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Principles and Key Elements of Human Rights

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- Human rights as a **system of laws**
- Human rights as a **set of values**
- Human rights as a **vision of governance**

Set of Values

- Principles and aspirations of a just, fair and equal society
- Human Dignity
- *Utopia* in which all human beings enjoy equal dignity and rights



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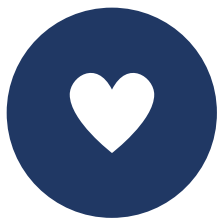
Set of Values



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Equality
claims



Solidarity
claims



Political
claims



Language of
empowerment

Vision of Governance

- Good Governance
- Human rights provide
 - Guiding values
 - Performance standards
 - Content of governance efforts



Vision of Governance

Focus on process



Participation
and
Empowerment



Non-
Discrimination



Focus on
most
Vulnerable



Legality



Transparency



Accountability



Efficiency



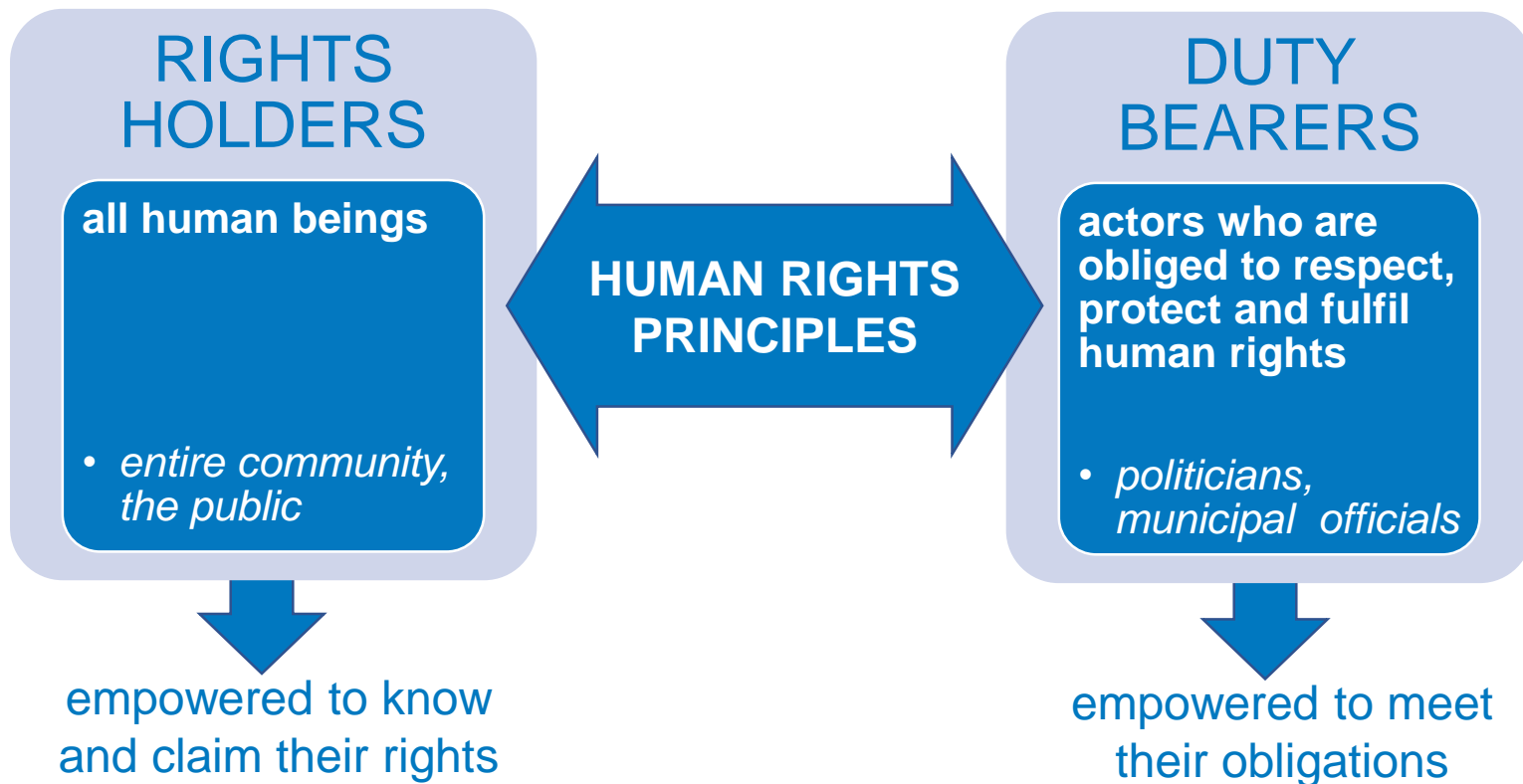
Sustainability

Human Rights-Based Approach



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System of Laws

- **Paradigm shift:** rights holder – duty bearer
- Respect rights
- Protect rights
- Fulfil rights



