

Concept note : Side Event - Intergovernmental Working Group on the Right to Development

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Date : May 15th, 2024

Time : 13.15 pm - 14.15 pm CET

Venue : Online via zoom

Registration link : <https://forms.office.com/r/x8RVJvU0DB>

Topic :

Gender Transformative Approach (GTA) as an instrument to operationalize the Right to Development (RtD)

“Best practices for the Right to Development, jointly led by developed and developing nations”

The right to development faces constant challenges in being instrumentalized due to a lack of understanding of what development would be like through the RtD Approach. This scarcity of understanding of RtD in practice is unfortunate. To address these obstacles, it is important to identify already existing best practices in development policy and cooperation that work according to the principles of the RtD.

Gender Transformative Approaches (GTAs) can be identified as one such practice in development cooperation, which is widely welcomed by all actors in the development cooperation cycle, including donors, people, implementing agencies, and local authorities. GTAs are development approaches that put the beneficiaries (women) in the center of a self-led development process, enabling their leadership and ensuring a fair share of benefit therefrom. GTAs address the root causes of gender inequality and empower people to remove such obstacles to lead their own development process. This is a living practice of the RtD principles and can be identified as an instrument used to protect and promote the RtD. This event shall deliberate how and where GTAs provide an opportunity to strengthen the RtD agenda, especially through a gender lens in development cooperation.

Objectives of the event :

- Understand gender transformative approaches through the Right to Development Principles

- Deliberate best practices of Gender Transformative Approaches as women led development initiatives
- Bring stakeholders such as members states (Developed and developing), development agencies and practitioners together to put people at the centre of the development process through a gender lens
- Contribute to the Right to Development Agenda using gender and development investment nexus
- Explore opportunities of mobilization of the Rtd with GTAs and vice versa
- Explore common aims and areas of partnerships amongst development and human rights organizations or entities.

Speakers (tbc) :

Key message on Women’s active, free and meaningful participation in development, with emphasis on decision-making

By : Ms. Liliana Valiña, Independent Expert, United Nations Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development

Gender Transformative Approaches & Methodologies, and their use at IFAD’s investments

By : Ms. Ndaya Beltchika, Lead Technical Specialist on Gender, Targeting and Social Inclusion, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)

Best practices and impacts of using Gender Transformative Approaches in development initiatives

By : Ms. Elisabeth Garner, Gender Equity and Social Inclusion Lead & Scientist, CIFOR

Opportunities for the Mobilization of RtD through Gender Transformative Approaches

By : Ms. Srruthi Lekha Raaja Elango, Doctoral Researcher, UN University for Peace

Open discussion on way forward

Led by Ms. Marie Parramon-Gurney, Chief Transformative Impact Officer, Skultcha

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