



**EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA SEMINAR  
THE CONTRIBUTION OF DEVELOPMENT  
TO THE ENJOYMENT OF ALL HUMAN RIGHTS**

In accordance with Human Rights Council resolution [47/11](#)

**1 – 2 September 2022**  
**Room XXV, Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland**

**PROGRAMME OF WORK**

**Thursday, 1 September 2022**

**10:00-10:30**      **Opening remarks**

- **Ms. Nada Al-Nashif**, Acting High Commissioner for Human Rights
- **H.E. Mr. Federico Villegas**, President of the Human Rights Council
- **Mr. Dmitry Mariyasin**, Deputy Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe

**10:30-11:30**      **Keynote panel: Reflections on the contribution of development to the enjoyment of human rights**

This session will examine how development strategies can be used to direct economies towards solving the biggest challenges through innovation and investment and contribute to human rights for all. It will consider what can be done to ensure the promotion and protection of human rights in the process.

- **Dr Princess Nothemba Simelela**, Assistant Director-General, Special Advisor to the Director-General, Strategic Priorities, World Health Organization
- **Ms. Kori Udovicki**, President of the Governing Board of the Center for Advanced Economic Studies, Serbia, Member of the United Nations Committee for Development Policy
- **Ms. Kate Roll**, Assistant Professor and Head of Teaching at the Institute for Innovation and Public Purpose, University College of London
- **Mr. Dhananjayan Sriskandarajah**, Chief Executive Officer, Oxfam UK
- **Ms. Magdalena Sepúlveda Carmona**, Executive Director, Global Initiative for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

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

**11:30-13:00 General Discussion**

**Moderator: Ms. Peggy Hicks**, Director of the Thematic Engagement, Special Procedures and Right to Development Division, OHCHR

**13:00-15:00 Lunch Break**

**15:00-15:45 The essential role of international cooperation for sustainable development in promoting and protecting human rights, including in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic**

The focus will be on the importance of a cooperative approach and collaboration with local, national and international partners and stakeholders in order to bring about sustainable improvements of life for people everywhere.

- **Ms. Li Yuefen**, Senior Adviser, South-South Cooperation and Development Finance, South Centre
- **Ms. Virginia Maria Barchiesi**, Member of the Youth Advisory Board to the OHCHR, Silatech and Education Above All joint project “Working with and for youth in vulnerable situations including conflict, violence, and insecurity”
- **Ms. Alena Douhan**, Special Rapporteur on the negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights

**Moderator: Mr. Richard Lapper**, Officer in Charge, Right to Development Section, OHCHR

**15:45-16:30 Interactive dialogue**

**16:30-17:15 The commitment to ending poverty in all its forms and dimensions**

This session will discuss the contribution of ending poverty in all its forms everywhere (SDG1) to the enjoyment of all human rights and in particular identify challenges, gaps, good practices and experiences.

- **Mr. Olivier De Schutter**, Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights
- **Mr. Alain Meylan**, ATD Fourth World activist in Switzerland, participant in the research on Poverty - Identity – Society  
**Ms. Marie-Rose Blunsch**, ATD Fourth World volunteer corps member, participant in the research on Poverty - Identity - Society
- **Ms. Adriana Quiñones**, Director, UN Women Liaison Office, Geneva

**Moderator: Mr. Christophe Golay**, Senior Research Fellow and Strategic Adviser on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights at the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights

**17:15-18:00 Interactive dialogue**

**Friday, 2 September 2022**

**10:00-10:45 The contribution of official development assistance and other forms of finance for development to the enjoyment of human rights**

This session will discuss the contribution of official development assistance and other forms of finance for development to the enjoyment of human rights, as well as human rights obligations of states relating to their commitments on this regard.

- **Mr. Mats Karlsson**, Former Vice-President for External Affairs, World Bank
- **Mr. Marc Bichler**, Permanent Representative of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg to the United Nations in Geneva
- **Ms. Elisabeth Bollrich**, Director, Tanzania, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung
- **Mr. Zdzislaw Kedzia**, Former Member and Chair of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

**Moderator: Ms. Shyami Puvimanasinghe**, Human Rights Officer, Right to Development Section, OHCHR

**10:45-11:30 Interactive dialogue**

**11:30-12:15 How development opportunities for migrants contribute to the enjoyment of all human rights**

This session will discuss how development opportunities for migrants can contribute to the enjoyment of their human rights and those of their communities.

- **Mr. Vincent Chetail**, Director, Global Migration Centre, Geneva Graduate Institute
- **Ms. Jasminka Dzumhur**, Vice-Chair, Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families and Human Rights, Ombudsperson of Bosnia and Herzegovina
- **Mr. Mário Martins**, Deputy Permanent Representative – Chargé d’Affaires ai, Mission of Portugal to the UN and Other International Organizations in Geneva
- **Mr. Abdul Aziz Muhamat**, Advocate for refugee rights, Laureate of the Martin Ennals Award

**Moderator: Ms. Carolina Hernández Paramo**, Advisor on Migration and Human Rights, OHCHR

**12:15-13:00 Interactive dialogue**

**13:00-15:00 Lunch Break**

**1500-15:05 Live performance on the theme of “The contribution of development to the enjoyment of all human rights”, by the UN Music Club in Geneva (Mr. Damianos Serefidis, violin, and Mr. Michael Wiener, piano/composition, OHCHR staff members)**

**15:05-15:45 The contribution of regional development strategies to the enjoyment of all human rights**

This panel will assess how regional strategies to promote development can contribute to the enjoyment of human rights. It will focus on concrete policies, practices and commitments at the regional level, as well as the role of the United Nations and other stakeholders in advancing these strategies.

- **Ms. Katja Hujo**, Senior Researcher of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD)
- **Ms. Sezin Sinanoglu**, United Nations Resident Coordinator in Tajikistan
- **Ms. Erinda Ballanca**, Ombudswoman of Albania and representative of the European Network of National Human Rights Institutions

**Moderator: Mr. Felix Kirchmeier**, Manager of Policy Studies and Executive Director of the Geneva Human Rights Platform, Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights

**15:45-16:30 Interactive dialogue**

**16:30-17:45 Challenges, gaps, good practices and experiences on the contribution of development to the enjoyment of all human rights**

This session will give an overview with examples of success stories and what more needs to be done. It aims to summarize some of the conclusions and recommendations of the seminar for inclusion in the report to the Human Rights Council.

- **Ms. Kori Udovicki**, President of the Governing Board of the Center for Advanced Economic Studies, Serbia, Member of the United Nations Committee for Development Policy
- **Mr. Zdzislaw Kedzia**, Former Member and Chair of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
- **Ms. Sezin Sinanoglu**, United Nations Resident Coordinator in Tajikistan
- **Ms. Maria Mercedes Rossi**, Representative of Associazione Comunità Papa Giovanni XXIII to the United Nations in Geneva

**Moderator: Mr. Pradeep Wagle**, Chief, Human Rights and Economic and Social Issues Section, OHCHR

**17:45-18:00 Closing remarks/ wrap up**

- **Mr. Pradeep Wagle**, Chief, Human Rights and Economic and Social Issues Section, OHCHR