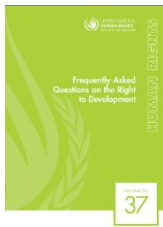


What is the Right to Right to Development?

The 1986 [Declaration on the Right to Development](#) recognizes that “development is a comprehensive economic, social, cultural and political process, which aims at the constant improvement of the well-being of the entire population and of all individuals on the basis of their active, free and meaningful participation in development and in the fair distribution of benefits resulting therefrom.”

The goal of development is to improve the wellbeing of every member of society. People are not the how of development - not tools that can be exploited to produce greater wealth for limited elites. They are the why. True development generates greater social justice, not deeper exploitation; and it reduces the towering inequalities which threaten fundamental human rights, in particular of those who are marginalised and poor.

The right to development is an inalienable human right by virtue of which every human person and all peoples are entitled to participate in, contribute to, and enjoy economic, social, cultural and political development, in which all human rights and fundamental freedoms can be fully realized. ([Declaration on the Right to Development](#), art.1.1).



You can learn more about the **right to development** by visiting this [link](#), watching this [video](#), or reading this [Fact Sheet on Frequently Asked Questions on the Right to Development](#). Other materials are available at this [link](#).



Among the materials you can find in the link above, is a [2-pager on the right to development, children and youth](#), drafted in 2011.

The Human Rights Council has established different mechanisms on the right to development, including a [Special Rapporteur](#), an [Expert Mechanism](#) and an [Intergovernmental Working Group](#).

More recently, Member States are negotiating a draft international covenant on the right to development ([A/HRC/54/50](#), also, Annex to [A/HRC/RES/54/18](#)). To know more about this draft treaty, you can read the [official commentaries](#), and watch this [short video](#).



Purpose of the meeting

Bearing in mind, the importance of the active, free and meaningful participation of youth in OHCHR work on the right to development, we are seeking your views on challenges for the realization of the right to development for the present and future generations, in particular on the [recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic](#) and the [reform of the international financial architecture](#). Please join us for a one-day interactive dialogue on 18 January 2024 in Conference Room 9, UN Office in Nairobi, at 9.00 AM.

Every year, the General Assembly and the Human Rights Council request the Secretary General and the High Commissioner for Human Rights to prepare a report on the right to development on efforts undertaken at the national, regional and international levels in the promotion and realization of the right to development. In past years, special attention has been given to the response to and the **recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic** and the **reform of the international financial architecture**. The latest requests from the General Assembly and the Council are available in the following documents: [A/C.3/78/L.46](#) and resolution [54/18](#).