

## Concept Note

International Association of Ahmadi Architects and Engineers (IAAAE) Theme of: ***Development Rights and Compassion - An Intertwined bond.***

### Introduction

The International Association of Ahmadi Architects and Engineers (IAAAE) is a global humanitarian development NGO, deeply rooted in its commitment to the empowerment and betterment of marginalised communities in developing parts of the world. Through vital projects including potable water provision, micro-grid electrification using renewables, village infrastructure, education & food security initiatives, IAAAE continues as a beacon of hope for countless individuals. This concept note reflects IAAAE's alignment with OHCHR's guiding principles on development rights, emphasising our shared vision.

### Shared Vision: Compassion & Development Rights

IAAAE actively engages a beneficiary & compassion centric model in all its efforts. Firmly rooted in our shared conviction that every individual is entitled to a life of dignity, free from deprivation, our mission transcends mere belief. Human rights, and especially development rights, are our guiding star. Through our dedicated development initiatives, IAAAE empowers communities to thrive and sustain themselves, all while upholding the essence of compassion at the forefront of every intervention & action.

The right to development recognises that every individual and community should be an active participant in their growth. IAAAE's projects and initiatives are designed collaboratively, ensuring that local perspectives shape outcomes, fostering community ownership and amplifying the realisation of these rights.

### Focus:

1. **Real-World Impact:** IAAAE's showcase will provide concrete examples demonstrating how development rights are translated into actionable projects.
2. **Inclusivity & Compassion:** Highlighting our ethos, where compassion catalyzes collaborative development and instills hope for a sustainable future.
3. **Pioneering Approaches:** Illustrating innovative methodologies such as renewable energy solutions and sustainable agricultural practices that offer modern resolutions to longstanding challenges.
4. **Collaborative Spirit:** Emphasizing our collaborative endeavors aligning with OHCHR's collaborative ethos, illustrating the potency of collective action

**Event Session:** 2nd November 2023, a 60-minute session entailing presentations from 3-4 speakers followed by a Q/A segment, preferably arranged during lunchtime.

**Desired outcomes:** This session aims to spark dialogues on sustainable infrastructure's role in human rights realisation, inspiring collaboration, and gaining valuable insights from attendees to further refine IAAAE's initiatives.

**Conclusion:** IAAAE's engagement in the OHCHR event offers a platform to spotlight the pivotal role of compassion in development, potentially motivating attendees to contribute towards making development rights a tangible reality for all.

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