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NATIONAL INSTITUTIONS FOR THE PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

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13.00-15.00
Palais des Nations
Room XXVII

Parallel Event

The Role of NHRIs in Poverty Reduction



Poverty is both a cause and consequence of human rights violations. This connection is often neglected. As critical actors for the promotion and protection of human rights, NHRIs can play a significant role in national poverty reduction strategies in order to ensure accountability, consistency with human rights and a more equitable development. This event is intended to stimulate discussion around NHRIs' involvement in national development processes. Presenters will help understand common challenges and opportunities currently faced by NHRIs, as well as identify good practices and lessons learned. NHRIs, governments, international organisations and relevant experts will contribute to the debate.

Program

Introductory remarks

Shri P.C. Sharma

National Human Rights Commission of India

Relevance of NHRIs' involvement in national poverty reduction strategies against the framework of the Paris Principles and the Indian Commission's involvement in formulation of rights-based policies, and related challenges and opportunities.

NHRIs experiences

Margaret Sekaggya

Uganda Human Rights Commission

The Ugandan Commission's participation in a PRSP.

Procuraduría de los Derechos Humanos

Lessons learnt from the Guatemalan NHRI' experience of monitoring national policies and budgets.

Open discussion

Commentators

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Appointed Independent Expert of the Human Rights Council on the Question of Human Rights and Extreme Poverty

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