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Pope Francis will address the U.N. at the opening of a summit where world leaders will adopt a set of sustainable development goals that will guide human rights, development and ecological activism for decades to come. A week later, the Human Rights Center will convene a global conference to begin implementing this new agenda.

The Social Practice of Human Rights conference Oct. 2-3 will feature representatives of leading human rights organizations, philanthropic foundations and universities, including the Center for Law, Justice and Society (Dejusticia), the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility, the Global Fund for Women, the International Rights Funders Group, U.S. Human Rights Network, USAID, the Center for Economic and Social Rights, the Center for Constitutional Rights, the Disability Rights Fund, the Wikimedia Foundation and the NAACP, among others.

The conference will feature cutting-edge research on human rights advocacy and sessions on sustainable development, climate justice, corporate social responsibility, foundation funding of human rights and development projects, and cover the 17 new sustainable development goals.

"The document the U.N. will adopt in New York has a bold title, *Transforming Our World*," said Mark Ensalam, the Human Rights Center's director of research. "It calls for new approaches to the immense challenges facing the world. Pope Francis too has made a powerful appeal for 'a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet.' This is the dialogue we are going to have at the Social Practice of Human Rights. And we share the Pope's optimism — *'We know things can change.'*"

The Social Practice of Human Rights conference is the signature event of the Human Rights Center. Agenda-setting and action-oriented, the conference challenges the human rights community to engage in constructive criticism of its assumptions and approaches and to take stock of its mistakes and missteps.

For more information and to register, visit the related link.

The University of Dayton is a pioneer in human rights education. It started the country's first undergraduate human rights program in 1998 and offered one of the nation's first bachelor's degrees in human rights studies in 2008.

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