

Human rights for all in sustainable development: *Is the post-2015 process really delivering?*

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Last year, the UN Secretary General—in his report, “A life of dignity for all”—endorsed a sustainable development “vision of the future firmly anchored in human rights,” echoing widespread support from governments, civil society, and the UN Task Team that a holistic human rights framework must lie at the heart of the SDGs themselves, how they are financed, and in their monitoring and accountability infrastructure. At this liminal point in the debate over what will succeed the Millennium Development Goals, various members of the [Post-2015 Human Rights Caucus](#)—a cross-constituency coalition of development, environment, trade union, feminist and human rights organizations worldwide—will come together to evaluate whether the post-2015 process and the new proposal for sustainable development goals deliver on this vision. How do the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and targets proposed by the Open Working Group stand up to the [human rights litmus test](#)? Are the SDGs “consistent with international law,” as member states agreed they would be in Rio+20? How well do they ensure the rights of indigenous peoples and other groups marginalized from economic and social development? Will the Goals—and the envisioned monitoring and accountability infrastructure—hold public and private actors to account for their human rights and right to development responsibilities? And how will these Goals be paid for in human rights-sensitive ways? Participants will debate these keystone questions, and in so doing lay out a blueprint for embedding human rights into the core of the post-2015 sustainable development agenda.

Panelists include:

Myrna Cunningham, UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Savio Carvalho, Amnesty International

Nerea Cravio, Association for Women's Rights in Development (AWID)

Paul Quintos, IBON International

Amanda McRae, Center for Reproductive Rights

Reflections from Mac Darrow, UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights

Moderated by Niko Lusiani, Center for Economic and Social Rights (CESR) and co-convener of the Post-2015 Human Rights Caucus

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