

INEQUALITY IN HUMAN DEVELOPMENT: CONSULTATION WITH SOUTHERN-BASED THINKTANKS FOR THE 2019 HUMAN DEVELOPMENT REPORT

18th July 2019, 3:00 pm-6:00pm
304 East 45th street, 11th floor, New York, USA

BACKGROUND

Over the past half century there has been impressive progress on many fronts in human development. However, progress has been uneven, and human deprivations persist, even in very high human development countries. Progress has bypassed certain groups, communities, and societies. In designing the 2030 agenda, world leaders committed to a development path that leaves no one behind. In this context, UNDP decided to prepare its 2019 human development report on the theme of inequality in human development. Inequality is multi-dimensional, complex and dynamic. While many agree that inequality is a critically important issue, there is much less agreement on what to do about it, or – even – how to define and measure it. Inequality is often categorised in two broad groups namely inequality of opportunities (i.e., unequal access to education, health care, jobs, etc) and inequality of outcomes (i.e., income, wealth, consumption, health and so on). [The 2019 Human Development Report \(2019 HDR\)](#), to be released towards the end of this year, will focus on understanding relevant dimensions of inequality to people’s wellbeing. Against this background, HDRO and the UN Office for South South Cooperation (UNOSSC) are jointly organising a consultation for the 2019 Human Development Report (HDR) on the topic of inequality in human development building on the ongoing [e-discussion on the South South Global Thinkers Network](#), and is aimed at maximizing stakeholder engagement and ensuring inclusive preparation of HDRs. It will also help in sharpening focus of the Report, the analytical work programme, and the Report process and most importantly seeking southern perspectives on this very important topic

OBJECTIVES

This consultation will specifically aim to: (i) hear stakeholder’s perspectives and experiences from Southern-based think tanks relating to inequality and related sub-themes, identify broad contours, and scope on the specific issues; and (ii) discuss key policy options and promote buy-in among the stakeholders.

STRUCTURE

The session will start with introductory presentations on the HDR 2019, to introduce the general themes of the Report followed by an open discussion to encourage and develop the debate. This will be followed by presentations from select think tank representatives showcasing their current work on inequality (7-10mins), followed by another round of open discussion and Q&A with the audience.

5 mins	Welcome remarks by Mr. Pedro Conceição, Director of the HDRO and Mr. Jorge Chediek, Envoy of the Secretary General on South-South Cooperation
35 mins	Official presentations by HDRO
45 mins	Open discussion with participants and Q&A
45 mins	Presentations by thinktank participants (5, TBC)
45 mins	Open discussion with participants and Q&A
5 mins	Closing remarks



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