

Linking peace, justice and development through good governance in SDG16

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16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS



The 2030 Agenda acknowledges the central role of effective, accountable and transparent institutions in contributing to peace, justice as well as violence prevention in the context of sustainable development. National security sectors that are both effective and accountable within a framework for democratic control, rule of law and respect of human rights are a core element of achieving the ambitions of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 16 and related targets (Agenda 16+).

Central to this provision of safety and justice are the principles of good governance, whereby states need to ensure that public and national security is provided in an effective, accountable and transparent manner, and that the institutions providing public and national security are responsive, inclusive, participatory and representative. These good governance principles are captured in SDG targets 16.6 and 16.7. Furthermore, SDG target 16.A calls to strengthen national institutions, in particular national human rights institutions (NHRIs), to prevent violence, combat terrorism and inhibit crime. Based on the work of DCAF's long term support to NHRIs, this session will focus on the role NHRIs play in supporting states to reach SDG targets 16.6 and 16.7.

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Agenda

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08.30 Opening remarks: **Jennifer Croft**, Deputy Head, Human Rights Department at the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) and **Thomas Guerber**, Ambassador and DCAF Director (TBC)

08.45 Linking peace, justice and development through good governance in SDG16
Moderator: **Thomas Guerber**, Ambassador and DCAF Director

- **Erinda Ballanca**, People's Advocate of the Republic of Albania
- **Arman Tatoyan**, Human Rights Defender of the Republic of Armenia (TBC)
- **Reinier van Zutphen**, National Ombudsman of the Netherlands
- **Giorgi Burjanadze**, Deputy Public Defender of the Republic of Georgia

Discussion topics

- How does your office's mandate and work align with the objectives of the 2030 Agenda?
 - How does your office's mandate and work align with the targets of SDG 16?
 - Are SDG16 indicators found within your office's work? What role do they play?
 - What are some obstacles and challenges you currently face or foresee in further aligning your work with the 2030 Agenda?
 - What sort of assistance does your office need in aligning your work with the 2030 Agenda?
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09.20 Audience questions

09.40 Closing remarks: **Marcel Vernooij**, Deputy Permanent Representative to the WTO, Head Economic & Development Division

09.45 Departure participants