Leveraging synergies between human rights and the SDGs

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Overview

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1. What is the connection between human rights and the SDGs?

- 2030 Agenda is grounded in international human rights law
- The SDGs “seek to realize the human rights of all”
- Agendas are “interrelated and mutually reinforcing”
- Pledge to “leave no one behind”: equality and non-discrimination

Human rights norms and obligations: a “guiding star” for SDG implementation
2. What is the international human rights monitoring system?

• Key human rights mechanisms at UN level:
  • Treaty monitoring bodies
  • Universal Periodic Review
  • Special Procedures of the Human Rights Council

• Common elements:
  • Periodic State reporting and reviews (visits)
  • Issuing guidance and recommendations
  • Principles: transparency, participation & inclusion, accountability
3. What is the benefit in connecting human rights reporting and monitoring with the SDGs?

- Human rights monitoring system holds a wealth of knowledge about “leaving no one behind”
- Human rights mechanisms produce action-oriented guidance
- States and other stakeholders can leverage synergies when tracking progress and drafting reports
4. How does UN Human Rights support?

• Capacity-Building Programme offers support through regional presences and digital tools
• Building capacity of National Mechanisms for Reporting and Follow-up
• Established & strengthened more than 70 NMRFs worldwide

NMRFs are key institutions to make the link with SDG reporting and follow-up.
Universal Human Rights Index

• Explore human rights guidance through SDGs
• Public resource – freely available

uhri.ohchr.org
National Recommendations Tracking Database

- Information management system for NMRFs
- Available for States

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