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Addressing inequalities in the SDGs: A human rights imperative for effective poverty eradication

Tuesday 4 February 2014

13:15 - 14:30, Trusteeship Council Chamber, United Nations, New York

Moderator: Mr. Craig Mokhiber, Chief, Development and Social and Economic Issues Branch, OHCHR

Panel Speakers:

H.E. Martti Ahtisaari, former President of Finland and Nobel Peace Prize Laureate

H.E. Antonio de Aguiar Patriota, Permanent Representative of Brazil to the United Nations

Ms. Navi Pillay, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights

Prof. Sakiko Fukuda-Parr, Professor of International Affairs, The New School

The event will be available for live webcast and viewing the following day through the UN Web TV website at: <http://webtv.un.org>

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The Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) have served as a vital catalyst for galvanizing progress in human development. But, by focusing on statistical averages and aggregates, the MDGs have concealed disparities and discrimination and may have contributed to the rise in inequalities since 1990. The UN Secretary-General has warned "if inequalities continue to widen, development may not be sustainable".

There is now a growing consensus that the new Agenda must address inequalities, both within and between countries, for poverty eradication to be effective. The Rio+20 Outcome Document commits states to strive for a world that is just, equitable and inclusive. More than a million civil society voices worldwide have called for the new agenda to combat inequalities, social exclusion and persistent discrimination by integrating the human rights principles of equality and non-discrimination. This event will reflect on the causes, costs and consequences of rising economic, social, and environmental inequalities, and consider concrete ways in which the SDGs can contribute to the dismantling of discrimination and help address inequalities - including gender inequalities and inequities in global governance. It will explore how the SDGs can be fully aligned with the Rio+20 commitments and the commitments of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, including the commitment to create a "social and international order" in which all rights and freedoms can be fully realized, recognizing that "all human beings are free and equal in dignity and rights".