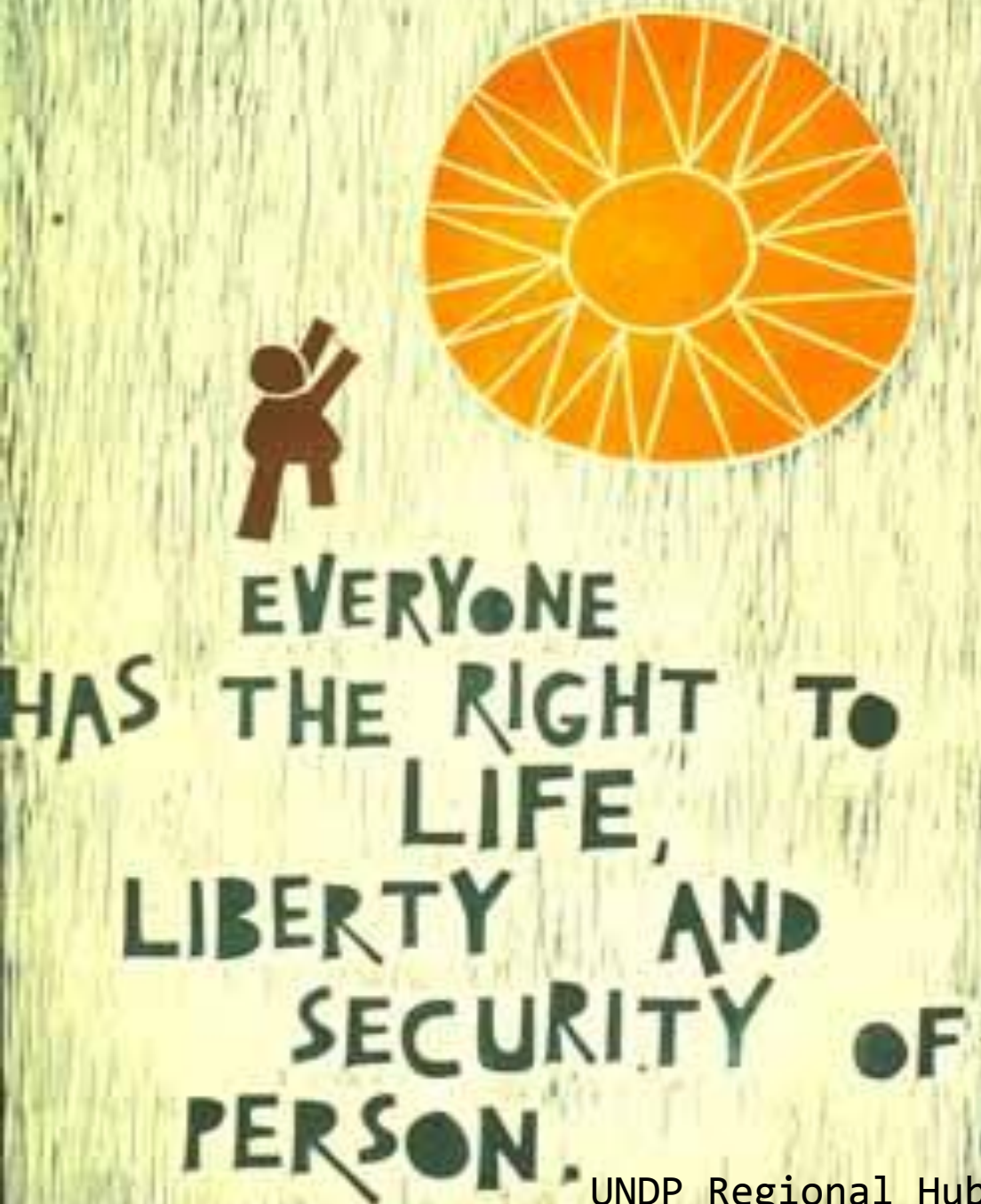




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National Human Rights Institutions and the Sustainable Development Goals

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The image shows a large, formal gathering in a conference hall, likely the UN General Assembly. The room features a prominent United Nations emblem on the wall. Large digital screens on either side of the stage display vibrant, multi-colored graphics, possibly representing the Sustainable Development Goals. The audience is diverse and many are capturing the event on their mobile devices. The text is centered over the image in a white, italicized font.

