**OHCHR workshop on promoting and protecting economic, social and cultural rights within the context of addressing inequalities in the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic**

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***Programme of work*** *(draft 03.02.2023)*

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| **Date**  **Venue:** | **6-8 February 2023, 10:00-12:00 and 15:00-17:00 CET**  **Tempus, Palais des Nations, Geneva, and online platform (Zoom)** |

The meeting will consist of a high-level opening session followed by six panel discussions and a closing session. In sessions 2-6, initial presentations by the panelists will be followed by interventions by participants and concluding remarks from the panelists.

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| **6 February 2023** | |
| **10:00 – 11:15 CET** | **High-level opening**   * **Ms. Virginia Brás Gomes,** Chair of the workshop * **Mr. Volker Türk,** United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights * **H.E. Mr. Václav Bálek**, President of the Human Rights Council * **H.E. Ms. Claudia Fuentes Julio**, Permanent Representative of Chile the United Nations Office in Geneva * **H.E. Mr. Xu Chen**, Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations Office in Geneva * **H.E. Mr. Alexandros Papaioannou**, Permanent Representative of Greece to the United Nations Office in Geneva * **H.E. Mr. Rui Macieira**, Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations Office in Geneva * **H.E. Mr. Mxolisi Nkosi**, Permanent Representative of South Africa to the United Nations Office in Geneva * **H.E. Ms. Suphatra Srimaitreephithak**, Permanent Representative of Thailand to the United Nations Office in Geneva * **H.E. Ms. Michèle Taylor**, Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations Human Rights Council * **Mr. Guy Ryder**, Under-Secretary-General for Policy, Executive Office of the United Nations Secretary-General |
| **11:15 – 12.00 CET** | **Session 1: Global prospects on economic, social and cultural rights**   * **Ms. Meghna Abraham**, Executive Director, Center for Economic and Social Rights * **Ms. Yanghee Lee**, Professor Emeritus, Sungkyunkwan University * **Ms. Soledad García Muñoz**, Special Rapporteur on Economic, Social, Cultural and Environmental Rights, Inter-American Commission on Human Rights * **Ms. Sandra Liebenberg**, Professor of Human Rights Law, Stellenbosch University * **Mr. Arif Bulkan**, Appellate Judge, High Court of Belize   Moderator: **Ms. Peggy Hicks**, Director of Thematic Engagement, Special Procedures and Right to Development Division, OHCHR |
| **15:00 – 17:00 CET** | **Session 2: Critical reflection on progress, challenges and the future of economic, social and cultural rights**   * **Ms. Tlaleng Mofokeng**, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health * **Mr. Seree Nonthasoot**, Member of the United Nations Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights * **Ms. Shahra Razavi**, Director of Social Protection Department, ILO * **Mr. Luke Holland**, Network and Partners Manager, Tax Justice Network * **Ms. Haina Lu**, Executive Director of the Human Rights Center, Renmin University of China   Moderator: **Ms. Magdalena Sepúlveda Carmona**, Executive Director of the Global Initiative for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights |
| **7 February 2023** | |
| **10:00 – 12:00 CET** | **Session 3: Measurement and elimination of global poverty and inequalities**   * **Mr. Olivier De Schutter**, UN Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights * **Mr. Jose Antonio Cuesta Leiva**, Lead Economist, The World Bank * **Mr. Robert Walker**, Beijing Normal University and Professor Emeritus and Emeritus Fellow of Green Templeton College, University of Oxford * **Ms. Rachel Gisselquist**, Senior Research Fellow, UNU-WIDER * **Ms. Lena Simet**, Senior Researcher on Poverty and Inequality, Human Rights Watch   Moderator: **Ms. Lubna Qassim**, Deputy Permanent Representative, United Arab Emirates |
| **15:00 – 17:00 CET** | **Session 4: Investing in social spending, tackling inequalities and promoting economic policies that advance greater realization of economic, social and cultural rights**   * **Ms. Jayati Ghosh**, Professor of Economics at the University of Massachusetts Amherst * **Ms. Attiya Waris**, UN Independent Expert on foreign debt, other international financial obligations and human rights * **Ms. Magdalena Sepúlveda Carmona**, Executive Director of the Global Initiative for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights * **Mr. Jian Chang**, Professor of Zhou Enlai School of Government, Nankai University * **Ms. Mariana Mazzucato**, Professor, Economics of Innovation and Public Value, University College London   Moderator: **Mr. Todd Howland**, ​​​​​Chief of Development and Economic and Social Issues Branch, OHCHR |
| **8 February 2023** | |
| **10:00 – 12:00 CET** | **Session 5: Strengthening the capacity of OHCHR to operationalize economic, social and cultural rights**   * **H.E. Ms. Claudia Fuentes Julio**, Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations Office in Geneva * **H.E. Mr. Marc Bichler,** Permanent Representative of Luxembourg to the United Nations Office in Geneva * **Mr. Rahmat bin Mohamad**, Chairman of the Human Rights Commission of Malaysia * **Ms. Helena Fraser**, Director of Policy and Programming Branch, United Nations Development Coordination Office * **Mr. Saman Zia-Zarifi**, Secretary General, International Commission of Jurists * **Ms. Lena Simet**, Senior Researcher on Poverty and Inequality, Human Rights Watch * **Mr. Todd Howland**, ​​​​​Chief of Development and Economic and Social Issues Branch, OHCHR   Moderator: **Ms. Wan-hea Lee**, Chief of Civil, Political, Economic, Social and Cultural Rights Section, Human Rights Treaties Branch, OHCHR |
| **15:00 – 16:45 CET** | **Session 6: Promotion and protection of economic, social and cultural rights by the Human Rights Council**   * **H.E. Ms. Maira Mariela Macdonal Alvarez**, Permanent Representative of Bolivia to the United Nations Office in Geneva * **H.E. Mr. Rui Macieira**, Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations Office in Geneva * **Ms. Preeti Saran**, Member of the United Nations Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights * **Ms. Malavika Vartak**, Researcher/Adviser on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, Amnesty International * **Ms. Meghna Abraham**, Executive Director, Center for Economic and Social Rights * **Mr. Christophe Golay**, Senior Research Fellow and Strategic Adviser on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights   Moderator: **Ms. Peggy Hicks**, Director of Thematic Engagement, Special Procedures and Right to Development Division, OHCHR |
| **16:45-17:00 CET** | **Closing session**   * **H.E. Mr. Ahmed Ihab Abdelahad Gamaleldin**, Permanent Representative of Egypt to the United Nations Office in Geneva * **Ms. Nada Al-Nashif**, United Nations Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights * **Ms. Virginia Brás Gomes,** Chair of the workshop |