



AMERICAS AND THE CARIBBEAN REGIONAL SEMINAR

THE CONTRIBUTION OF DEVELOPMENT TO THE ENJOYMENT OF ALL HUMAN RIGHTS

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

8 – 9 December 2022

University for Peace (UPEACE) campus, San Jose, Costa Rica

PROGRAMME OF WORK

Thursday, 8 December 2022

Chair: Mr. Ayuush Bat-Erdene, Chief of the Right to Development Section, OHCHR

09:00-09:30 **Opening remarks**

- **H.E. Mr. Federico Villegas**, President of the Human Rights Council (video message)
- **Ms. Ilze Brands**, United Nations Assistant Secretary General for Human Rights
- **Mr. Ricardo C. Pérez Manrique**, President of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights (video message)
- **Mr. Francisco Rojas Aravena**, Rector of the University for Peace

09:30-10:30 **Keynote panel: Reflections on the contribution of development to the enjoyment of human rights**

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

- **Mr. Jim Fitzgerald**, Executive Director, Equal Rights Trust
- **Ms. Allegra Maria del Pilar Baiocchi**, United Nations Resident Coordinator in Costa Rica
- **Ms. Fernanda Hopenhaym**, Chairperson of the United Nations Working Group on Business and Human Rights (virtual)
- **Ms. Nazila Ghanea**, United Nations Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief

Moderator: Mr. Mihir Kanade, Member of the Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development

10:30-11:50 **General Discussion**

11:50-12:00 Music video on the theme of “The contribution of development to the enjoyment of all human rights”, by the UN Music Club in Geneva (Mr. Michael Wiener, piano/composition, OHCHR staff members)

12:00-14:00 Lunch Break

14:00-14:45 The essential role of international cooperation for sustainable development in promoting and protecting human rights

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

- **Ms. Savi Bisnath**, Senior Economist, Surge Initiative, OHCHR
- **Ms. Liliana Valiña**, Vice-Chairperson, Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development
- **Mr. Rodolfo Bejarano**, Representative, Latin American Network for Economic and Social Justice (LATINDADD)
- **Mr. Rafael Antonio Montero Solís**, Education Advisor, Representative of the Trade Union Confederation of the Americas (virtual)

Moderator: Mr. Juan Carlos Sainz-Borgo, Dean, University for Peace

14:45-15:30 Interactive dialogue

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

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

- **Ms. Soledad Garcia Munoz**, Special Rapporteur on Economic, Social, Cultural and Environmental Rights, Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, OAS (video message)
- **Mr. Randall Brenes**, Programme Specialist on Democratic Governance and Human Rights, UNDP Country Office, Costa Rica
- **Ms. Vivian Luis Orozco**, Anti-poverty Activist
Mr. Matt Davies, Regional co-director for ATD Fourth World in Latin America and the Caribbean
- **Ms. Claudia Blanco**, Executive-Director, FUNDASAL

Moderator: H.E. Mr. David Fernández Puyana, Ambassador of UPEACE to the United Nations in Geneva

16:15-17:00 Interactive dialogue

Friday, 9 December 2022

09:00-09:45 The contribution of development of cities and improving local policies to the enjoyment of all human rights

- **Ms. Nicole Mesén Sojo**, Member of the Council of Goicoechea, Costa Rica
- **Mr. Robert Lewis-Lettington**, Chief of the Programme Management, UN-Habitat (virtual)
- **Mr. Edgardo García Chaves**, Director of the School of International Relations and Research Director, Latin-American University of Science and Technology (ULACIT)
- **Ms. Nashieli Ramírez Hernández**, Chairperson, Human Rights Commission of the City of Mexico (virtual)

Moderator: Ms. Miriam Vilela, Director of the Earth Charter Secretariat

09:45-10:30 Interactive dialogue

10:30-11:15 The contribution of productive capacities in the health sector to the enjoyment of all human rights.

- **Mr. Mario Sanchez**, Project Manager at MSG Pharma (Partner of the Technology Bank for LDCs)
- **Mr. Armando de Negri**, International Advisor at PAHO/WHO Mexico Office
- **Mr. Facundo Chavez Penillas**, Human Rights and Disability Advisor, OHCHR (virtual)
- **Ms. Maria José Eva Parada**, Economist of the Surge Project, OHCHR

Moderator: Ms. Valeria Guerra, Human Rights Advisor, United Nations Country Team Argentina/OHCHR

11:15-12:00 Interactive dialogue

12:00-14:00 Lunch Break

14:00-14:45 The contribution of regional development strategies to the enjoyment of all human rights

- **Mr. Wayne McCook**, Assistant Secretary-General, Single Market and Trade, Caribbean Community (CARICOM)
- **Mr. Tuntiak Katan**, General-Coordinator, Coordinator of Indigenous Organizations of the Amazon River Basin (COICA) (virtual)
- **Mr. Eduardo Leblanc Jr.**, Defensor del Pueblo de la República de Panamá, Presidente del Consejo Centroamericano y Caribe de defensores de derechos humanos (virtual)

- **Ms. Valeria Guerra**, Human Rights Advisor, United Nations Country Team Argentina/OHCHR

Moderator: **Ms. Liliana Valiña**, Vice Chairperson, Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development

14:45-15:30 **Interactive dialogue**

15:30-16:45 **Good practices and experiences in addressing challenges and gaps and ensuring the contribution of development to the enjoyment of all human rights**

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- **Mr. Armando de Negri**, International Advisor at PAHO/WHO Mexico Office
- **Mr. Mihir Kanade**, Member of the Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development

Moderator: Representative from University for Peace (UPEACE)

16:45-17:00 **Closing remarks**

- **Mr. Ayuush Bat-Erdene**, Chief of the Right to Development Section, OHCHR