

MGoS Official session – July 11, 9.00 – 11.00

Thank you Moderator,

My name is Micah Grzywnowicz and I'd like to share input from the LGBTI Stakeholder Group focused on the Human Rights Council processes of integration of SDGs – in other words, we are bringing messages from Geneva

We know that more than 90% of SDG targets are linked to specific articles in international human rights instruments. They are two sides of the same coin.

In January 2019 Human Rights Council organized its first intersessional meetings to look into how to deepen the understanding of the relationship between the promotion and protection of human rights and the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

In a bit more detail about the discussions and recommendations:

- Human rights mechanisms, so the universal periodic review (UPR), the treaty bodies and the special procedures, should make contributions to informing policy and planning for SDGs implementation, particularly at the national and local levels;
- The recommendations of human rights mechanisms are relevant for most of the SDGs and should inform VNRs;
- And from the other side of the coin: Implementation of the SDGs should increasingly be integrated in the UPRs;
- Special procedures and treaty bodies are there to provide technical assistance and recommendations to assist States in developing the initiatives and policies, this should also include the implementation of the SDGs;
- Something that we often forget - National human rights institutions have a crucial role to play in the delivery of all SDGs (Please, check all the incredible resources produced by the Danish Institute for Human Rights!);
- There was a call for integrated review and reporting, including better cross-cutting analysis in submissions under the UPR and VNRs, in order to strengthen both frameworks;

- And an interesting idea that we will leave for your consideration - Could there be a space at some point at HLPF for an outcome declaration to address complementarity between the SDGs and human rights?
- Lastly, in the spirit of what the delegate from Mexico said - we encourage member states and others to read the report from the Intersessional meeting – it is not only yet another report - it has a lot of examples of best practices on how to integrate human rights and SDGs coming from member states in all the regions.

Thank you