*What is the
2030 Agenda
and what can
be the role of
NHRIs?*



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The 2030 Agenda and
the SDGs

The SDGs and Human
Rights

The SDGs and NHRIs



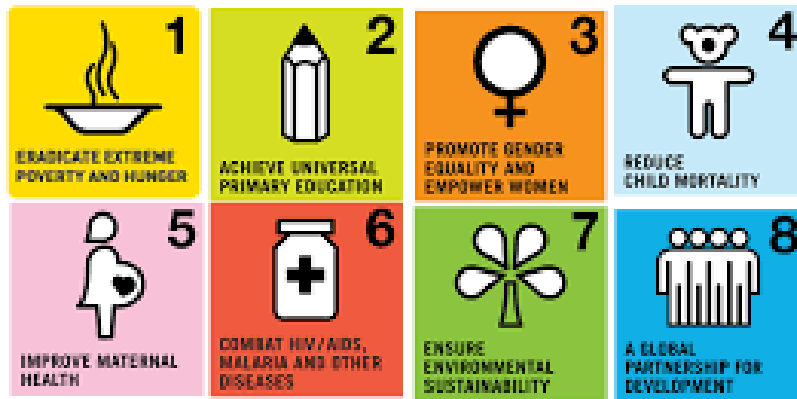
The 2030 Agenda and the SDGs

From the MDGs to the SDGs



1. Extreme poverty was reduced from 47 per cent in 1990 to 14 per cent in 2015
2. Primary school net enrolment increased
3. Eliminated gender disparity in primary, secondary and tertiary education
4. Globally the maternal mortality rate decreased
5. Global under-five mortality rate declined
6. New HIV infections fell, malaria deaths were averted and TB mortality declined
7. 147 countries met the drinking water target and 95 the sanitation target
8. Official development assistance increased by 66%

Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) 2000-2015



From the MDGs to the SDGs



Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) 2000-2015



“Millions of people are being left behind, especially the poorest and those disadvantaged because of their sex, age, disability, ethnicity or geographic location”

- gender inequality persists
- big gaps between the poorest and richest
- climate change and environmental degradation
- conflicts
- millions of poor people still live in poverty and hunger



