

Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

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Item (3) of the agenda

DAY OF GENERAL DISCUSSION

9 October 2018, Palais des Nations, room XVI

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10:00 – 10:10 – Opening by the Chair & Comments by the rapporteur Mikel Mancisor

10:10 – 11:40 – Panel 1: Normative contents – This panel will look into the understanding of the main concepts in the relevant provisions of ICESCR and the UDHR. It will unpack the normative contents of the right to enjoy the benefits of scientific progress and its applications.

Facilitator: Mikel Mancisor

Konstantinos Tararas, UNESCO – The right under articles 15 of ICESCR and 27 of UDHR

Jessica Wyndham, AAAS – Benefits of scientific progress and its applications

Lissa Bettzieche, German Institute for Human Rights – Conceptual guidelines to delimit “science”

Brian Gran, Case Western Reserve University – Non-discrimination and indicators

11:40 – 13:00 - Panel 2: Relationship with other rights – This panel will explore the relationship between the right and other rights and will identify aspects of these rights that will need to be covered by the future general comment.

Facilitator: Rodrigo Uprimny

Mylène Bidault, Observatoire de la diversité et des droits culturels – Cultural rights

Helle Porsdam, University of Copenhagen – Right to education and academic and scientific freedom

Prachi Bhave, RightsTech Women – Women’s rights and equality

Rebekah Thomas, WHO – Right to health

15:00 – 16:20 - Panel 3: Possible limitations – This panel will discuss some competing rights as well as some limitations that may be place on the enjoyment of the right to enjoy the benefits of scientific progress and its applications.

Facilitator: Mikel Mancisor

Yvonne Donders, University of Amsterdam – Application of article 4 of ICESCR

Andrea Boggio, Associazione Luca Coscioni – Limitations on scientific activities

Viviana Muñoz, South Centre – Trade, intellectual property, moral and material rights

16:20 – 17:40 - Panel 4: Obligations – The last panel will study the scope of the duties of States, and other relevant actors, in the realization of the right. It will look in particular into the implementation of specific duties spelled out in article 15.

Facilitator: Rodrigo Uprimny

Lea Shaver, Indiana University – Typology of obligations

Gonzalo Remiro, Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities Spain – Paragraph 2 of article 15 on the conservation, the development and the diffusion of science

Ilcheong Yi, United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD) - Paragraph 4 of article 15 on international contacts and co-operation in the scientific field

17:40 – 18:00 – Closing
