

55TH COMMISSION for SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Strategies for the eradication of poverty to achieve
sustainable development for all

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VAAGDHARA

**VOLUNTARY ASSOCIATION FOR AGRICULTURE, GENERAL
DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH & RECONSTRUCTION ALLIANCE**

**“Issues, Challenges and Strategies for Eradication of poverty
among the Indigenous Community in context of Sustainable
Development Goals”**

**Friday, 10th February, 2017
1:15 – 2:30 P.M**

**CONFERENCE ROOM E
UN HEADQUARTERS BUILDING**

Speakers:

Mr. Jeffery Huffines, CIVICUS

**Mr. Mahendrajeet Singh Malviya, Ex Rural Development
Minister and Member of Legislative Assembly, Rajasthan India**

Mr. Jayesh Joshi, Secretary, VAAGDHARA

Event Details:

The Side Event ***“Issues, Challenges and Strategies for eradication of poverty among Indigenous Communities in the context of Sustainable Development Goals”*** is an attempt to initiate a discussion around the issue of poverty reduction, based on the insights received from the study **“Understanding the characteristics of Trans-generational poverty in Tribal Regions of Western Rajasthan,”** conducted by VAAGDHARA. The collective insights emerged from the discussion will result into a concise, action oriented strategy document to be recommended to the 55th Commission for Social Development, for poverty eradication.

The key objectives of the Side Event are as follows:-

- Bringing critical perspectives and experiences from the grassroots to 55th Commission for Social Development.
- Recommending practical strategies to address the poverty conundrum through cost – effective and locally available resources.

The side event will also be an opportunity to share perspectives and mechanisms of indigenous people and the current state of realization of their rights in the light of the United Nations declaration on the rights of

indigenous people. The life experiences shared by Mr. Mahendrajeet Singh Malviya, a prominent tribal leader in the region, will make the discussion more insightful as he himself has travelled a long path from a discriminated tribal youth to one of the most sort after tribal representative in the Indian Political gathering.

Host Organization:

VAAGDHARA (Voluntary Association for Agriculture, General Development, Health and Reconstruction Alliance) – Established in the year 1986 -87, VAAGDHARA is a not for profit organization working in the tribal areas of Rajasthan, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh, India, for the empowerment of the most deprived and vulnerable groups of the society. It has been accredited with the Special Consultative Status from UNECOSOC and has also been empanelled with the National CSR Hub. The main thrust areas of the organization include Livelihoods Development, Child Development and Protection and Facilitating poor to voice their issues and concerns.

For more information about the organization, please visit our website www.vaagdhara.org

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