

THE EXPERT MECHANISM ON THE RIGHT TO DEVELOPMENT
TWELFTH SESSION, 27- 29 OCT 2025, 10:00 - 13:00 AND 15:00 – 18:00, CENTRAL EUROPEAN TIME (CET), IN-PERSON ONLY

PALAIS DES NATIONS, ROOM XVI (5TH FLOOR, BUILDING A), GENEVA

PROGRAMME OF WORK

	MONDAY 27 OCTOBER 2025	TUESDAY 28 OCTOBER 2025	WEDNESDAY 29 OCTOBER 2025	
10:00	Item 1 – Opening of the session	Item 5 (cont'd) Implementation of the mandate and programme of work	Item 5 (cont'd) – Implementation of the mandate and programme of work:	10:00
-	Item 2 – Adoption of the agenda and programme of work	(b) Focused thematic discussions and interactive dialogues	(b) Focused thematic discussions and interactive dialogues	-
13:00	Item 3 – General debate	(ii) Public participation: a tool for development <i>(10h-11h30)</i> <i>Presented by Ms. Durant</i>	(v) The role of civil society organizations in realizing the right to development at the grassroots level <i>(10h-12h)</i> <i>Presented by Ms. Ibáñez Rivas</i>	13:00
	Item 4 – Coordination meeting with other United Nations mechanisms on the Right to Development <i>(12h30-13h)</i>	(iii) Impacts of trade tariffs on the realization of the right to development <i>(11h30-13h)</i> <i>Presented by Mr. Kanade</i>		
			** Closed meeting **	
15:00	Item 5 – Implementation of the mandate and programme of work:	Item 5 (cont'd) Implementation of the mandate and programme of work	Item 6 – Conclusion of the session <i>(15h-16h30)</i>	15:00
-	(a) Consideration of thematic studies <i>(15h-16h30)</i>	(b) Focused thematic discussions and interactive dialogues		-
	(i) Climate finance: vulnerability and responsibility <i>Presented by Ms. Durant</i>	iv) The impact of AI on creative industries, cultural rights, and the right to development <i>(15h-16h30)</i> <i>Presented by Ms. Mahmutaj</i>		
	(ii) Launching EMRTD policy briefs <i>Presented by Mr. Ibhawoh</i>	** Closed meetings ** <i>(16h30-18h)</i>	** Closed meetings ** <i>(16h30-18h)</i>	
18:00	(b) Focused thematic discussions and interactive dialogues			18:00
	(i) How to commemorate the 40 th anniversary of the UN Declaration on the Right to Development: reflections and proposals <i>(16h30-18h)</i> <i>Presented by all EMRTD members</i>			