

Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights cordially invite you to a

High-level roundtable discussion at the 29th session of the UN Human Rights Council on

Accountability mechanisms for implementing the SDGs

18 June 2015, 13:00 – 15:00, Palais des Nations, Room XVII (room change!), Geneva, Switzerland

At the Rio+20 Summit, Member States committed themselves to human rights and decided that the SDGs should be consistent with existing international agreements. In July 2014, the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) submitted to the UN General Assembly a draft of 17 Sustainable Goals and 169 targets to replace the Millennium Development Goals. The United Nations Summit to Adopt the Post-2015 Development Agenda is scheduled for 25-27 September 2015. The Post-2015 Development Agenda is likely to consist of four parts: 1) a Declaration, 2) the SDGs, 3) Means of Implementation and a Global Partnership and 4) a Follow-up and Review framework.

The Human Rights Council has made reference at various points to the SDGs debate, and a mapping of existing mechanisms to feed into the global review of SDGs, including the UPR, has been submitted to Member States for their consideration. Strengthened links between the debates in New York and Geneva would help to ensure that international human rights standards, mechanisms and principles inform the substance of the SDGs as well as the accountability arrangements that may help ensure their implementation.

The distinguished speakers will address the importance of human rights standards, mechanisms and principles in informing the debates on accountability for the Sustainable Development Goals. Building on the statements and resolutions by which the HRC already addressed the SDGs, the debate will review the practical experiences, working methods and potential contributions of the UPR process and treaty body reporting processes to national and global reporting processes that may be established in connection with the SDGs.

Welcome and Moderation

- ❖ **Mr. Hubert René Schillinger**, Director, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Geneva Office

Speakers

- ❖ **H.E. Ambassador David Donoghue**, Co-Facilitator for Post-2015 Negotiations and Permanent Representative of Ireland to the United Nations in New York
- ❖ **H.E. Ambassador Joachim Rucker**, President of the UN Human Rights Council and Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations in Geneva
- ❖ **Ms. Irene Khan**, Director-General, International Development Law Organization
- ❖ **Mr. Roberto Bissio**, Executive Director, Instituto del Tercer Mundo and Coordinator, Social Watch
- ❖ **Mr. Craig Mokhiber**, Chief, Development and Economic and Social Issues Branch, OHCHR

Sandwiches and refreshments will be served at 12.30 in front of the room

NB: valid UN accreditation for the HRC session is needed to attend the event. Please notify the organizers at least three days in advance, should you need accreditation to access the Palais des Nations via neberle@fes-geneva.org