

Walking the talk: Exploring concrete steps towards human rights-aligned policies in a world in crisis

Virtual side event at the High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development



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Just before the Covid-19 swept the globe, the UN Secretary General linked human rights to the Agenda 2030 and called for national and global action. The pandemic has plunged us into a global health and economic crisis, which – if the right actions are not taken – will spiral into a human rights crisis of unprecedented proportion.

The current health crisis hits the poor the hardest: they are not only more likely to be affected by the virus but also by measures taken by States as a response to the crisis. The disproportionate impacts of the pandemic are not only linked to inequalities within countries, but also between countries globally and regionally. More than ever, we need policy coherence in compliance with human rights and in attaining the core principle of “leaving no one behind.” The event’s main objective is to reflect on concrete country experiences, linking sustainable development, climate policies, and human rights compliance.

OPENING REMARKS

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REFLECTIONS OF COUNTRY EXPERIENCES

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- **Date:** July 8th, 2020
 - **Time:** 8am-9am EST
(2pm-3pm CET)

This event will be hosted as a webinar. Please register at bit.ly/HLPF8July