



Seminar on 'Draft Guiding Principles on Extreme Poverty and Human Rights: The Rights of the Poor'

Geneva, Palais Wilson, Conference Room First Floor, 27 and 28 January 2009
Programme

DAY 1

09:00-09:30 **Arrival and registration of participants**

09:30-10:00 **Opening statements**

Introductory remarks by the Co-chair of the Seminar – Mr. Jean-Baptiste Mattei, Ambassador of France

Address by the UN Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights, Ms. Kyung-wha Kang

Address by the Vice-President of the Human Rights Council, Mr. Alberto J. Dumont, Ambassador of Argentina

10:00-11:30 **Session 1: Rationale and purpose of the Guiding Principles on Extreme Poverty and Human Rights**

Chair: Mr. Jean-Baptiste Mattei, Ambassador of France

Presentation: '*Background and rationale of Draft Guiding Principles*', by Mr. José Bengoa, member of the Advisory Committee of the Human Rights Council

Presentation: '*Added value and practical utility of the Draft Guiding Principles*', by Ms. Magdalena Sepúlveda, Independent Expert on the question of Human Rights and Extreme Poverty

Presentation: '*Technical legal merit of the draft guiding principles from the perspective of existing human rights norms and standards*', by Mr. Cephias Lumina, Independent Expert on the effects of Foreign Debt on the full enjoyment of Human Rights,

Open debate

11:30-12:30 **Session 2: Status of consultation on Draft Guiding Principles on Extreme Poverty and Human Rights**

Chair: Ms. Marcia V.J. Kran, Director, Research and Right to Development Division- OHCHR

Presentation: Overview of consultation process, by Mr. Alfonso Barragués, Secretariat- OHCHR

Presentation: Overview of civil society consultations including those with persons living in extreme poverty, Mr. Thomas E. McCarthy, Special Adviser, World Organization Against Torture

Presentation by two persons living in extreme poverty: Mr. Bernard Mourgeon and Ms. Silvia Velasco Quispe

Questions and answers

Lunch Break

14:30-15:45 **Session 3: Comments on the preamble and introductory section of Draft Guiding Principles on Extreme Poverty and Human Rights**

Chair: Mr. Mac Darrow, Coordinator, Millennium Development Goals Unit-OHCHR

Presentation of inputs received on the preamble and introductory section by Dr. Margot E. Salomon, OHCHR consultant, London School of Economics and Political Science

Open debate

15:45-17:30 **Session 4: Comments on sub-sections A, B and C: Participation, discrimination and stigmatization and indivisibility and interdependence (paragraphs 7 to 14)**

Chair: Ms. Magdalena Sepulveda, Independent Expert on the Question of Human Rights and extreme Poverty

Presentation of inputs received

Open debate

Reception offered by the Ambassador of France

DAY 2

09:30-10:45 **Session 5: Comments on Section 2, sub-sections D and K: ‘civil and political rights’ (paragraphs 16 to 19) and right to justice (paragraphs 39 to 41)**

Chair: Mr. Anand Grover, Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health

Presentation of inputs received

Open debate

10:45-12:30 **Session 6: Comments on Section 2, subsections E, F, H, I, J: Economic, social and cultural rights (paragraphs 20 to 38)**

Chair: Ms. Maarit Kohonen, Coordinator, Human Rights and Economic and Social Issues Unit- OHCHR

Presentation of inputs received

Open debate

Lunch Break

14:30-15:45 **Session 7: Comments on Section 3: ‘State obligations and international cooperation; responsibilities of public and private entities’ (paragraphs 42 to 48)**

Chair: Mr. Sejdi Qerimaj, Ambassador of Albania

Presentation of inputs received

Open debate

15:45-16:45 **Session 8: Identification of other missing elements in the document**

Chair: Mr. Sejdi Qerimaj, Ambassador of Albania

Presentation of inputs received

Open debate

16:45-17:30 **Discussion on the way forward and next steps**

Chair: Mr. Hugo Brauwers, Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Belgium, Geneva

Open debate

Closing remarks