THE EXPERT MECHANISM ON THE RIGHT TO DEVELOPMENT
THIRTEENTH SESSION, 21- 23 APRIL 2026, 10:00 - 13:00 AND 15:00 – 18:00, EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME (EDT), IN-PERSON ONLY
CONFERENCE ROOM 6, UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS, NEW YORK

PROGRAMME OF WORK

	TUESDAY 21 APRIL 2026	**WEDNESDAY 22 APRIL 2026**	**THURSDAY 23 APRIL 2026**	
10:00 - 13:00	****** Closed meetings ******	**Item 4– Implementation of the mandate and programme of work:** (a) Consideration of thematic studies (with guest speakers) **10:00 – 11:30** (i) Artificial intelligence, cultural rights, and the right to development *Presented by K. Mahmutaj* **11:30 – 13:00** (ii) Peace and security and the right to development. *Presented by J. Ibáñez*	**Item 4 (cont'd) Implementation of the mandate and programme of work** (b) Focused thematic discussions **10:00 – 13:00** (iii) An interactive chapter-by-chapter discussion on the draft international covenant on the right to development *Presented by M. Kanade*	10:00 - 13:00
			***** Closed meeting *****	
15:00 - 18:00	**Item 1 – Opening of the session** **Item 2 – Adoption of the agenda and programme of work** **Item 3 – General debate**	**Item 4 (cont'd) Implementation of the mandate and programme of work** (b) Focused thematic discussions **15:00 – 16:30** (i) The role of regional mechanisms in realizing the right to development *Presented by J. Ibáñez* **16:30 – 18:00** (ii) Advancing non-discrimination, equality and development for all: 40 years of the right to development and 25 years of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action *Presented by I. Durant*	**Item 4 (cont'd) Implementation of the mandate and programme of work** (b) Focused thematic discussions **15:00 – 16:30** (iv) Participation, inclusion and the right to development of migrants *Presented by K. Mahmutaj* **Item 5 – Conclusion of the session**	15:00 - 18:00