SDGs: Paradigm Shift



2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

5 P's

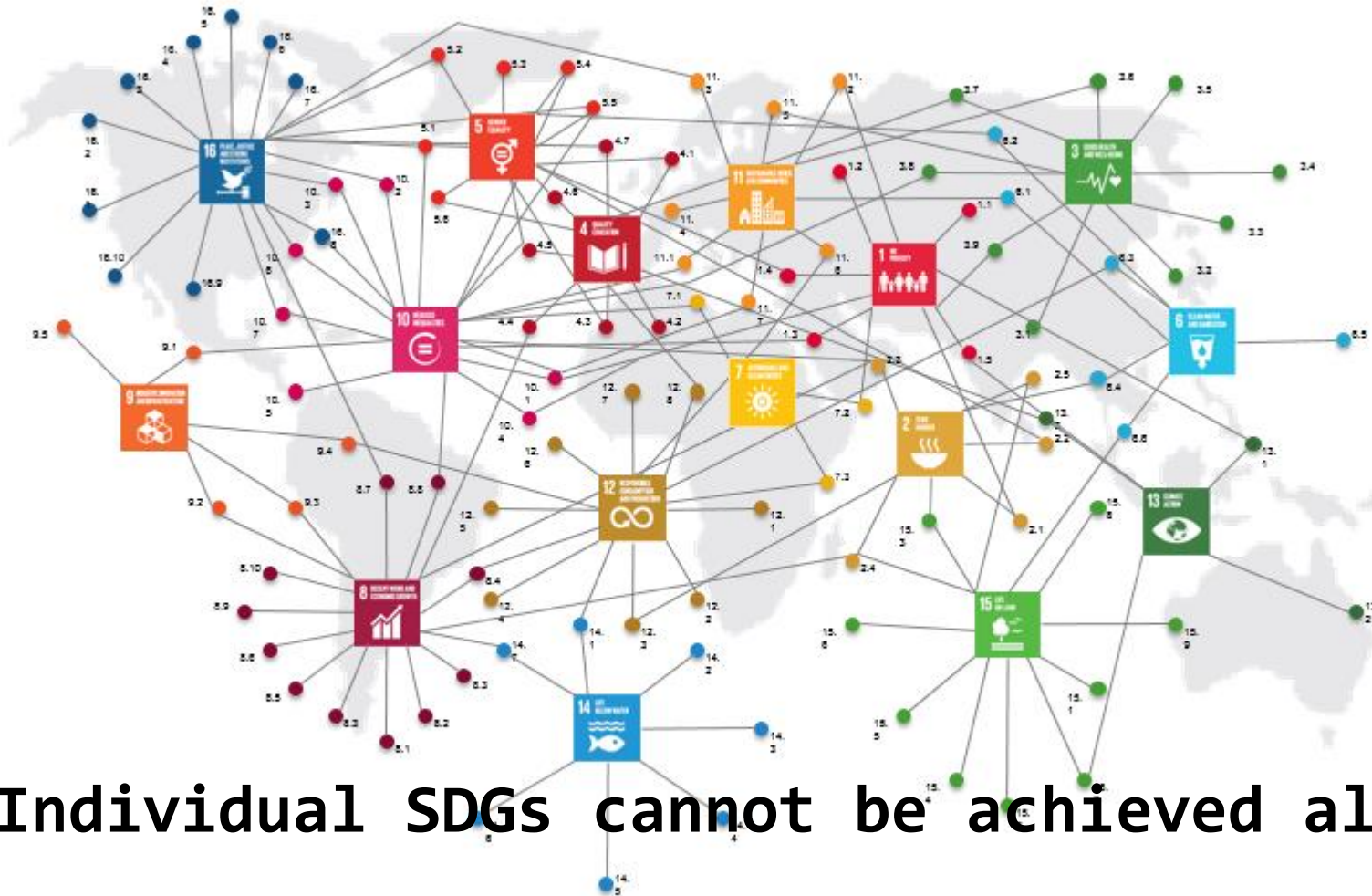


17 GOALS

to be achieved by 2030



A network of Targets : 169



Individual SDGs cannot be achieved alone



The SDGs and Human Rights

Endorsement of International Human Rights Law





The SDGs and NHRIs

NHRIs: Promotion and Protection of Human Rights

Paris Principles

1. advising and making recommendations to governments, parliaments and “any other competent body” on any matter concerning human rights

2. promoting harmonisation of national laws and policies with international human rights obligations

3. encouraging ratification and implementation of international human rights treaties

4. contributing to State reports to international and regional human rights mechanisms

5. cooperating and engaging with international and regional human rights mechanisms and other NHRIs

6. promoting research on and teaching of human rights

7. promotion generally of human rights values and standards, through public awareness and education programs and activities.

8. can have functions to investigate and attempt to resolve complaints of human rights violations.

PARIS PRINCIPLES



Merida Declaration

12^a CONFERENCIA INTERNACIONAL
del **Comité Internacional de Coordinación de Instituciones Nacionales de DERECHOS HUMANOS**
Mérida, Yucatán
8 al 10 de octubre de 2015

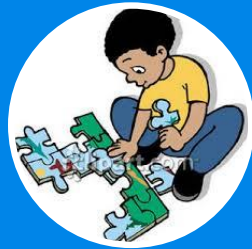
CNDH MEXICO **OBJETIVOS DE DESARROLLO SOSTENIBLE**



1 ER DE LA POBREZA	2 HAMBRE CERO
3 SALUD Y BIENESTAR	4 EDUCACIÓN DE CALIDAD
5 IGUALDAD DE GÉNERO	6 AGUA LIMPIA Y SANEAMIENTO
7 ENERGÍA ACCESIBLE Y LIMPIA	8 TRABAJO DECENTE Y CRECIMIENTO ECONÓMICO
9 INDUSTRIA, INNOVACIÓN E INFRAESTRUCTURA	10 REDUCCIÓN DE LAS DESIGNALES
11 CIUDADES Y COMUNIDADES SOSTENIBLES	12 PRODUCCIÓN Y CONSUMO RESPONSABLES
13 ACCIÓN POR EL CLIMA	14 VIDA SUBMARINA
15 VIDA DECECOSTERAS TERRESTRES	16 PAZ, JUSTICIA E INSTITUCIONES SÓLIDAS
17 ALIANZAS PARA LOGRAR LOS OBJETIVOS	



Role of NHRIs in the SDGs: Promotion and Protection of Human Rights



**Implementation -
‘Doing’**



**Monitoring and
Accountability -
‘reporting’**

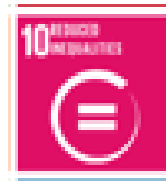
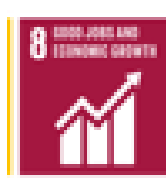
Promotion and Protection of Human Rights





Implementation - 'Doing'

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Advising and recommending

Palestine Independent Commission for Human Rights (ICHR)

2013 quantitative study relating to the employment of people with disability: 1420 people with disabilities and 200 employers.

Found: 78% respondents with disabilities were unemployed, including 57% who had never worked. They also encountered related needs due to disability were not met (access to work, working conditions, recruitment practices).

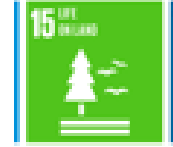
→ provided advice / recommendations to lawmakers, official institutions and ministries, CSO about what could be done to correct these obstacles.





Implementation - 'Doing'

2. promoting harmonisation of national laws and policies with international human rights obligations



Harmonise national laws and policies with international standards

Jordan Center for Human Rights

2010 research to examine compatibility of Jordanian national legislation with International environmental treaties.

Found: some legislation is consistent some not

→ need to review some of the existing legislations and develop them, in addition to enacting new legislations wherever required





Monitoring and Accountability - 'reporting'

4. contributing to State reports to international and regional human rights mechanisms



Reporting to intl. HR mechanisms

Morocco examination under the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) in 2012

The CNDH report commented favorably on treaty ratifications and the withdrawal of reservations to treaties and on domestic changes since the 2011 Constitution was adopted.

