



**Mandate of the Independent Expert on the effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of all human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights**

*Regional Consultation on the Draft General Guidelines on Foreign Debt and Human Rights*

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**PROGRAMME**

**DAY 1**

- 09:30–10:00**      **Arrival and registration of participants**
- 10:00–10:30**      **Opening statements by Mr. Ibrahim Wani, Chief of Branch, OHCHR**
- 10:30–11:45**      **Session 1:            Rationale and purpose of the Draft General Guidelines on Foreign Debt and Human Rights**
- Chair:**                    **Mr. Ibrahim Wani, Chief of Branch, OHCHR**
- Presentation:**        **Background and rationale of the Draft General Guidelines on Foreign Debt and Human Rights, Mr. Cephass Lumina, United Nations Independent Expert on foreign debt and human rights**
- Presentation:**        **Comment on the form and content of the Draft General Guidelines on Foreign Debt and Human Rights. Mr. Boris-Ephrem Tchoumavi (SPB, OHCHR)**
- Discussion**
- 11:45–13:00**      **Session 2:            Core human rights principles and obligations**
- Chair:**                    **Mr. Ibrahim Wani, Chief of Branch, OHCHR**
- Presentation:**        **Human rights obligations of States, including the obligation of international assistance and cooperation Mr. Christian Courtis, (RRDD, OHCHR)**
- Presentation:**        **Core international human rights principles relevant to debt and economic reform Mr. Florian RoCHAT, Europe Third World Centre (CETIM), and Committee for the Abolition of Third World Debt (CADTM)**
- Discussion**
- 13:00–15:00**      *Lunch Break*

<b>15:00–16:30</b>	<b><u>Session 3:</u></b>	<b>Debt, debt relief and economic reform</b>
	<b>Chair:</b>	<b>TBA</b>
	<b>Presentation:</b>	Debt relief, conditionality and debt sustainability <b>Ms. Oygunn Brynildsen, European Network on Debt and Development (EURODAD)</b>
	<b>Presentation:</b>	Integrating human rights into a poverty reduction strategies <b>Ms. Mariama Williams, South Centre</b>
	<b>Presentation:</b>	Coherence between trade, debt policies and related obligations of States <b>Mr. Vijay Nagaraj, International Council for Human Rights Policy</b>
	<b>Discussion</b>	
<b>16:30–18:00</b>	<b><u>Session 4:</u></b>	<b>Loan negotiation, contraction, management and use – The relevance of human rights principles</b>
	<b>Chair:</b>	<b>TBA</b>
	<b>Presentation:</b>	UNCTAD’s initiative on Responsible Sovereign Lending and Borrowing <b>Mr. Juan Pablo Bohoslavsky, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)</b>
	<b>Presentation:</b>	Loan agreements and human rights: The role of human rights impact assessments <b>Mr. Antonio Tricarico, Campagna per la Riforma della Banca Mondiale (CRBM)</b>
	<b>Presentation:</b>	Ensuring transparency and accountability in loan contraction, use of loan funds and debt management: The role of civil society. <b>Mr. Eric LeCompte, Jubilee USA Network</b>
	<b>Discussion</b>	
<b><u>DAY 2</u></b>		
<b>10:00-11:00</b>	<b><u>Session 5:</u></b>	<b>Comments on the scope and application of the Guidelines</b>
	<b>Chair:</b>	<b>TBA</b>
	<b>Presentation:</b>	Overview of the scope and application of the Guidelines.
	<b>Discussion</b>	
<b>11:00-12:00</b>	<b><u>Session 6:</u></b>	<b>Comments on overarching principles</b>
	<b>Chair:</b>	<b>TBA</b>
	<b>Presentation:</b>	Overview of principles relevant to foreign debt and economic reform.
	<b>Discussion</b>	
<b>12:00–13:00</b>	<b><u>Session 7:</u></b>	<b>Comments on guidelines on foreign debt</b>
	<b>Chair:</b>	<b>TBA</b>
	<b>Presentation:</b>	Overview of guidelines on foreign debt in the Draft Guidelines (debt sustainability, debt relief, new loan agreements and efficient use of policy space.

**Discussion**

**13:00–15:00**     *Lunch Break*

**15:00–16:00**     **Session 8:**            **Comments on the Guidelines on economic reform policies**

**Chair:**

**Presentation:**     Overview of guidelines on economic reform policies in the Draft Guidelines (macroeconomic stabilisation, trade, social sector reform, privatisation and governance).

**Discussion**

**16:00–17:00**     **Session 9:**            **Identification of missing elements in the Draft Guidelines**

**Chair:**                **TBA**

**Discussion**

**17:00–18:00**     **Session 10:**          **Discussion on the way forward and next steps**

**Chair:**                **OHCHR**

**Discussion**

**Closing remarks**