



Human Rights Council

**ASIA AND THE PACIFIC REGIONAL SEMINAR**

**“THE CONTRIBUTION OF DEVELOPMENT  
TO THE ENJOYMENT OF ALL HUMAN RIGHTS”**

**In accordance with Human Rights Council resolution 47/11**

**13 -14 February 2023**

Conference Room 4, The United Nations Building  
Bangkok, Thailand

**PROGRAMME OF WORK<sup>i</sup>**

**Monday, 13 February 2023**

**Chair: Mr. Ayuush Bat-Erdene**, Chief of the Right to Development Section, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)

**10:00-10:30      Opening remarks**

- **H. E. Ambassador Václav Bálek**, President of the Human Rights Council (video message)
- **Ms. Nada Al-Nashif**, United Nations Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights
- **Mr. Li Junhua**, Under-Secretary-General, UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (video message)
- **Ms. Eksiri Pintaruchi**, Director-General, Department of International Organizations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Thailand

**10:30-11:30      Keynote Panel: Reflections on Development Strategy and Policy and their contribution to all human rights**

This session examines how development policies and strategies can be used to contribute to the enjoyment of all human rights for everyone. What can be done to ensure the promotion and protection of human rights in the process?

- **Mr. Jomo Kwame Sundaram**, Senior Adviser, Khazanah Research Institute (virtual)
- **Ms. Chee Yoke Ling**, Executive Director, Third World Network
- **Mr. Wang Xigen**, Dean, School of Law, Huazhong University of Science and Technology (HUST) (virtual)
- **Dr. Debapriya Bhattacharya**, Member, United Nations Committee for Development Policy (UN-CDP), Distinguished Fellow, Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD)
- **Ms. Simona Marinescu**, United Nations Resident Coordinator covering Cook Islands, Niue, Samoa, and Tokelau (virtual)

**Moderator: Ms. Nada Al-Nashif**, Deputy High Commissioner, OHCHR

**11:30-13:00**      **General Discussion** (Interaction with the in-person and online audience)  
  
**Moderator: Mr. Ayuush Bat-Erdene**, Chief of the Right to Development Section, OHCHR

**13:00-15:00**      **Lunch Break**

**15:00-15:45**      **Panel 2: 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 collaboration and cooperation with local, national and international partners to ensure a sustainable improvement in the quality of life for people everywhere.

- **Mr. Achsanul Habib**, Director, Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Republic of Indonesia (video message)
- **Professor Vitit Muntarbhorn**, Chulalongkorn University, UN Special Rapporteur
- **Ms. Emeline Siale Iolahia**, Executive Director, Pacific Islands Association of Non-governmental Organisations (PIANGO)
- **Mr. Zamir Akram**, Chair-Rapporteur, Human Rights Council Working Group on the Right to Development (virtual)
- **Ms. Diane Desierto**, Professor of Law and Global Affairs at Keough School of Global Affairs and the Law School, University of Notre Dame (virtual)

**Moderator: Mr. Diego Valadares Vasconcelos Neto**, Human Rights Officer, Right to Development Section, OHCHR

**15:45-16:30**      **Interactive dialogue** (Interaction with the in-person and online audience)

**16:30-17:15**      **Panel 3: 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 identify challenges, gaps, good practices and experiences.

- **Ms. Priya Lukka**, Economist of the Surge Project, OHCHR
- **Ms. Liu Chen**, Director, School of English and International Studies, Beijing Foreign Studies University (virtual)
- **Mr. Lenen Rahaman & Mr. Jalal Uddin**, Mati Bangladesh
- **Ms. Vani Catanasiga**, Executive Director, Fiji Council of Social Services

**Moderator: Mr. Markus Ruck**, Senior Social Protection Specialist, International Labour Organization

**17:15-18:00**      **Interactive dialogue** (Interaction with the in-person and online audience)

**Tuesday, 14 February 2023**

**10:00-10:45      Panel 4: The contribution of the development of clean and sustainable technology to the enjoyment of all human rights**

This session focuses on how the development of clean and sustainable technology can contribute to the enjoyment of all human rights.

