



## **2020 UNDP Annual Meeting**

Strengthening the Rule of Law and Human Rights for Sustaining Peace and Fostering Development

### **THE FUTURE WE WANT TO SEE - THE RULE OF LAW AND HUMAN RIGHTS - SECURING THE SOCIAL CONTRACT**

Virtual Meeting | June 29 – July 1

**To register for the event please click here:** <https://www.undpruleoflaw4peace.org/>

#### **Overview**

The rule of law, equal access to justice and security, and universal respect for human rights lay at the heart of UNDP's commitment and are crystallized in the *Global Programme on Strengthening the Rule of Law and Human Rights for Sustaining Peace and Fostering Development*. Anchored on broad partnerships, and in direct response to the Secretary-General's priorities of prevention and sustaining peace, UNDP's work through the Global Programme represents a unique and significant contribution to making the SDGs a reality, especially in contexts affected by crisis and fragility.

#### **Meeting Information**

UNDP will convene the *2020 Annual Meeting on Strengthening the Rule of Law and Human Rights for Sustaining Peace and Fostering Development* a platform to examine and reaffirm its intention to support global efforts to uphold the rule of law and respect for human rights through the Global Programme, the Global Focal Point, the Tri-Partite Partnership to support National Human Rights Institutions, and its other engagements across the system in the rule of law and human rights areas.

Given the current COVID-19 pandemic the Annual Meeting will be held in a virtual format. The event will include perspectives shared by a wide range of stakeholders, including high-level UN officials, Permanent Representatives and ministerial-level national counterparts, civil society and the private sector.

## Monday June 29

### Opening Session

**Title:** Reflection on Rule of Law, Human Rights, and securing the Social Contract in the age of COVID-19

**Objective:**

- To share reflections on the impact of COVID-19, how we can build back better, and how we can build a social contract based on trust, accountability and justice

**Moderator:** Mr. George Conway, Deputy Director, Crisis Bureau, UNDP

7:30-8:45 **Welcome and panel discussion**

**Keynote:**

Mr. Achim Steiner, UNDP Administrator

**Discussants:**

H.E Mr. Anisul Huq, Minister, Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs, Bangladesh

H.E Mr. Bessolé René Bagoro, Minister of Justice, Burkina Faso

H.E Ms. Kristinne Grigoryan, Deputy Minister of Justice, Armenia

Professor Dr. Nelum Deepika Udagama, Head of Sri Lanka Human Rights Commission

Ms. Birgitta Tazelaar, Deputy Director-General, Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs

H.E. Ambassador Mr. James Roscoe, Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Kingdom Mission to the UN

Followed by statements from the Floor. If representatives of Member States would like to register please contact

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8:50-9.00 **Launch of the Consultations for the Future We Want to See – Re-imagining Rule of law, Security and Human Rights for & Closing Remarks**

Mr. Achim Steiner, UNDP Administrator

**Session 1**  
**Opening Session**  
**Time: 7:30-9:00**

**Session 2  
9:15-10:30**

**Global Focal Point**

**Title:** The Global Focal Point for the Rule of Law: A joint approach across the UN system

**Objective:**

- To show case the United Nations joint efforts in rule of law and human rights field

**Moderator:** Mr. Alejandro Alvarez, Director of the Rule of Law Unit at the Executive Office of the UN Secretary General

9:15- 9:20 **Welcome and introduction**

9:20- 9:25 **Overview of the GFP arrangement and field support**

Ms. Asako Okai, Assistant Administrator and Director of the Crisis Bureau, UNDP

09:25 – 09:30 **Added value of the GFP in the field settings**

Mr. Alexandre Zouev, Assistant Secretary-General for Rule of Law and Security Institutions

9:30 – 9:35 **Human Rights in Crisis settings and Call to Action**

Ms. Ilze Brands Kehris, Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights, Head of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)

09:35 – 10:00 **Impact of One UN Approach to Rule of Law - Central African Republic (CAR) and Haiti**

Presentation from the Central African Republic (CAR) - Video message from national representatives and partners

Ms. Denise Brown, Deputy Special Representative for the UN Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic (MINUSCA), Resident Coordinator, Humanitarian Coordinator

Mr. Louis Guerro Plancher, Chief of Staff, Prisons Administration Directorate, Haiti

Mr. Bruno Lemarquis, Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary- General, United Nations Integrated Office in Haiti, Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator

10:00 – 10:25 **Statements from the floor**

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10:25 – 10:30 **Closing remarks**

Ms. Asako Okai, Assistant Administrator and Director of the Crisis Bureau

Mr. Alexandre Zouev, Assistant Secretary-General for Rule of Law and Security Institutions

## Access to Justice and Securing the Social Contract

**Title:** How transitional justice and access to justice enhance trust, accountability, and inclusion

**Objective:**

- Highlight the impact of the crisis on the justice system and transitional justice
- What can we learn from approaches to access to justice and transitional justice that will inform the way forward for recovery and transform the future

**Moderator:** Ms. Maaïke de Langen, Program Lead Justice for All, Pathfinders for Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies, NYU-CIC

10:45 – 10:50 **Welcome and introduction**

10:50 – 11:00 **The socio-economic impact of the crisis on access to justice (*Video from Kyrgyzstan*)**

Ms. Aliya Kalybaeva, Legal Counsel Coordinator, 112 Hotline

Mr. Akzhol Kalbekov, Director of the Coordination Center for State-Guaranteed Legal Aid

Mr. Tolkun Tyulekova, Executive Director of the Association of Crisis Centers

11:00-11:10 **The impact of COVID-19 on transitional justice processes and linkages for COVID-19 response and recovery**

