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Discrimination and exclusion are human rights challenges at the core of sustainable development. These need to be overcome for the 2030 agenda's central promise of “leaving no one behind” to be realised. Discrimination and exclusion may be the result of deliberate policies that disfavour certain groups. Or they are consequences of policies that fail to tackle existing prejudice and exclusion, be it due to flawed data, lack of analysis and understanding, or insufficient political will.

Both scenarios have profound implications for governments and development partners.

TRAVERSE wants to shed light on this, and the panel will discuss the following questions:

- Who is at risk of being left behind?
- How can governments and development partners ensure that no-one is left behind? What are some of the pitfalls that should be avoided?
- How should development partners deal with the political dimensions of exclusion and discrimination? How can they avoid reinforcing existing patterns of exclusion?
- Do affirmative action and targeting policies work? And should these be used?

We are looking forward to a lively debate!

Registration by 8 June 2016 at traverse@eda.admin.ch. Free of charge, limited number of participants, the discussion will be in English. Further information:

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