Experts Discuss Importance of Combating Inequalities

The 2019 Human Development Index (HDI) and the 2019 Inequality-Adjusted Human Development Index, set out that the unequal distribution of education, health and living standards hindered countries’ progress. By these measures, 20 per cent of human development progress was lost through inequalities in
2018. The report, therefore, recommends policies that look at but also go beyond income.

The Human Development Report 2019 titled ‘Beyond income, beyond averages, beyond today: Inequalities in human development in the 21st Century’ will be the centre of discussion at GIZ tomorrow. The global launch of the report was in Colombia in December. The co-organized event between GIZ, United Nations Volunteers (UNV) and the Human Development Report Office, will be the first launch in an outreach tour in Europe.

Toily Kurbanov, Deputy Executive Coordinator, UNV states, “Good policies start with good measurement, and a new generation of inequalities requires a new generation of measurement. The report articulates clearer concepts tied to the challenges of current times and highlights broader combinations of data sources, which can help improve development policies—beyond income, beyond averages and beyond today.”

Germany has one of the highest human development scores in the world. But even Germany loses 8.3 per cent of its human development due to inequality. This is a challenge that is universal, and which no single country can tackle alone.

The event will begin with a presentation of essential Report findings by the lead author Pedro Conceição. An interactive panel will then take place with senior participants from UNV and GIZ, along with development practitioner testimonies from Viet Nam, Namibia and Benin.

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