

## 25th session of the Working Group on the Right to Development

### Panel discussion

#### ***Theme: The interrelationship between the right to development and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights***

*Concept note (as of 01 May 2024)*

- Date and venue:** Tuesday, 14 May 2024, 15 a.m. to 18 p.m. (UTC+2)  
Room XX, Palais des Nations, Geneva
- Objectives:** The objectives of this panel are:
- **To discuss** the interrelationship between civil and political rights and the right to development,
  - **to examine conceptual issues** surrounding the intersection of these two frameworks,
  - **to elucidate the historical and theoretical relationship** between the right to development and civil and political rights,
  - **to shed light on the right to development within the African Human Rights System, including the problem of illicit financial flows.**
- Chair:** H.E. Mr. Zamir Akram, Chair of the Working Group on the Right to Development
- Panellists:**
- **Mr. Olivier de Schutter**, Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights
  - **Mr. Surya Subedi**, Professor of international law, University of Leeds, speaking on “Normative Prescriptions of the 1986 Declaration on the Right to Development and the Civil and Political Rights”
  - **Mr. Serges Djoyou Kamga**, Professor at the University of the Free State, speaking on the “Right to Development in the African Human Rights System, and the specific problem IFF/Asset Recovery”
- Outcome:** The anticipated outcomes of this discussion include:
- **Enhanced understanding of the interrelationship** between civil and political rights and the right to development,
  - **Recommendations for integrating the right to development** into the monitoring and enforcement mechanisms of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,
  - **Insights into advancing the right to development within regional human rights frameworks**, particularly in Africa.
- Format:** The panel discussion is limited to three hours. The presentations by the panellists will be followed by an interactive discussion and conclusions from the panellists. States or observers, national human rights institution and non-governmental organizations will have the opportunity to raise issues and to ask panellists questions.
- Background documents:**
- [1986 Declaration on the Right to Development](#)
  - [1993 Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action](#)
  - [1966 International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights](#)