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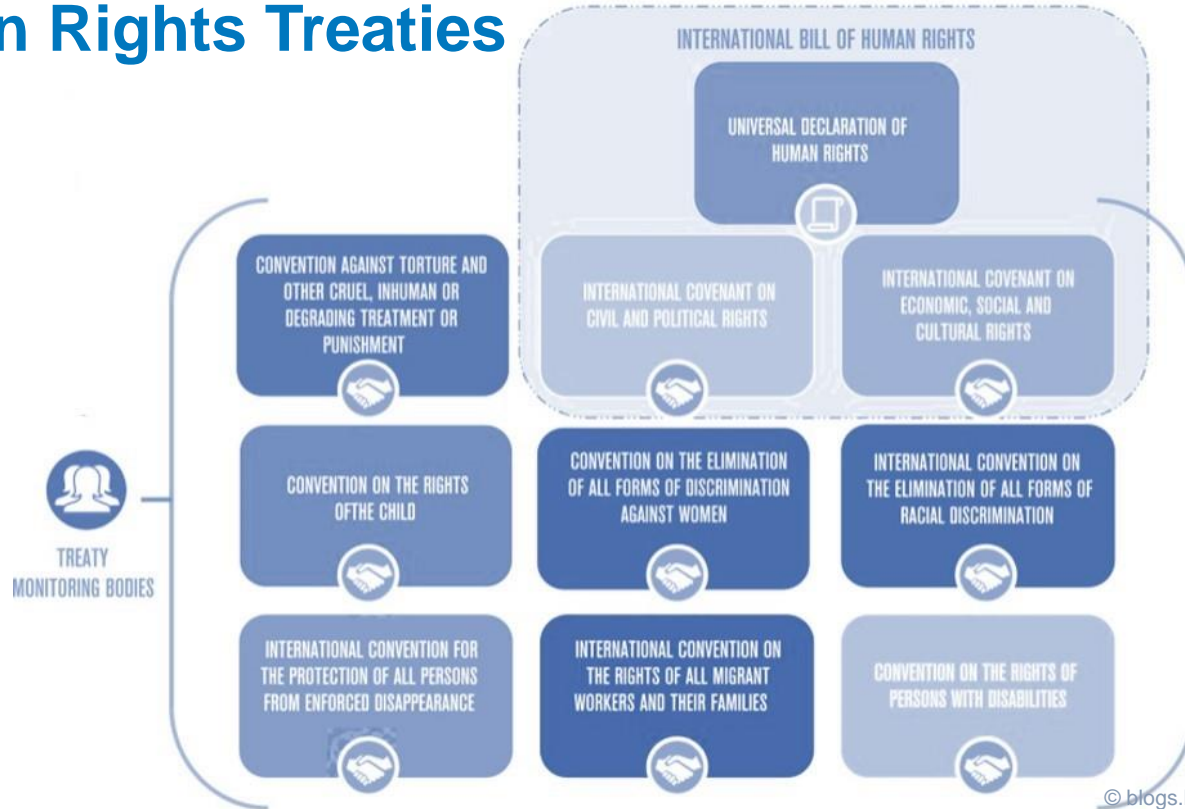
System of Laws: The UN System



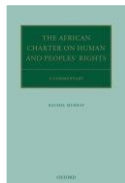
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Core Human Rights Treaties



The African Human Rights System



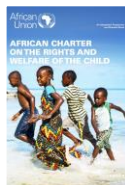
African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights, 1981/1986 [all African States except Morocco]



African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance, 2007/12 [34/55]



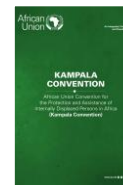
OAU Convention Governing Specific Aspects of Refugees in Africa, 1969 [46/55]



African Charter on the Rights and the Welfare of the Child (ACRWC), 1990/1999 [49/55]



Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa, 2003/2005 [42/55], Maputo, Mozambique;



African Union Convention for the Protection and Assistance of Internally Displaced Persons in Africa (Kampala Convention), 2009/2012 [31/55]



Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Older Persons in Africa, January 31, 2016 [0/55; 5 signatures]



Protocol to the African Charter on Human And Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in Africa, 2018 [nothing]

System of Laws: Age of Implementation

- Global problems reframed as rights violations
- Policy consequences for violations
- Conduct of individuals and private actors increasingly addressed
- **More pronounced role for local authorities**



Development agenda



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Sustainable Development Goals

guide development action worldwide until 2030



New Urban Agenda

development by urban communities



Agenda 2063 & First Ten Year Implementation Plan (FTYIP)

basis for Africa's long term transformation

Human Rights & Development



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leave no
one behind



“[...] achieve cities and human settlements where all persons are able to enjoy equal rights and opportunities, as well as their fundamental freedoms.”



“[...] the SDGs and human rights go hand in hand with a great potential of being mutually reinforcing. [...] The practical work at the very local level demonstrates daily the relevance of the link between the two [...]”

(Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights, Human Rights Cities and the SDGs)

Development at the Local Level



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“Many SDGs have targets that are directly or indirectly related to the daily work of local and regional governments.”

“Local governments are policy makers, catalysts of change and the level of government best-placed to link the global goals with local communities.”

(UCLG, The Sustainable Development Goals: What local governments need to know)



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Questions and remarks, please!

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