



A Dialogue on SDGs and Human Rights

Eradicating poverty: Realizing the rights to an adequate standard of living and to social security

Co-sponsored by the Permanent Missions of Ecuador and Austria

Organised by OHCHR in partnership with ILO

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How can human rights contribute to the implementation of the SDGs, and what can implementation of the SDGs contribute to the realisation of human rights, including the right to development? How is the eradication of poverty linked with the rights to an adequate standard of living and social security?

With the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development being grounded on human rights, can human rights standards offer clarity and useful guidance on the responsibilities at the national and global levels to respect, protect and fulfil these rights, including with respect to international cooperation? Could building greater synergies between the implementation of SDGs and human rights help Member States to reduce reporting burdens and ease follow-up and review? Could paying closer attention to the interlinkages between the SDGs and human rights yield improved results in delivering on our common vision of leaving no one behind?

Co-hosted by the permanent missions of Ecuador and Austria, OHCHR and ILO, this meeting will focus on how SDG 1 on the eradication of poverty is closely interlinked with the human rights to an adequate standard of living and to social security.

The human rights framework – in particular the UDHR and the Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights – sets out clear standards for concrete policies and programmes to eradicate poverty. This includes the progressive realization of the right to an adequate standard of living and the obligation to avoid any retrogressive measures that would impede or reduce the enjoyment of rights, even in times of economic and financial crisis. Goal 1 on poverty eradication also underscores the importance of social protection, with a specific mention of social protection floors in target 1.3. Standards deriving from the human right to social security, as well as ILO standards, offer guidance on how to establish and expand social protection systems, in particular social protection floors. Human rights also provide guidance on non-discrimination – an essential element of “leaving no one behind” – as well as on the international dimensions of SDG implementation, including with regard to international cooperation and the mobilization of resources.

This is the first meeting in a series of planned events on “Dialogues on SDGs and Human Rights”, organised to explore the interlinkages between individual SDGs and human rights (see annex).

Programme

Moderator: Andrew Gilmour, Assistant Secretary General, OHCHR	
1:15 – 1:30	Opening Remarks Mr. Fabrizio Hochschild, Assistant Secretary General for Strategic Coordination, Executive Office Mr. Horacio Sevilla Borja, Permanent Representative of Ecuador Mr. Philipp Charwath, Deputy Permanent Representative of Austria
1:30 – 2:20	Panel on SDG 1: Poverty and the human rights to an adequate standard of living and social security Ms. Gay MacDougall, member of UN Committee on Elimination of Racial Discrimination Ms. Cristina Diez, ATD-Quart Monde Mr. Vinicius Pinheiro, ILO Special Representative to the United Nations Ms. Rosemary Kalapurakal, UNDP Lead Advisor, Agenda 2030 Mr. Craig Mokhiber, OHCHR Interactive Dialogue: Question and Answers
2:20 – 2:30	Wrap-up and closing remarks of OHCHR

Annex I

A Series of Dialogues on SDGs and Human Rights Building Synergies and Sharing Good Practices

OHCHR, in partnership with Member States and other UN entities, is organising a series of events entitled “Dialogues on SDGs and Human Rights” which will engage in a dialogue on the positive contribution of human rights to implementing the SDGs and vice versa, sharing good practices and progress so far. The Dialogues will be held at the UN in New York and will include representatives of Member States from all regions as well as UN entities and other stakeholders, including civil society representatives. The events will include:

		<p>1. Eradicating poverty in its multiple dimensions for the right to an adequate standard of living</p>	
		<p>2. Generating well-being and the human right to the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health</p>	
		<p>3. Ensuring the right to education for all at all levels</p>	
		<p>4. Countering discrimination, exclusion and inequalities within and between countries</p>	
			<p>5. Humanising living conditions in urban and rural areas</p>
			<p>6. Securing decent work and more equitable and sustainable economic growth</p>
			<p>7. Managing natural resources for a sustainable, healthy environment for all</p>
			<p>8. Strengthening inclusive institutions, justice and rule of law at national and global levels</p>