

Integrating Human Rights in Financing for Development

**Wednesday, 15 July 2015, (1.15 pm – 2.45 pm),
Hilton Hotel, Jacaranda**

Concept

The outcome of the 3d international conference on FFD will affect the ability of States to fulfil their human rights obligations and to achieve the targets being set for the post-2015 development agenda. International human rights instruments agreed to by member States outline basic parameters for financing development. They call for the mobilization of maximum available resources for the progressive realization of human rights. They promote transparency, participation and accountability in decision-making. They emphasize the need for all States, and other actors, to take joint and separate action to promote inclusive and equitable development that benefits all people, without discrimination, and particularly the most vulnerable.

For development efforts to realize the ultimate objective of freedom from fear and want for all persons, all human rights, including the right to development, must be adequately integrated in an FFD outcome that sets the tone for a rights-based development agenda and guarantees the means of its implementation. OHCHR's side event will consider:

- Strengths and weaknesses of human rights considerations in the outcome document
- Long-term human rights implications of the outcome document including its relevance to the post-2015 discussion
- Private sector accountability for human rights and development
- Existing efforts to integrate human rights in financing development and development partnerships

Modalities and Speakers

OHCHR will introduce and moderate a panel discussion that will be followed by an interactive dialogue. Opening statements will be delivered by:

- H.E. Ambassador Michael Gerber, Swiss Special Envoy for Global Sustainable Development, Government of Switzerland
- H.E. Ambassador Enrique Loedel, Deputy Director General for Foreign Policy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Uruguay

Panellists:

- Tessa Khan, Programme Officer, Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development
- Juan Pablo Bohoslavsky, United Nations Independent Expert on the effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of all human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights
- Catarina de Albuquerque, Executive Chair, Sanitation and Water for All

Objective

To increase awareness of the links between human rights commitments, FFD and the broader development agenda in order to promote greater policy coherence and the realization of all human rights for all persons.