

**Business and Human Rights Forum
and
2014 Geneva Overview of Post-2015 Debates**

10 December 2014



Webinar Agenda

1. Commentary on Business and Human Rights Forum
2. 2014 Geneva Overview on Post-2015 Debates
 - a. Proposed Sustainable Development Goals
 - b. S-G Synthesis Report
 - c. Interns' Reports

Elise Smith – SDGs and Inequality

Bowen Ying – Gender Issues in China

Ariel Mack – Access to Medicines

Sarah Higgins – FDI and Environment



Business and Human Rights Forum

- Constructive dialogue and greater business presence
- Debate on strengthening the international legal framework
- Extractive industries focus
- Bridging the gaps – especially between Geneva and New York



The Geneva Approach to the Proposed Sustainable Development Goals

- 17 proposed goals, including:
 - Poverty eradication
 - Food security and nutrition
 - Health, including access and universal coverage
 - Gender
 - Equality
 - Sustainable production and consumption
 - Means of implementation, including trade and FDI



The Geneva Approach to the Proposed Sustainable Development Goals

- GSO events focusing on
 - Partnerships, 19 Sept 2014
 - Trade & Sustainable Consumption, 2 Oct 2014
- Major Geneva Events
 - WTO Public Forum
 - UNCTAD World Investment Forum
 - Beijing+20 NGO Forum
 - ILO Governing Body



Secretary-General's Synthesis Report

Six essential elements:

1. Dignity – ending poverty and inequalities
2. People – health, education and gender
3. Prosperity – strong, inclusive, transformative economy
4. Planet - ecosystems
5. Justice – governance and peace
6. Partnership – global solidarity



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Going Forward

Third International Conference on Financing for Development

- Co-chairs: George Talbot (Guyana) and Geir Pedersen (Norway)
- Substantive thematic sessions
- Informal hearings with civil society and business
- Informal consultations and drafting
- Final event 13-16 July 2015, Addis Ababa



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Financing for Development Dec 2014

- Trade, investment and technology
- Governance
- Partnerships
- Side events on
 - Dialogue with civil society and business
 - Gender and women's rights
 - Role of public-private partnerships



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Post-2015 Development Agenda

- Co-chairs: Macharia Kamau (Kenya) and David Donoghue (Ireland)
- 19-21 Jan – First Stocktaking Session
- Monthly sessions through July
- 6 interactive dialogues (the “essential elements”)
- Final event at September 2015 opening of UNGA

