

The Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)
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cordially invite you to
a parallel event to the 64th session of the UN General Assembly on

**Human Rights and Financing for Development:
Towards realizing the Right to Development**

Date: Monday, October 26, 2009

Time: 1:15 – 2:45 PM

Venue: CR E, UN Headquarters, New York

The event intends to raise awareness about the implications and potential of human rights, including the right to development, for the Financing for Development follow up process.

The Financing for Development Conference held in 2002 produced the Monterrey Consensus, which brought together all development actors in an inclusive and multi-stakeholder process, under the auspices of the United Nations, with the purpose of holistically addressing and mobilizing all available sources of finance for development.

The Doha Review Conference, held in 2008, reaffirmed the global partnership for sustainable development that had been launched in Monterrey. It recognized the importance of respect for all human rights, including the right to development, in such endeavor. Indeed, it has been well-accepted, for a long time, that human rights not only provide shared values but also define obligations of the States and the international community in serving the cause of development.

What is the significance of the human rights and right to development agenda for the Financing for Development process and what value does it add? What is the significance of the Financing for Development process for the human rights agenda, especially taking into account the FFD concept of a “global compact” of development? How can all stakeholders, concretely through the FFD follow up process, promote a more concrete integration of human rights in financing for development?

Introduction by Moderator: Mr. Craig Mokhiber, Deputy Director, OHCHR NY Office

Panelists:

- Mr. Ayuush Bat-Erdene, Human Rights Officer, OHCHR HQ, Geneva (12 min)
Operationalizing human rights, including the right to development, in the Financing for Development agenda: an OHCHR perspective
- Mr. Hazem Fahmy, DESA - UN FFD Office (12 min)
The “Global Compact” in the Monterrey Consensus and its relevance for the realization of human rights including the right to development
- Ms. Sakiko Fukuda-Parr, Member of the UN High-Level Task Force on the implementation of the Right to Development (12 min)
Development priorities and human rights including the right to development: Towards a better synergy
- Ms. Carolina S. Ruiz Austria, Senior Lecturer, College of Law, University of the Philippines (12 min)
Human rights in the Financing for Development Process: a law and gender perspective