

**THE EXPERT MECHANISM ON THE RIGHT TO DEVELOPMENT (EMRTD)**  
**NINTH SESSION, 1 – 2 MAY 2024, 10.00 AM – 1.00 PM AND 3.00 PM – 6.00 PM, EASTERN TIME (EST) – IN-PERSON ONLY**  
 CONFERENCE ROOM 5, UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS, NEW YORK

**PROGRAMME OF WORK**

Over the past years, the EMRTD has undertaken rigorous studies and dialogues on various dimensions of the right to development (RTD). At its ninth session, the EMRTD aims to assess its progress and foster meaningful exchanges of viewpoints and experiences among Member States and key stakeholders. Our deliberations will be enriched by insights from recent and ongoing negotiations, including the Third South Summit, the forthcoming Financing for Development Forum, the Conferences on Small Islands Developing States and on Landlocked Developing Countries, in addition to the Summit of the Future.

Recognizing the urgent challenges posed by multiple crises, the EMRTD remains steadfast in providing tangible contributions to support Member States in their negotiations. Our collective goal is to drive progress toward realizing the 2030 Agenda and ensuring the RTD for all.

The session will feature a general debate, a discussion on proposed studies, and four interactive dialogues with representatives from Member States, civil society, practitioners, and experts. We are committed to ensuring that these four dialogues are concrete, drawing upon effective experiences, good practices, and strategies to address pressing development needs.

	WEDNESDAY 1 MAY 2024	THURSDAY 2 MAY 2024	
10:00	<p><b>Item 1 – Opening of the session</b></p> <p><b>Item 2 – Adoption of the agenda and programme of work</b></p> <p><b>Item 3 – General debate</b> (10.20 AM – 12.00 PM)</p> <p><b>Item 4 – Implementation of the mandate and programme of work</b></p>	<p><b>Item 4 (cont'd) – Implementation of the mandate and programme of work:</b></p> <p>b) Focused thematic discussions</p> <p><b>(ii) Realizing the RTD through North-South, South-South, Triangular, and other <i>sui generis</i> forms of international cooperation: Exploring complementarities and good practices</b>  <i>Presented by M. Kanade</i> (10.00 AM – 11.30 AM)</p> <p><b>(iii) Development and climate financing: innovative tools and nature solutions to help realize RTD</b>  <i>Presented by I. Durant</i> (11.30 AM – 1.00 PM)</p>	10:00
13:00	<p>(a) Consideration of proposed thematic studies (12.00 PM – 1.00 PM)</p> <p>(i) RTD in International Development Cooperation  <i>Presented by M. Kanade</i></p> <p>(ii) Individual and Collective Dimensions of the RTD  <i>Presented by B. Ibhawoh and M. Kanade</i></p>		13:00
		<i>Coordination consultation of the Expert Mechanism (closed meeting)</i>	
15:00	<p><b>Item 4 (cont'd) – Implementation of the mandate and programme of work:</b></p> <p>(b) Focused thematic discussions</p> <p><b>(i) Global agreements: From political commitments to contractual or legal obligations and their impact on the RTD.</b>  <i>Presented by B. Ibhawoh</i> (3.00 PM – 5.15 PM)</p>	<p><b>Item 4 (cont'd) – Implementation of the mandate and programme of work:</b></p> <p>b) Focused thematic discussions</p> <p><b>(iv) Round-table with key stakeholders on cross-cutting issues</b>  <i>Presented by L. Valiña</i> (3.00 PM – 5.00 PM)</p>	15:00
18:00	<p><b>Item 3 – General debate (cont'd)</b>                      (5.15 PM – 6.00 PM)</p>	<p><b>Item 5 – Conclusion of the session</b></p>	18:00