

**Joint Statement of the Treaty Body Chairpersons on
Human Rights and the Post-2015 Development Agenda**
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The 27th meeting of Chairpersons of human rights Treaty Bodies, held in San José, Costa Rica, from 22 to 26 June 2015, welcomes the release of the “Zero draft of the outcome document for the UN Summit to adopt the Post-2015 Development Agenda.”

Having previously underlined the importance of a strong universal, rights-based and participatory mechanism for follow-up, the Chairpersons welcome the commitment in the Zero draft to a robust, effective, inclusive and transparent review framework for the implementation of the goals and accountability by States to right-holders.

The human rights treaty bodies enjoy the legal authority to gather, receive and review information on a wide range of human rights issues in States parties. This information, which includes data from States and other stakeholders, will be an invaluable contribution to ensure reliable and validated means of measuring progress in meeting development goals for all population groups.

In defining the contours of this framework, the Chairpersons thus urge Member States to ensure that information gathered and acted upon by the human rights mechanisms, and in particular the human rights treaty bodies, is systematically included in the follow-up and review system of the Sustainable Development Goals, including through the High Level Political Forum and through interaction with the proposed multi-stakeholder forums.

It is critical that the mainstreaming of human rights in the Post-2015 Development Agenda is captured fully in the outcome of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development to be held from 13 to 16 July 2015 in Addis Ababa, in order to foster policy coherence and to ensure equitable and inclusive development that benefits all persons without discrimination.

The Chairpersons further emphasize the need for the indicators that are being developed to be based on the human rights obligations of States, including the right to development.

Finally, the Chairpersons underline the synergy between human rights, sustainable development and the environment. They recall the social responsibility of all stakeholders, including non-State actors, in this broad agenda. In this context, they look forward to the mobilisation of the international community to build a strong consensus around three milestones: Addis Ababa -- for the financing for development --, New York -- for the Summit to adopt the Sustainable Development Goals --, and Paris – for the Climate Change Conference (COP 21).

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