

Date and hours: Wednesday 28th August from 13:00 to 14:30

Location: Kamome Room at the JICA Yokohama International Center

# Realizing Rule of Law and Human Security

## - Lessons from the Fight against Child Labor

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### Background

The rule of law is an essential vehicle for protecting human rights. However, putting legal frameworks in place is far from sufficient, as evidenced by the many cases of child labor, gender-based violence, and human trafficking that continue to be found around the world. The rule of law requires that all persons and entities be accountable to laws that are consistent with international human rights norms. To translate this into reality, we must question ourselves on how each one of us can become more accountable to the dignity of every person. Clues to this question may lie in the multi-faceted approach to combat child labor on the ground.

### Objectives

To reexamine the concept of the rule of law from a human-centered perspective through discussions on child labor elimination efforts in Africa.

### Key Questions

- ▶ What are some of the successful efforts being made by various actors to translate legal frameworks prohibiting child labor into reality?
- ▶ What are the key elements underlying these efforts that may contribute to achieving a human-centered rule of law in a broader context?
- ▶ What are the roles of various actors—governments, international organizations, businesses, NGOs, ordinary citizens, etc.—in realizing the human-centered rule of Law?

### Speakers

Kizito Ballans, Chief Director, Ministry of Employment and Labour Relations, Ghana

Nana Antwi Boasiako Brempong, Executive Secretary, CRADA

Wataru Ikuta, Managing Director, Tachibana International PTE Ltd.

Minoru Ogasawara, Chief Technical Advisor, Regional Office for Africa, ILO (Video message)

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