## **Special Rapporteur on the Right to Development**

## **Call for Information – Country visit to Albania, 23 May- 1 June 2022**

The United Nations Special Rapporteur on the right to development, **Mr. Saad Alfarargi**, will undertake an official **country visit to Albania from 23 May to 1 June 2022 at the invitation of the Government.**

The UN Human Rights Council (Resolutions 33/14 and 42/23) has mandated the Special Rapporteur on the right to development to contribute to the promotion, protection and fulfilment of the right to development in the context of the coherent and integrated implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and other internationally agreed outcomes of 2015, including the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, the Addis Ababa Action Agenda and the Paris Agreement on climate change,.

This country visit will be the third one that the mandate holder conducts since his appointment in 2017. The Special Rapporteur hopes to assess the advancement of the right to development in Albania and to identify remaining challenges with a view to formulating recommendations to the Government and other stakeholders who are working towards implementing sustainable development and promoting the realisation of the right to development.

In preparation of the visit, the Special Rapporteur would be grateful to receive information from civil society and other actors on the following:

* Good practices with regards to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development.
* **Key issues and challenges** faced in the implementation of the right to development in Albania (e.g. what are the main/most pressing legal and policy gaps).
* How does the country monitor the impact of development policies and projects on the advancement of human rights?
* How does the government promote and guarantee effective popular participation in development policies and programs? Specific attention will be given to access to information and the effective and active participation of communities in the design, implementation and monitoring of development programs; as well as access to mechanisms of accountability.
* How are human rights goals and concerns included while adopting development policies and programs? Are human rights impact assessments conducted? Are civil society organisations and/or workers organizations included in such assessments and in what ways?
* How is the Government ensuring an equitable sharing/redistribution of the benefit of economic growth? What social safety nets schemes are in place to address poverty and guarantee access to basic services for all?
* What policies/measures are in place to address inequalities including those based on gender and social status?
* Information regarding Official Development Assistance and development cooperation and their impacts on the advancement of human rights.
* Suggestions of recommendations that the Special Rapporteur could address to the Government and other stakeholders whose work has an impact on development and the right to development in Albania.
* Suggestions for and contacts of stakeholders that the Special Rapporteur could meet including government institutions, civil society organisations, community representatives/leaders, academia and individuals as well as inter-governmental organisations, private actors, and bilateral and multi-lateral development partners.
* Any **other pertinent information** that you consider relevant for the visit of the Special Rapporteur.

During the visit, the Special Rapporteur wishes to meet with civil society organizations, independent institutions working on human rights, human rights defenders and other advocates working in particular on issues related to the right to development. The schedule and venues of meetings with civil society representatives will be shared in due course.

**All submissions should be sent to ohchr-****sr****development@un.org by 15 May 2022.**

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