- **Mr. Ian Fry**, UN Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights in the context of climate change (video message)
- **Ms. Bhumika Muchhala**, Development Economist, Third World Network, former expert consultant on macroeconomics and human rights for Right to Development Section, OHCHR (virtual)
- **Mr. Frode Mauring**, United Nations Resident Coordinator for the Democratic People's Republic of Korea
- **Ms. Elizabeth Dolan**, Research Associate, Innovation and Practice Division, Pulte Institute for Global Development
- **Mr. Chen Chiu-Hao (Ted)**, Co-founder and CEO, Evercomm Singapore

**Moderator: Ms. Katinka Weinberger**, Chief of Environment and Development Policy Section, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)

**10:45-11:30      Interactive dialogue** (Interaction with the in-person and online audience)

**11:30-12:15      Panel 5: Contribution of development and human rights to the global commitment to leave no one behind**

This session aims to discuss how the global commitment to leave no one behind must be part of development policies and activities and contributes to the enjoyment of all human rights.

- **Mr. Paul Hunt**, Chief Commissioner, New Zealand Human Rights Commission (virtual)
- **Ms. Gerel Dondovdorj**, Member of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- **Mr. Matthew Johnson-Idan**, Senior Economist, United Nations Resident Coordinator's Office, Lao People's Democratic Republic
- **Ms. Navanita Sinha**, Head of Office (ai), UN Women, Nepal Country Office (virtual)
- **Ms. Chandra Tripura**, Executive Council Member, Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact (AIPP)

**Moderator: Mr. Nicholas Booth**, Policy Advisor for Governance, Human Rights and Access to Justice, UNDP

**12:15-13:00      Interactive dialogue** (Interaction with the in-person and online audience)

**13:00-15:00      Lunch Break**

**15:00-15:45      Panel 6: The contribution of regional development strategies to the enjoyment of all human rights with a focus on concrete policies, practices, and commitments at the regional level**

This panel will assess how regional strategies to promote development can contribute to the enjoyment of all 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.

- **Dr. Filimon Manoni**, Deputy Secretary General, Pacific Islands Forum (virtual)
- **Ms. Heike Alefsen**, Regional Representative for the Pacific, OHCHR
- **Mr. Jonathan Gilman**, Regional Policy Coordinator, Asia Pacific, UN Environment Programme
- **Ms. Yuyun Wahyuningrum**, Representative of the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR)
- **Ms. Nadia Mohd Rasidi**, Communications Officer, International Women’s Rights Action Watch-Asia Pacific (IWRAP-AP)

**Moderator: Ms. Rineeta Naik**, Human Rights and Development Focal Point, OHCHR Regional Office in Southeast Asia

**15:45-16:30      Interactive dialogue** (Interaction with the in-person and online audience)

**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 provide an overview with examples of success stories and what more needs to be done to enhance the contribution of development to the enjoyment of all human rights. It aims to summarize some of the conclusions and recommendations of the seminar for inclusion in the report to the Human Rights Council.

- **Dr. Debapriya Bhattacharya**, Member, United Nations Committee for Development Policy (UN-CPD), Distinguished Fellow, Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD)
- **Ms. Chee Yoke Ling**, Executive Director, Third World Network
- **Ms. Rineeta Naik**, Human Rights and Development Focal Point, OHCHR Regional Office in Southeast Asia

**Moderator: Professor Vitit Muntarbhorn**, Chulalongkorn University, UN Special Rapporteur

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

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

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<sup>i</sup> OHCHR Secretary: Ms. Aisha Gilani, Human Rights Officer, Right to Development Section. Photographs and bios of speakers & moderators can be found at: <https://cdhrseminars2023.sched.com/>