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DESA will seek to deepen the effective implementation of a people-centred approach in development -focused multilateral fora through enhanced implementation of the Call to Action for Human Rights and its guiding principles across DESA's programmes and activities in 2024-2025:

PLEDGE NUMBER 1: Raise the awareness of all DESA staff of human-rights perspectives as appropriate to the execution of their duties, with a view to strengthening this awareness in the 2024-2025 performance cycle.

Expected deadline within which pledge will be realised: Mar 31, 2025

PLEDGE NUMBER 2: Promote training on key human rights issues in the context of social and economic affairs for the senior management and programme monitoring and evaluation focal points across divisions and offices of DESA, to ensure effective oversight of the appropriate application and integration of human rights considerations in the Department's work and encourage senior managers and M&E focal points to participate in such programmes by the end of the 2024-2025 performance cycle.

Expected deadline within which pledge will be realised: Mar 31, 2025

PLEDGE NUMBER 3: Establish strategic guidance for a more coordinated and systematic approach to people-centred development in the work of the Department that promotes alignment across the three pillars of the United Nations: Sustainable Development; Human Rights and Humanitarian Issues; and Peace and Security, building on existing LNOB policies on gender mainstreaming and disability inclusion and leveraging existing work streams on the rights, inclusion and empowerment of youth, older persons, Indigenous Peoples and persons with disabilities.

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