

**The 9<sup>th</sup> session of the Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development**  
**Item 4 of the Provisional Agenda**  
**Implementation of the mandate and programme of work - Focused thematic discussion**  
Conference Room 5, UNHQ, New York

**Roundtable with key stakeholders on cross-cutting issues**

Thursday 2 May 2024, 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM

**Concept Note**

**Introduction**

By definition, the right to development (RTD) involves a multitude of actions and policies in different fields, all of which have a direct or indirect impact on the level of development of peoples and communities. The right to development should be realized in a manner that reflects the universality, inalienability, indivisibility, interdependence, and interrelatedness of all human rights.

It implies a range of necessary measures to ensure non-discrimination and equality of opportunity in all fields and rights. The realization of this right also entails the adoption and strengthening of sound policies and enforceable legislation for the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls at all levels. The RTD further involves a duty to cooperate to promote higher standards of living, as well as access to digital means and the benefits of new technology for development.

**Purpose**

This session will take the form of a conversation between various stakeholders, emphasizing the indispensable and necessary interactions between some of the elements involved in realizing the RTD, in particular gender equality and care economy, digital economy, and the rights of present and future generations.

**Guiding questions**

1. How can gender equality and the Care economy impact social and economic development?
2. How can the digital economy and Artificial Intelligence contribute to achieving the RTD?
3. How can we mobilize the collective intelligence and commitment of young people and future generations in ongoing processes?

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