



Special Session 8

Overview of the international human rights mechanism's contribution to the implementation of SDG 16

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Background and objective

The state obligations regarding the implementation of SDG 16 have received special attention from various international human rights mechanisms, whether the universal periodic review, human rights treaty bodies or the special procedures. For example, several special rapporteurs have submitted thematic reports highlighting links between the rights within their mandate and SDG 16. This session aims to:

- Emphasize the interrelated nature of the Sustainable Development Goals and human rights, while highlighting the particular importance of SDG 16 as an enabler and accelerator for the 2030 Agenda.
- Identify the contribution of the international human rights mechanism to the implementation of SDG 16.
- Share experiences on the engagement of States with the international human rights mechanism and identify good practices, common trends, challenges and opportunities to strengthen the relationship between the states' obligation to respect, protect and fulfil human rights and the implementation of Goal 16.

Questions to be addressed

- What is the human rights based approach to sustainable development?
- What is the link between human rights and the SDG 16?
- To what extent are international human rights mechanisms concerned with SDG 16?
- How can we benefit from the work of international human rights mechanisms in implementing SDG 16?

Moderator

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Panelists

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