

THURSDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER 2009, 1.00 – 3.00 PM

GENEVA, PALAIS DES NATIONS, ROOM XXI

The Friedrich Ebert Foundation cordially invites you to a parallel event to the 12th session of the UN Human Rights Council on

AVENUES FOR THE LEGAL FUTURE OF RIGHT TO DEVELOPMENT

Panelists

- ❖ *Georges Abi-Saab* (Professor, HEID, Geneva)
- ❖ *Nicolaas Schrijver* (Member of the HLTF on RTD)
- ❖ *Jean-Pierre Chauffour* (Author of “The Power of Freedom”)
- ❖ *Anna Gouwenberg* (Leiden University, NL)

Comments on the Approaches: *Stephen P. Marks* (Chair, HLTF on RTD)

Moderation: *Felix Kirchmeier* (FES)

Development is a human right. That is, if it is understood as sustainable human development. The fact that even such a seemingly clear sentence needs explanation shows the difficulty of the debate around the legal future of the Right to Development. As a result, the international community is struggling to find a common approach in defining rights and obligations covered by the Right to Development.

Positioning themselves on the “pros and cons” of some of the approaches and their historical reasoning, the panelists will debate why a certain legal avenue might be preferable to another and what further steps should be taken. We hope that the results of the debate will inform delegations when deciding next steps on the issue, e.g. the future mandate of the High-level Task Force on the Implementation of the Right to Development.

☞ Sandwiches and light refreshments will be provided ☞