2024 GHRP Annual Conference

CONCEPT NOTE WORKSHOP 4

Human Rights and Sustainable Development: advancing monitoring and collaboration through digital tools

Tuesday 5 November 2024, 11 :00 – 12 :30

Maison de la Paix (Pétale 5), *Chemin Eugène-Rigot 2E, Geneva*

TOPIC

In today's digital era, technology plays a crucial role in advancing the monitoring and implementation of both human rights and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This workshop will focus on the transformative potential of digital human rights tracking tools and databases (DHRTTDs) in improving human rights monitoring and connecting it with SDG progress. By providing innovative solutions to track, report, and follow up on human rights commitments, DHRTTDs can be crucial in monitoring those areas where human rights and SDGs overlap.

One of GHRP's core initiatives seeks to improve the coherent implementation and reporting of international human rights recommendations by promoting the use of DHRTTDs and fostering collaboration among key stakeholders. As part of this initiative, the Platform has organized three expert roundtables, one pre-event to the 2024 High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development and a side-event to the 57th session of the Human Rights Council, exploring the potential of digital tracking tools to enhance human rights monitoring and emphasized the importance of interoperability between different digital platforms. The roundtables highlighted the need for an interconnected and integrated approach to digital tracking of human rights, including through the responsible use of AI and Machine Learning.

In line with these discussions, this workshop will delve into the intersection of human rights and sustainable development by exploring how data integration across various digital tracking tools can foster the interoperability and the coherent monitoring of progress in these two fields. The participants will explore best practices from various contexts where digital tracking tools have been successfully implemented to enhance the monitoring of human rights recommendations and SDG progress. The workshop will highlight how the integration and coordination between these tools can foster greater collaboration between governments, institutions, and organizations that work to advance human rights and sustainable development.

Overall, this workshop aims to deepen participants' understanding of how digital tools can drive progress in both human rights and SDG monitoring. By adopting and integrating digital tracking tools, stakeholders can significantly enhance their capacity to monitor, implement, and report on their human rights and SDG commitments. Ultimately, this approach promotes a more coordinated and effective effort toward realizing global human rights and development goals.

WORKSHOP MODALITY AND KICK-OFF SPEAKERS

The workshop will begin with kick-off speakers, each presenting for 3-5 minutes, offering key insights on the topic. Following these brief presentations, the floor will be open for all participants to contribute their perspectives, fostering a dynamic and inclusive discussion

- **Yolanda Booyzen** - Director of Development and Communications, HURIDOCS

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