

# 25 Years of the Right to Development Achievements and Challenges

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Thursday, 24 February (Public Event)

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- 17:30 Welcome  
**Ms. Ingrid Matthäus-Maier**, *Chairperson of the FES Board of Trustees*
- 17:45 Keynote Address  
**Ms. Navanethem Pillay**, *United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights*
- 18:05 Panel Discussion  
**Human Rights and Development in a Globalized World**  
**Ms. Navanethem Pillay**, *United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights*  
**Ms. Heidemarie Wieczorek-Zeul**, *MP, Former Federal Minister for Development Cooperation*  
**Mr. Stephen Marks**, *Professor, Harvard University; Chairperson of the former United Nations high-level task force on the implementation of the right to development*  
**Mr. Vitit Muntarbhorn**, *Professor, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand*  
Moderator  
**Ms. Melinda Crane**, *Journalist*
- 20:00 Reception
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9:00 The Expert meeting - Welcome and Introduction by the FES and OHCHR

**Theme I: THE RIGHT TO DEVELOPMENT BETWEEN LAW AND POLITICS**

*This session will provide space for dialogue between human rights experts and development practitioners to assess the progress made in the implementation of the right to development (RTD) from its origins to the latest political debates.*

9:15 Chair  
**Mr. Matthes Buhbe**, FES Geneva Office

Presentation  
**Mr. Stephen Marks**, Professor, Harvard University; Chairperson of the former United Nations high-level task force on the implementation of the right to development (HLTF)

Comments  
**Mr. Mahmoud Afifi**, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the United Nations in Geneva in its capacity as coordinator of NAM  
**Ms. Joëlle Hivonnet**, Head of UN Section, Permanent delegation of the European Union to the United Nations in Geneva

**Theme II: THE POTENTIAL PRACTICAL RELEVANCE OF THE RIGHT TO DEVELOPMENT**

*This session will discuss the practical relevance and implementation of the RTD based on experience/ best practices in development cooperation including in the context of MDG 8.*

10:00 Chair  
**Mr. Michael Windfuhr**, German Institute for Human Rights

Presentation on the human rights-based approach in German Development Cooperation  
**Mr. Albrecht Stockmayer**, Head, Governance Cluster, German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ)

Comment  
**Ms. Ruth Karimi Charo**, African Development Bank, Kenya Country Office

10:30 Coffee Break

11:00 Presentation on global partnerships for development  
**Ms. Sakiko Fukuda-Parr**, member of the former HLTF

Presentation on specific projects  
**Ms. Sophie Logez**, Manager, The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

11:30 Discussion on the potential practical relevance of the right to development

12:30 Buffet Lunch

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**Theme III: SIGNIFICANCE OF THE RIGHT TO DEVELOPMENT IN STANDARD SETTING**

*This session will focus on the significance of the RTD in standard setting and monitoring activities of United Nations and regional human rights mechanisms. A case on the justiciability of the RTD will be presented followed by a presentation of the soft law implications of the RTD on the climate change debate.*

13:30 Chair

**Mr. Ibrahim Salama**, Director, Human Rights Treaties Division, OHCHR

Presentation on the link between the RTD and the work of UN human rights mechanisms

**Ms. Susan Mathews**, the RTD Section, OHCHR

Presentation of a case, in which the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights found a violation of the RTD

**Ms. Carla Clarke**, Minority Rights Group International Legal Cases Officer

Presentation on the relationship between climate change and the RTD

**Mr. Marcos Orellana**, Center for International Environmental Law

Comment

**Mr. Paul Baer**, Georgia Institute of Technology

14:30 Discussion on the impact of the RTD in standard setting

**Theme IV: THE WAY AHEAD FOR THE RIGHT TO DEVELOPMENT**

*This session will start in plenary and then be divided into five working groups to discuss different aspects pertaining to the effective implementation of the RTD. The session will conclude in plenary and make recommendations on the way ahead in the effective realization of the RTD at national and international levels.*

15:00 Plenary session – Introduction

**Ms. Britta Utz**, FES Berlin

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15:00 Working group discussion

Table 1 *What international enabling environment is needed for the realization of the RTD?*

Paper for discussion: **Mr. Aldo Caliari**, *Center of Concern*

Moderator: **Mr. Aldo Caliari**, *Center of Concern*

Rapporteur: **Mr. Theodor Rathgeber**, *German Forum Human Rights*

Table 2 *What national enabling environment is needed for the realization of the RTD?*

Paper for discussion: **Mr. Rajeev Malhotra**, *Development Economist, India*

Moderator: **Ms. Violette Ruppner**, *Consultant*

Rapporteur: **Mr. Hendrik Garcia**, *Human Rights Officer, Second Secretary and Consul, Permanent Mission of the Philippines to the United Nations in Geneva*

Table 3 *What is the collective responsibility of states, acting in global and regional partnerships, for the creation of an enabling environment?*

Paper for discussion: **Ms. Flavia Piovesan**, *member of the former HLTF*

Moderator: **Ms. Julia Duchrow**, *Bread for the World*

Rapporteur: **Mr. Koen De Feyter**, *University of Antwerp*

Table 4 *Does the clarification of the “core norm” of the RTD proposed by the HLTF, as the “right of peoples and individuals to the constant improvement of their well-being and to a national and global enabling environment conducive to just, equitable, participatory and human-centred development respectful of all human rights”(A/HRC/15/WG.2/TF/Add.2) respond to the criticism that RTD is too vague and, how can it be improved?*

Paper for discussion: **Ms. Margot Salomon**, *London School of Economics*

Moderator: **Ms. Cécile Molinier**, *UNDP Geneva*

Rapporteur: **Ms. Virginia Bras Gomes**, *Ministry of Labour and Solidarity, Portugal*

Table 5 *What next steps are required to advance the RTD agenda? What are the prospects for the political acceptability of different options?*

Paper for discussion: **Mr. Nico Schrijver**, *member of the former HLTF*

Moderator: **Mr. Ayuush Bat-Erdene**, *RTD Section, OHCHR*

Rapporteur: **Ms. Irene I. Hadiprayitno**, *Wageningen University*

17:30 Plenary session – Reports by the working group Rapporteurs

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- 17:30 Plenary session – Reports by the working group Rapporteurs
- Chair  
**Mr. Zdzislaw Kedzia**, *member of the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights*
- 18:20 Concluding Discussion
- Comment  
**Mr. Olivier De Schutter**, *United Nations Special Rapporteur on the right to food*
- Comment  
**Mr. Vitit Muntarbhorn**, *Professor, Chulalongkorn University*
- 19:00 Closure of the meeting
- 19:30 Buffet dinner