



**AFRICA REGIONAL SEMINAR
THE CONTRIBUTION OF DEVELOPMENT
TO THE ENJOYMENT OF ALL HUMAN RIGHTS**

**In accordance with Human Rights Council resolution [47/11](#)
24 – 25 November 2022
Conference Room 4, UNON Building, Nairobi, Kenya**

PROGRAMME OF WORK

Thursday, 24 November 2022

08:30-09:30 Coffee reception

09:30-10:10 Opening remarks

Chairperson: Mr. Todd Howland, Chief, Development, Economic and Social Issues Branch, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)

- **Ms. Nada Al-Nashif**, Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights (video message)
- **H.E. Mr. Federico Villegas**, President of the Human Rights Council (video message)
- **Mr. Antonio Pedro**, United Nations Under-Secretary-General and Acting Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) (video message)
- **Mr. Raf Tuts**, Deputy Executive Director, UN-Habitat
- **Mr. Justin Bedan Njoka Muturi**, Attorney General of Kenya

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

This session will examine how 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 consider what can be done to ensure the promotion and protection of human rights in the process.

- **Mr. Serges Djoyou Kamga**, Senior Associate, Thabo Mbeki African School of Public and International Affairs at University of South Africa
- **Ms. Attiya Waris**, United Nations Independent Expert on foreign debt, other international financial obligations and human rights
- **Ms. Roseline D A Odede**, Chairperson, Kenya National Commission on Human Rights
- **Hon. Commissioner Ms. Litha Musyimi-Ogana**, African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights

Moderator: Ms. Li Fung, Senior Human Rights Advisor, Office of the United Nations Resident Coordinator in Kenya

11:30-12:30 General Discussion

12:30-14:00 Lunch Break

14:00-14:45 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 partnership and collaboration among local, national and international partners and stakeholders in order to bring about sustainable improvements of life for people everywhere.

- **Mr. Obiora C. Okafor**, United Nations Independent Expert on human rights and international solidarity
- **Mr. Stephen Jackson**, United Nations Resident Coordinator in Kenya
- **Ms. Patricia Mbote**, Director, Law Division, United Nations Environment Programme
- **Mr. Eriga Reagan Elijah**, Member of the Rise Up Movement from Uganda
- **Mr. Karam Singh**, Head of Legal and Investigations, Corruption Watch (virtual)

Moderator: Ms. María José Veramendi Villa, Anti-Corruption and Human Rights Advisor, OHCHR

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 its contribution to the enjoyment of all human rights.

- **Mr. Nohoum Sangaré**, Regional Representative and Director, Central Africa Regional Office, OHCHR
- **Mr. Joni T. Musabayana**, Chief, Decent Work Team for Eastern and Southern Africa, International Labour Organization (virtual)
- **Mr. Sylvain Obedi Katindi**, Coordinator, Enable the Disable Action, Democratic Republic of the Congo
- **Ms. Mwandida Chilongozi Theu**, Program Coordinator, Human Rights and Civil Society Strengthening, Youth and Society, Malawi

Moderator: Mr. Julius Chokerah, Development Coordination Economist, Office of the United Nations Resident Coordinator in Kenya (TBC)

16:15-17:00 Interactive dialogue

Friday, 25 November 2022

08:30-09:30 Coffee reception

09:30-10:15 The contribution of the Doha Programme of Action for Least Developed Countries to the enjoyment of all human rights

This session examines the particular challenges faced by least developed countries (LDCs) to the realization of human rights and on the possible recommendations to Fifth UN Conference on LDCs and to the implementation of the Doha Programme of Action.

- **Mr. Rolf Traeger**, Chief, Least Developed Countries Section, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
- **Ms. Sara Mbago-Bhunu**, Director, East and Southern Africa Division, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) (TBC)
- **Ms. Satta Sherrif**, founder of Action for Justice and Human Rights (Liberia) and former Sustainable Development Goal Young Leader (virtual)
- **Mr. Patrice Vahard**, Representative and Head, OHCHR in Guinea

Moderator: Mr. Diego Valadares Vasconcelos Neto, Focal point for Least Developed Countries, OHCHR

10:15-11:00 Interactive dialogue

11:00-11:45 The contribution of the development of infrastructure and governance in the energy and digital sectors to the enjoyment of all human rights

This session examines the sustainable development of infrastructure and governance in the energy and digital sectors.

- **Mr. Antonio Andreoni**, Professor of Development Economics, Department of Economics, SOAS University of London
- **Ms. Nnenna Nwakanma**, Chief Web Advocate, World Wide Web Foundation (virtual)
- **Ms. Ellen Davies**, Senior Research Advisor, The Africa Climate Foundation (virtual)
- **Ms. Rima Hmayed**, Senior Project Assistant, International Association of Ahmadi Architects and Engineers (IAAAE)

Moderator: Ms. Hilda Oyella, Human Rights Officer, OHCHR Eastern Africa Regional Office

11:45-12:30 Interactive dialogue

12:30-13:45 Lunch Break

13:45-14:00 “The Rise”, Screening of a Pan African Documentary Series on the African Continental Free Trade Area

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

This session examines the contribution of regional development, the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) and Agenda 2063, to the enjoyment of human rights.

- **Mr. David Akwara**, Founder/Creative Director, David Akwara Films (virtual)
- **Ms. Nadia Hasham**, Trade Expert, UNECA
- **Ms. Mercy Obonyo**, Programmes Officer on Business and Human Rights & Sustainable Development Goals, Network of African National Human Rights Institutions (NANHRI)
- **Mr. Edmund Amarkwei Foley**, Director of Programs, Institute for Human Rights and Development in Africa

Moderator: Ms. Maymuchka Lauriston, Deputy Regional Representative, OHCHR East Africa Regional Office

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

15:40-16:30 **Good practices and experiences in addressing challenges and gaps and ensuring the contribution of development to the enjoyment of all human rights**

This round table aims at identifying key messages, conclusions and recommendations to be included in the final report of the seminar series

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- **Ms. Attiya Waris**, United Nations Independent Expert on foreign debt, other international financial obligations and human rights
- **Ms. Roseline D A Odede**, Chairperson, Kenya National Commission on Human Rights

Moderator: Mr. William Nanjero, General Manager, Sol Generation

16:30-16:50 **Presentation by Sauti Sol**

16:50-17:00 **Closing remarks by Mr. Todd Howland**, Chief, Development, Economic and Social Issues Branch, OHCHR