It recommended ratification of other treaties and that Morocco issues a standing invitation to Special Procedures

Virtually all of the CNDH recommendations were included in the UPR report and were adopted by the HRC. When the report of the UPR Working Group was presented to the HRC on 19 September 2012, the CNDH made an oral presentation in response to the report.

→ useful example of how NHRIs can contribute to and participate in international monitoring and reporting, including on the implementation of Agenda 2030 and the SDGs.





Monitoring and Accountability - 'reporting'

5 GENDER EQUALITY

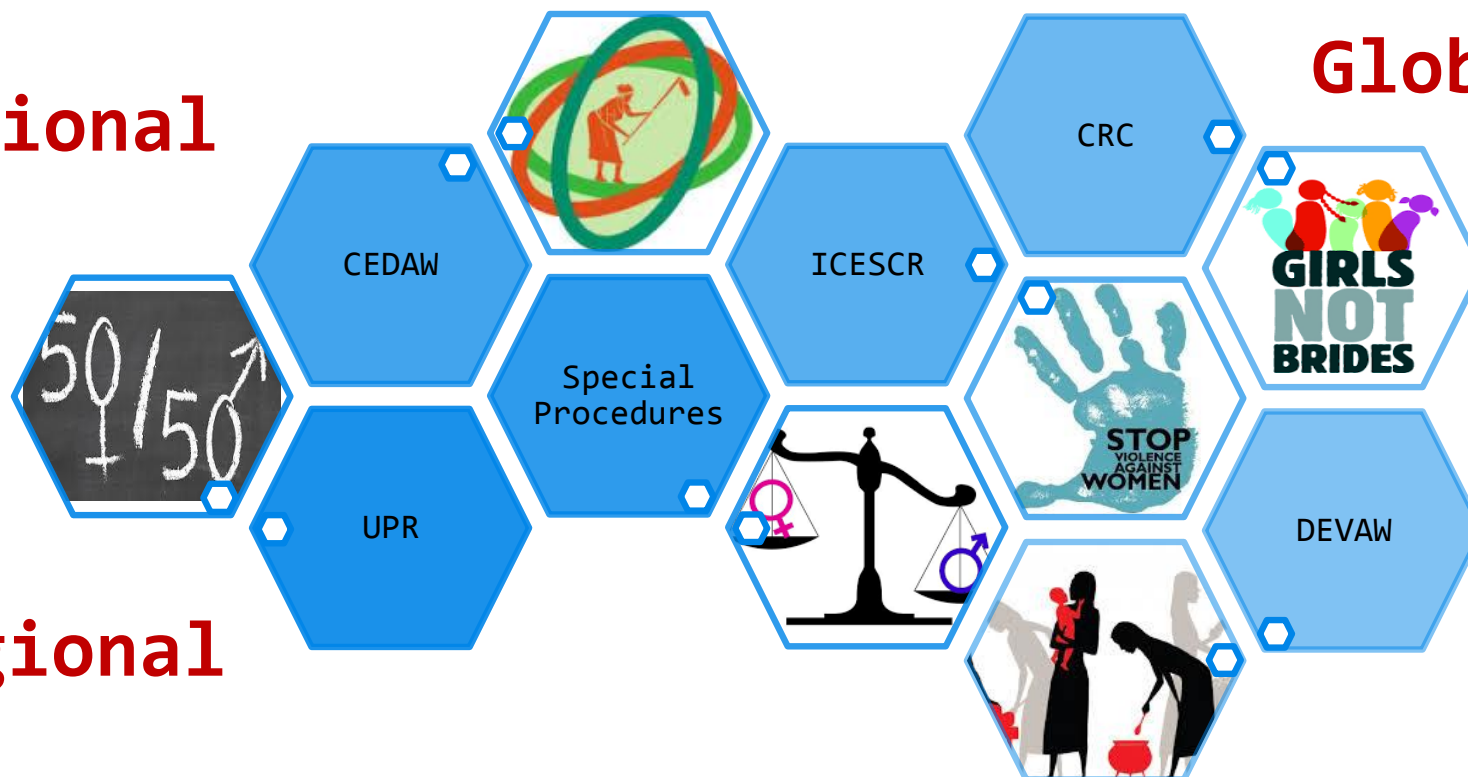


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National

Global



Regional

What do I do for the SDGs?



What do the SDGs do for me?



ALL HUMAN BEINGS ARE BORN FREE AND EQUAL IN DIGNITY AND RIGHTS. THEY ARE ENDOWED WITH REASON AND CONSCIENCE AND SHOULD ACT TOWARDS ONE ANOTHER IN A SPIRIT OF BROTHERHOOD

Thank YOU

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