

The Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung and Dignity International cordially invite you to a parallel event to the 12th session of the UN Working Group on the Right to Development

A REALITY CHECK FOR THE RIGHT TO DEVELOPMENT - CASE STUDIES AND COMMENTS ON IMPLEMENTATION -

MONDAY, 14 NOVEMBER 2011, 1.00 – 3.00 PM, GENEVA, PALAIS DES NATIONS, ROOM XI

2011 marks the 25th anniversary of the Declaration on the Right to Development. The economic, social, cultural, civil and political reality of the world today suggests that potential of the Declaration remained unrealized and its ideals detached from the grassroots – those who need it most. We need to ask how the Declaration has translated into practical terms in the past 25 years. And what potential could its realization have?

A test-case using the current “Right to Development Criteria and operational sub-criteria” to evaluate the ground reality of the right to development may be a good way of seeking a concrete response to this question in a practical way. Our side event will thus have the threefold aim to:

1. assess the essential features and implementation of the right to development using the “Right to Development Criteria and Operational Sub-criteria,”
2. evaluate the criteria and operational sub-criteria,
3. present grassroots reality on economic, social, and cultural rights.

Welcome and moderation

- ❖ *Felix Kirchmeier*, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Geneva

Panelists

- ❖ *Jerald Joseph*, Executive Director, Dignity International, Malaysia
- ❖ *Michael Tiampati*, National Coordinator, Pastoralists Development Network of Kenya (PDNK)
- ❖ *Sitaram Shelar*, Coordinator Right To Water, Youth for Unity and Voluntary Action (YUVA), India

Comments on the studies

- ❖ *Ibrahim Salama*, Director, Human Rights Treaties Division, OHCHR

↻ Sandwiches and light refreshments will be provided ↻