: “The contribution of the development of food, water and sanitation infrastructure and governance to the enjoyment of all human rights”

Africa: “The contribution of development of infrastructure and governance in the energy and digital sectors to the enjoyment of all human rights”

Americas and the Caribbean: “The contribution of productive capacities in the health sector to the enjoyment of all human rights”

Asia and the Pacific: “The contribution of the development of clean and sustainable technology to the enjoyment of all human rights”

Day 2 Afternoon

Panel V

The contribution of regional development strategies to the enjoyment of all human rights

Roundtable

Challenges, gaps, good practices and experiences on the contribution of development to the enjoyment of all human rights.

Closing

The moderator will present closing remarks summarizing the main points of the discussion.


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