THE EXPERT MECHANISM ON THE RIGHT TO DEVELOPMENT
TWELFTH SESSION, 27- 29 OCT 2025, 10:00 - 13:00 AND 15:00 – 18:00, CENTRAL EUROPEAN TIME (CET), IN-PERSON ONLY

PALAIS DES NATIONS, ROOM XVI (5TH FLOOR, BUILDING A), GENEVA

PROGRAMME OF WORK

	MONDAY 27 OCTOBER 2025	TUESDAY 28 OCTOBER 2025	WEDNESDAY 29 OCTOBER 2025	
10:00 - 13:00	**Item 1 – Opening of the session** **Item 2 – Adoption of the agenda and programme of work** **Item 3 – General debate** **Item 4 – Coordination meeting with other United Nations mechanisms on the Right to Development** ***moved to Wednesday 29 Oct at 15:00***	**Item 5 (cont'd) Implementation of the mandate and programme of work** (b) Focused thematic discussions and interactive dialogues (ii) Public participation: a tool for development ***(10h-11h30)*** *Presented by Ms. Durant* (iii) Impacts of trade tariffs on the realization of the right to development ***(11h30-13h)*** *Presented by Mr. Kanade*	**Item 5 (cont'd) – Implementation of the mandate and programme of work:** (b) Focused thematic discussions and interactive dialogues (v) The role of civil society organizations in realizing the right to development at the grassroots level ***(10h-12h)*** *Presented by Ms. Ibáñez Rivas*	10:00 - 13:00
			***** Closed meeting *****	
15:00 - 18:00	**Item 5 – Implementation of the mandate and programme of work:** (a) Consideration of thematic studies ***(15h-16h30)*** (i) Climate finance: vulnerability and responsibility *Presented by Ms. Durant* (ii) Launching EMRTD policy briefs ***moved to Wednesday 29 Oct at 15:30*** *Presented by Mr. Ibhawoh* (b) Focused thematic discussions and interactive dialogues (i) How to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the UN Declaration on the Right to Development: reflections and proposals ***(16h30-18h)*** *Presented by all EMRTD members*	**Item 5 (cont'd) Implementation of the mandate and programme of work** (b) Focused thematic discussions and interactive dialogues iv) The impact of AI on creative industries, cultural rights, and the right to development ***(15h-16h30)*** *Presented by Ms. Mahmutaj* ***** Closed meetings ***** ***(16h30-18h)***	**Item 4– Coordination meeting with other United Nations mechanisms on the Right to Development** ***(15h-15h30)*** **Item 5 – Implementation of the mandate and programme of work:** (a) Consideration of thematic studies (ii) Launching EMRTD policy briefs ***(15h30-16h00)*** *Presented by Mr. Ibhawoh* **Item 6 – Conclusion of the session** ***(16h00-16h30)*** ***** Closed meetings ***** ***(16h30-18h)***	15:00 - 18:00