

Healthy lives, well-being and the human right to the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health

3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



A Dialogue on SDGs and Human Rights

Co-sponsored by the Permanent Missions of Chile, Ecuador, and South Africa

Organised by OHCHR in partnership with WHO

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What can human rights bring to SDG implementation, particularly in the health sector? How do the SDGs, including SDG 3 on “ensuring healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages” relate to the human right to health? Could paying closer attention to the interlinkages between SDGs and human rights deliver better results and contribute to ensuring that no one is left behind? This event will explore these questions.

Overview

SDG 3 is closely interrelated with “the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health”, enshrined by Member States in the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights as well as in the Constitution of the World Health Organization which states that “the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health is one of the fundamental rights of every human being without distinction of race, religion, political belief, economic or social condition”.

This event, co-sponsored by the Permanent Missions of Chile, Ecuador and South Africa, and organised by OHCHR and WHO will explore the interlinkages between the SDGs and human rights, focusing on SDG3 and the right to health. It will focus in particular on the human rights contribution to ensuring no one is left behind, including in relation to the Global Strategy on women’s, children’s and adolescents’ health, and to ensuring universal health coverage and access to medicines.

This event will be the second meeting in a planned series of events entitled “Dialogues on SDGs and Human Rights: Building Synergies and Sharing Good Practices,” organised to explore the interlinkages between human rights and the SDGs. Please see the attached Annex for a list of planned events.

Programme

1.15- 1.30	Opening remarks (and Moderator) Mr. Horacio Sevilla Borja Ambassador , Permanent Representative of Ecuador
1.30- 2.15	Panelists Mr. Ephraim Leshala Mminele , Deputy Permanent Representative of South Africa Ms. Kate Gilmore , UN Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights Ms. Jennifer Reid , Médecins Sans Frontières/ Doctors Without Borders (MSF) Dr. Nata Menabde , Executive Director of the WHO Office at the United Nations Dr. Dainius Pūras , Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health
2.15- 2.40	Interactive Dialogue: Question and answers Permanent Mission of Thailand
2.40 2.45	Wrap-up and closing remarks Mr. Andrew Gilmour , Assistant Secretary General, OHCHR



Annex

A Series of Dialogues on SDGs and Human Rights Building Synergies and Sharing Good Practices

OHCHR, in partnership with Member States and other UN entities, is organising a series of events entitled “Dialogues on SDGs and Human Rights” which will engage in a dialogue on the positive contribution of human rights to implementing the SDGs and vice versa, sharing good practices and progress so far. The Dialogues will be held at the UN in New York and will include representatives of Member States from all regions as well as UN entities and other stakeholders, including civil society representatives. The events will include:

1. Eradicating poverty in its multiple dimensions for the right to an adequate standard of living
2. Generating well-being and the human right to the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health
3. Ensuring the right to education for all at all levels
4. Countering discrimination, exclusion and inequalities within and between countries
5. Humanising living conditions in urban and rural areas
6. Securing decent work and more equitable and sustainable economic growth
7. Managing natural resources for a sustainable, healthy environment for all
8. Strengthening inclusive institutions, justice and rule of law at national and global levels

