**Special Rapporteur on the Rights to Development**

**Call for Input: Country Visit to Vietnam 6 to 15 November 2023**

The United Nations Special Rapporteur on the right to development, **M. Surya DEVA** will undertake an official **country visit to Vietnam from 6 to 15 November 2023** at the invitation of the Government.

The UN Human Rights Council (Resolutions 33/14 and 42/23 and 51/7) 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 fourth conducted by the mandate since its establishment in 2017 and the first that the mandate holder will conduct in the Asia-Pacific region.

The Special Rapporteur hopes to address the advancement of the right to development in Vietnam and to identify existing challenges with a view to formulating recommendations to the Government and other stakeholders who are working towards implementing the Sustainable Development Goals and promoting the realisation of the right to development.

During the visit, the Special Rapporteur envisages to focus on thematic issues such as the following:

* The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
* Trade and investment agreements
* Measures to address inequalities
* Climate change: adaption, mitigation and resilience; just transition to a green economy
* Finance for development
* Impact of new technologies, including digital divide
* Right to development of people in vulnerable or marginalised situations such as children, youth, women, migrants, persons with disabilities and Indigenous Peoples
* Participation of people in decision making processes

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

* What are the good practices with regards to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development?
* What are the key issues and challenges (including any pressing legal and policy gaps) faced in the implementation of the right to development in Vietnam?
* How is the Government dealing with impacts of digital divide and climate change on the right to development?
* What measures have been taken by the Government to ensure that all business enterprises operating within the territory or jurisdiction of Viet Nam respect human rights (including the right to development) and contribute to the 2030 Agenda?
* How does the Government promote and guarantee active, free and meaningful participation of people in development policies and programs? Specific attention will be given to access to information and effective participation of marginalised or vulnerable groups in the design, implementation and monitoring of development programs, as well as access to mechanisms of accountability.
* How are human rights and environmental considerations included while adopting development policies and programs? Are human rights impact assessments conducted? Are civil society organisations and/or workers organisations included in such assessment and in what ways?
* How is the Government ensuring an equitable sharing and redistribution of the benefit of economic growth? What social safety net schemes are in place to address poverty and guarantee access to basic services for all?
* What policies and measures are in place to address inequalities including those based on gender and social status? How effective are these policies and measures?
* Could you provide any suggestions of recommendations that the Special Rapporteur could address to the Government and other stakeholders whose work has an impact on realising the Sustainable Development Goals and the right to development in Vietnam?
* Could you provide any suggestions for and contacts of stakeholders that the Special Rapporteur could meet including government institutions, civil society organisations, community representatives and academia?
* Any other pertinent information that you consider relevant for the visit of the Special Rapporteur?

**All submissions should be sent to** **hrc-sr-development@un.org** **by 30 October 2023.**

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