

2023 FiCS Summit Session Concept Note



Plenary 5

Building Bridges: Public Development Banks as Catalysts for Human Rights

Day 3, 9:45 - 11:15 AM, Auditorium GETSEMANI

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Detailed information about the session		Guidance
Rationale	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In 2022 at the FiCS Summit Public Development Banks published a Statement on human rights and human rights-based approach. The statement includes a commitment by Public Development Banks to integrate human rights in their policies and procedures, as well as their broader raising awareness and capacity building activities. This plenary session takes that statement as a starting point and aims to further shed light on key trends related to the implementation of the human rights-based approach by Public Development Banks with a focus on the challenges and opportunities thereof. Key discussion points: Development finance institutions (DFIs) contribute in vital ways to human rights and the SDGs and can play an 	The rationale is well articulated, pertinent, and convincing.

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	<p>important part in the larger remedy “ecosystem” for human rights harms;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The inclusion of human rights in PDB’s environmental and social management systems (or ‘do no harm’ objective): good practices and key areas for improvement vis-à-vis international standards on responsible business conduct/business sand human rights using the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights; • Stakeholder engagement on human rights: why and how civil society organisations and rights-holders perspectives should inform PDB’s human rights-based approach • How to scale up PDBs efforts’ to further advance human rights. <p>The session aligns with the FiCS objectives since a human rights-based approach emphasize the right to a healthy and safe environment, non-discrimination, social justice and equal opportunity. By integrating human rights into strategies, PDBs can ensure that their financing efforts are truly aligned with the SDGs’, leading to more effective and sustainable development outcomes.</p>	
<p>Objective</p>	<p>During the session:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Raise awareness on the state of play regarding the integration of human rights in PDBs policies and procedures with a focus on challenges and opportunities;</i> • <i>Demonstrate why respect for human rights is critical to achieving Sustainable development</i> <p><i>Post-session:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Generate broad support amongst PDBs for the Statement on human rights and human rights-based approach, creating a momentum for additional signatories and implementation;</i> 	<p>The objective is clear, strategic, relevant, and realistic.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Generate ideas for new alliances/partnerships to support PDBs with the implementation of human rights commitments.</i> • <i>Advocate for policies that promote human rights in sustainable finance financing and beneficiaries' participation.</i> 	
Target audience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Representatives from financial institutions;</i> • <i>Government officials responsible for human rights, development and financial inclusion policies;</i> • <i>Multilateral Development Banks;</i> • <i>Representatives from international organizations, NGOs, and development agencies;</i> • <i>Academics;</i> • <i>Experts on human rights.</i> 	
Outcome of the event	<p>The session on "Human Rights" will yield specific outcomes aligned with the FiCS goals. Financial institutions will commit to further integrating human rights standards such as the UN Guiding Principles on Human Rights and Business in their policies, procedures and operations.</p> <p>Inclusion of affected communities will be prioritized, and mechanisms to promote their participation in project pipelines promoted. Partnerships among financial institutions, CSOs, and independent institutions will be formed to collaborate on initiatives that foster respect for human rights in development projects. These outcomes will contribute to inclusive and sustainable economic development while supporting FiCS objectives.</p>	<p>The outcome is concrete and clear.</p> <p>The outcome promotes or encourages new thinking on the role of PDBs in sustainable/ carbon neutral/resilient development.</p>
Format of the event Select which applies:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panel: 1 keynote, 1 moderator, max 5-6 panellists on stage • 5 minute Q&A <p><i>[90 minutes]</i></p>	
Partners	Danish Institute for Human Rights, FICS HR WG, FIDH, EBRD	
Chair/Keynote	Volker Türk, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (video recording)	
Moderator	Ioana Tuta, Advisor, Danish Institute for Human Rights	

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Speakers/Experts	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ms. Alice Mogwe, President, IFHR 2. Mr. Gerald Kankya, Twerwaneho Listeners' Club in Uganda 3. Ms. Heuiya Alicia Cahuiya Iteca Waorani de Yasuni, indigenous leader from the Waorani People in Ecuador 4. Mr. Dario Mejia, Chairperson of the UN permanent Forum for Indigenous Issues 5. Ms. Claudia Coenjaerts, Regional Director a.i for Latin America and the Caribbean, International Labour Organization 6. Mr. Adonai Herrera-Martinez, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development 	Gender and Youth balance indicator, CSOs representation, North/Global South, Political ownership and leverage
Run of show	Duration 90 minutes <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. Opening of the session by the moderator (5 min) II. Introduction by keynote speaker, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (5 minutes) III. Introduction of panellists by moderator (5 minutes) IV. Panel Discussion (65 minutes) Moderator asks 2 questions per speaker. Speakers have max. 10 minutes to speak. V: Q&A (5-10 minutes) Moderator opens the floor to questions from the audience. 	90 min max
Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Session Concept Note to be posted on the online Summit platform • Briefings for speakers to be prepared by the session's organizers • Presentations (e.g. PowerPoint) • Other documentation (e.g. reports, research studies) 	
Language of the event	The event will be held in : English <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Spanish	



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Organizer(s) Logo(s)



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Equipment needed Select which applies:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PowerPoint projection• Video projection• Simultaneous translation

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