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Human security and parliaments

Introduction and insights into the application of the concept of human security as a vital tool to respond to today's complex and interlinked challenges

Webinar co-organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and the Human Security For All campaign (HS4A)

Tuesday, 27 June 2023

Session 1: Timed for the Asia/Pacific region – 07:00 – 08:30 CEST

Session 2: Timed for Africa, Europe and the Americas – 17:00 – 18:30 CEST

Background

Today's rapidly evolving global landscape is marked by insecurity rooted in crises such as violent conflicts, natural disasters, climate change, pandemics, and economic downturns. There is an urgent need to shift approaches to foster peace, stability, and sustainable development. As the UN's human security approach will soon celebrate its 30th anniversary, it has become increasingly clear that a people-centred framework that is proactive, empowering and preventive is needed to address the complex challenges that societies face.

This webinar takes place at a historically critical moment. We are witnessing global military expenditure reaching unprecedented levels year after year. Populations worldwide strive to rebound from the COVID-19 pandemic and the climate crisis is increasingly jeopardizing the living conditions of the most vulnerable, while trust in both national and international institutions continues to erode. In these challenging times, the human security approach emerges as a vital solution to address these complex issues, emphasizing the need for concrete, context-specific, and practical actions that prioritize the well-being and safety of individuals and communities.

Objective

This webinar seeks to provide an opportunity for stakeholders to deepen their understanding of the human security approach, its seven+ dimensions, and its importance in addressing the complex challenges faced by societies today. By emphasizing community involvement, public endorsement, and the interconnectedness of various dimensions of security, this approach can serve as a roadmap to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and build stable, resilient societies. Additionally, the webinar will offer guidance on implementing the human security approach, exploring its potential impact on decision-making, and discussing how parliaments can incorporate this framework into their work, making it a timely and valuable resource for those looking to foster peace, stability, and sustainable development in an increasingly interconnected world.

Structure

The webinar will consist of presentations by human security experts and practitioners followed by an interactive consultative discussion where participants can share their experiences and good practices, ask questions, and explore opportunities for implementing the human security approach in their own work.

Expected outcomes

- Enhanced understanding of the human security approach and its relevance in addressing complex and interlinked security threats
- Increased awareness of the seven+ dimensions of human security and the importance of their interconnectedness
- Insight into the methodology for implementing the human security approach
- Identification of ways in which parliaments can incorporate the human security approach into their work to better respond to the multifaceted challenges faced by their constituents

The event will take place online. Session 1 will take place in English only and Session 2 in English, French, Spanish, and Arabic via simultaneous interpretation.

Registration

- Session 1: 7:00 – 8:30 CEST: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMkceuspz0oHNKTKOZxaerD03CRobN1ToZ->
- Session 2: 17:00 – 18:30 CEST: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlIf-uupz4qG9cwfIAxJJFRao1kp2lgucaQ>