



Concept Note

DRIVING MULTIDIMENSIONAL POVERTY REDUCTION TO SECURE WELL-BEING FOR ALL

High-Level Side Event to the UN General Assembly

2-4 pm; Friday 23rd September 2022, at Millennium Hilton New York One UN Plaza, United States

In Person Registration Link: <https://bit.ly/3cl8xNf>

Background and Aims

As the world confronts a number of crises—environmental, economic, political, and medical—there is a need for countries to reaffirm the commitment of the Sustainable Development Goals to eradicating poverty in all its dimensions and securing well-being for all. Achieving these goals will require a renewed focus on the overlapping deprivations experienced by the poorest members of society and a willingness to explore innovative and multisectoral policies for reducing them. The Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) is a tool that can highlight these issues and help inform their solutions.

This high-level side event will be hosted by the President of Nigeria, His Excellency, Muhammadu Buhari GCFR, with the participation of heads of state and international organizations, will bring together global leaders to share their commitments to using MPIs to drive poverty reduction, inform policy actions, and promote well-being. The event will highlight the importance of political leadership to meet these goals.

The discussion that will be generated in this side event aims to galvanize action and foster collaboration among institutions and sectors to design sustainable solutions having a greater impact on people living in poverty and promoting well-being across society.

The event is organized on behalf of the Multidimensional Poverty Peer Network (MPPN), a network of senior policymakers from more than 60 countries and 19 international organizations focused on measuring and reducing multidimensional poverty. The Secretariat is hosted by the Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI) at the University of Oxford.

Multidimensional Poverty

Measurements of multidimensional poverty can be used to make visible a small set of high priority deprivations that people who live in poverty are suffering. Measurements of this type reveal who is poor, in what way, and to what degree. Dozens of countries have official national Multidimensional Poverty Indices (MPIs), which are tailored to reflect the contexts and priorities of the countries and are used to track progress, improve budget allocation, guide targeting, encourage multisectoral coordination, and otherwise inform policymaking. Some countries have also developed multidimensional well-being measures, such as Bhutan's Gross National Happiness Index. These measures use the same methodology as the MPI and provide information on the overall well-being of society, across a range of important dimensions.

Format

This high-level event will have the form of a dynamic discussion between Heads of States, international organizations and ministers. It will take place for a duration of two hours. The President of Nigeria will give the opening remarks and then will open the discussion to the eminent panel of speakers. The discussion will be moderated by Dr. Sabina Alkire, Director of OPHI.

The event will be held in person and live streamed to OPHI YouTube Channel <https://www.youtube.com/user/OPHIOxford>

Please note all attendees need to register in the following link: <https://bit.ly/3d8xNf>