Mr. Pablo de Greiff, Former special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non- recurrence

11:10 – 11:20 **Ensuring continuity of access to justice during COVID-19 and beyond**

Mr. Fehmi Karami, Director of the judicial and legal aid center of the Tripoli Bar Association, Lebanon

11:20-11:30 **Access to justice for women, the impact of COVID-19, and shaping a better future for women**

Ms. Beatrice Akua Duncan, Global Advisor on Rule of Law, UN Women

11:30-11:40 **Challenges and risks to access to justice**

Ms. Candice Welsch, Deputy Director, Division of Operations, UNODC

11:40 – 11:55 **Q&A and panel discussion**

11:55 – 12:00 **Closing remarks**

Ms. Maaïke de Langen, Program Lead Justice for All, Pathfinders for Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies, NYU-CIC

**Session 3  
10:45-12:00**

## Tuesday June 30

### Responsible Business and the Decade of Action

**Title:** The Future of Business and Human Rights for People, Planet and Peace

**Objectives:**

- To highlight the role of responsible business practices on the importance for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and securing the social contract
- To share perspectives on accelerating the UN Guiding principles on Business and Human Rights in the Decade of Action
- Launch of UNDP's global initiative and vision on Business and Human Rights

**Moderator:** Ms. Katy Thompson, Head, Rule of Law, Security & Human Rights, Crisis Bureau, UNDP

**Session 4**  
**7:30-8:45**

7:30-7:50 **Keynote reflecting on the first 10 years of the UNGPs and how the discourse will evolve in the decade to come**  
Prof. Anita Ramasastry, Vice Chair of the UNWG on Business and Human Rights

7:50 –8:10 **Discussants**

Ms. Shubha Sekhar, Director Human Rights Indian Subcontinent, Middle East and North Africa, Turkey and Caucasus, Coca Cola  
Dr. Albachir Macassar, National Director for Human Rights and Citizenship, Ministry of Justice, Constitutional and Religious Affairs, Republic of Mozambique

8:10-8:30 **Q&A and panel discussion**

8:30-8:45 **Launch of B+HR Global Initiative & closing remarks**

Ms. Asako Okai, Assistant Administrator and Director of the Crisis Bureau, UNDP  
Mr. Livio Sarandrea, Business and Human Rights Advisor, UNDP

### Exploring the Potential of the Digital Transformation

**Title:** How are innovation and digital transformation contributing to justice and security services in context of COVID-19 and beyond

**Objective:**

- Explore the challenges and opportunities of digitalization and innovation in the Rule of Law
- To explore the partnerships in expanding the impact of new technologies

**Moderator:** Dr. Sam Muller, CEO, founding director of The Hague Institute for Innovation of Law (HiIL)

**Session 5**  
**9:00-10:40**

9:00- 9:10 **Welcome and introduction**

9:10 – 9:20 **UNDP's Digital Strategy & Justice Innovations and Importance of Digital Transformation post COVID-19**  
Mr. Robert Opp, Chief Digital Officer, UNDP

	<p>9:20 – 09:30 <b>"Justice App" and Digital Initiatives during COVID-19</b> Mr. Samuel Doe, UNDP Resident Representative, UNDP Sierra Leone</p> <p>09:30 – 09:40 <b>Digital Transformation in the Justice System in the Dominican Republic</b> Ms. Inka Mattila, UNDP Resident Representative, UNDP Dominican Republic</p> <p>09:40 – 09:50 <b>Adjusting to new normal – legal aid delivery &amp; innovations in the context of COVID-19 in Ukraine</b> Mr. Oleksandr Baranov, Head of Legal Aid Coordination Centre of Ukraine a.i., Ukraine Ms Dafina Gercheva, UNDP Resident Representative, UNDP Ukraine</p> <p>09:50 – 10:00 <b>Innovative Programming in the Justice Sector in Fiji</b> Ms. Revai Makanje Aalbaek, Head of Effective Governance Team, UNDP Fiji Ms. Julie van Dassen, Technical Adviser, A2J Programme, UNDP Fiji</p> <p>10:00 – 10:35 <b>Q&amp;A and panel discussion</b></p> <p>10:35-10:40 <b>Closing remarks</b> Dr. Sam Muller, CEO, founding director of The Hague Institute for Innovation of Law (HiIL)</p>
<p><b>Session 6</b> <b>10:45-11:00</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wrap up of UNDP Annual Meeting and Update on the Future we Want to See</b></p> <p><b>Ms. Katy Thompson</b>, Head, Rule of Law, Security &amp; Human Rights, Crisis Bureau, UNDP <b>Mr. George Conway</b>, Deputy Director, Crisis Bureau, UNDP</p>
<p><b>Wednesday 1 July</b></p>	
<p><b>8:30-11:30</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Annual Consultation with Partners to the UNDP Global Programme on Strengthening the Rule of Law and Human Rights for Sustaining Peace and Fostering Development (by invite only)</b></p> <p>8:30-9:30 <b>Global Programme partners discussion (closed session)</b> Ms. Marieke Wierda, Rule of Law coordinator, Netherland Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p> <p>9:45-10:30 <b>Update on UNDP's Global Programme and propositions for the future</b> Mr. George Conway, Deputy Director, Crisis Bureau, UNDP Ms. Wilma van Esch, Head of Division Rule of Law and Peacebuilding, Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs Ms. Katy Thompson, Head, Rule of Law, Security &amp; Human Rights, Crisis Bureau, UNDP</p> <p>10:30-11:30 <b>Discussion and closing including a collective commitment to contribute to the online consultations</b></p>