Expanding the civic space and promoting and protecting human rights defenders, with a specific focus on women:

**The role of national human rights institutions**

Program
08:30 – 9:00: REGISTRATION
09:00 – 10:00: OPENING CEREMONY

Master of Ceremonies: Houria Esslami, Member, National Human Rights Council of Morocco and Member, United Nations Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances

09:05 – 09:10: Driss El Yazami, President, National Human Rights Council of Morocco & Host of Conference

09:10 – 09:15: Beate Rudolf, Chairperson, GANHRI, and Director, German Institute for Human Rights

09:15 – 09:20: Peggy Hicks, Director of the Thematic Engagement, Special Procedures and Right to Development Division, OHCHR

09:20 – 09:25: Mustapha Ramid, Minister of State in charge of Human Rights, Morocco

09:30 – 09:35: Ahmed Akhchichine, President, Regional Council of Marakech-Safi

09:35 – 09:40: Aud Marit Wiig, Ambassador, Special Representative on Freedom of Religion or Belief, Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

09:40 – 09:45: Philippe Poinsot, UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative in Morocco

Screening of GANHRI video “Leading Change” to mark the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the international network of national human rights institutions, today known as GANHRI

10:00 – 11:00: SESSION 1

CIVIC SPACE AND HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS – setting the scene

Moderator: Hanane Harrath, writer and journalist

Speakers:

- Anikó Bakonyi, Human Rights Defender, Hungarian Helsinki Committee
- Eva Grambye, International Director, Danish Institute for Human Rights
- Luis Raul Gonzalez Perez, President, National Human Rights Commission of Mexico
- Michel Forst, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders
- Nahla Haidar, Member, Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women
- Sima Samar, Chairperson, Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission
11:00 – 11:30: SIGNING CEREMONY OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN NORWAY AND THE TRIPARTITE PARTNERS UNDP, GANHRI AND OHCHR IN SUPPORT OF NHRIs

COFFEE BREAK AND OFFICIAL PICTURE

11:30 – 12:45: SESSION 2

CRUCIAL ELEMENTS OF AN ENABLING ENVIRONMENT

Moderator: Juan José Böckel, Under Secretary, Defensoría del Pueblo de la Nación Argentina

Speakers:

• Rémy Ngoy Lumbu, Special Rapporteur on Human Rights Defenders, African Commission on Human and People’s Rights
• Moonja Jeong, Standing Commissioner, National Human Rights Commission of Korea
• Tamar Gvaramadze, First Deputy Public Defender of Georgia
• Ali Bin Smaikh Al Marri, Chairman, National Human Rights Committee, Qatar

Interactive dialogue and discussion

12:45 – 14:15: LUNCH

14:15 – 15:45: SESSION 3

MONITORING CIVIC SPACE, AND THREATS TO IT

Moderator: Peggy Hicks, Director of the Thematic Engagement, Special Procedures and Right to Development Division, OHCHR

Speakers:

• Consuelo Contreras Largo, Director, National Institute for Human Rights of Chile
• Lora Vidovic , Ombudsperson, Croatia
• Abdallah Saaf, Director, Centre for Studies and Research on Social Sciences, Morocco
• Marc Cebreros, Human Rights Officer, Methodology Education and Training Section, OHCHR

Interactive dialogue and discussion

15:45 – 16:15: COFFEE BREAK
16:15 – 17:30: SESSION 4

WORKING GROUPS

Working Group 1- Crucial elements of an enabling environment (English) Room: Ghadames

- Facilitator – Sofia Lemmetyinen, Programme Manager, European Commission, EuropeAid / Directorate General for International Cooperation and Development (DEVCO)
- Discussant - Sandrayati Moniaga, Vice Chairperson, National Human Rights Commission of Indonesia (Komnas Ham)
- Rapporteur - Sirpa Rautio, Director, Finnish Human Rights Centre

Working Group 2 - Monitoring civic space, and threats to it (English) Room: Chahat

- Facilitator – Lora Vidovic, Ombudsperson, Croatia
- Discussant - Arlene Alangco, Regional Director, Commission on Human Rights of the Philippines
- Rapporteur – Iulai Blackelock-Toma, Ombudsman, Samoa

Working Group 3 - Crucial elements of an enabling environment (interpretation) Room: Atlas 1

- Facilitator – Padma Raman, Executive Director, Australian Human Rights Commission
- Discussant - Abdoulaye Mar, Coordinator, Senegalese Human Rights Committee
- Rapporteur – Consuelo Olvera Trevino, Executive Secretary, National Commission on Human Rights of Mexico

Working Group 4 - Monitoring civic space, and threats to it (interpretation) Room: Atlas 2

- Facilitator – Magali Lafourcade, Secretary General, National Consultative Commission on Human Rights of France
- Discussant – Mwamus Mwamba Mushikonke, President, National Human Rights Commission, Democratic Republic of Congo
- Rapporteur – Souad Martin-Saoudi, National Human Rights Council of Morocco
17:30 – 18:00: SESSION 5

REPORT BACK FROM WORKING GROUPS

Moderator: Florence Simbiri-Jaoko, GANHRI Special Envoy

Speakers:

• Rapporteur Working Group 1: Sirpa Rautio, Director, Finnish Human Rights Centre
• Rapporteur Working Group 3: Consuelo Olvera Trevino, Executive Secretary, National Commission on Human Rights of Mexico
• Rapporteur Working Group 2: Iulai Blacklock-Toma, Ombudsman, Samoa
• Rapporteur Working Group 4: Souad Martin-Saoudi, National Human Rights Council of Morocco

Interactive dialogue and discussion

19:00: WELCOME RECEPTION kindly hosted by the House of Representatives of the Kingdom of Morocco

Hotel Swimming Pool

THURSDAY 11 OCTOBER 2018 - Room: Atlas

09:00 – 10:30: SESSION 6

PROTECTING HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS

Moderator: Paula Tesoriero, Acting Chief Commissioner, New Zealand Human Rights Commission

Speakers:

• Carlos Alfonso Negret Mosquera, Defensor, Defensoria del Pueblo de Colombia
• Mohna Ansari, Commissioner, National Human Rights Commission of Nepal
• Cholpon Djakupova, Human Rights Defender
• Adélaïde Etong-Kame, Africa advocacy consultant, International Service for Human Rights

Interactive dialogue and discussion

10:30 – 11:00: COFFEE BREAK
11:00 – 12:30: SESSION 7

PROTECTING HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS CONTINUED: WOMEN HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS AT RISK

Moderator: Habib Belkouch, Member, National Human Rights Council of Morocco

Speakers:

• Sima Samar, Chairperson, Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission
• Nahla Haidar, Member, Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women
• Ivana Radacic, Chairperson, United Nations Working Group on the Issue of Discrimination Against Women in Law and in Practice
• Vivek Rai, Deputy, Civil Society Division, UN Women

Interactive dialogue and discussion

12:30 – 14:00: LUNCH

14:00 – 15:30: SESSION 8

COMMUNICATING ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND PROMOTING POSITIVE NARRATIVES

Moderator: Elasto Hilarious Mugwadi, National Human Rights Commission of Zimbabwe

Speakers:

• Peggy Hicks, Director, Thematic Engagement, Special Procedures and Right to Development Division, OHCHR
• Judith Robertson, Chair, Scottish Human Rights Commission
• Madeleine Nirere, Chairperson, National Commission on Human Rights of Rwanda
• Marc van Gool, Human Rights Adviser, OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR)

Interactive dialogue and discussions

15:30 – 16:00: COFFEE BREAK
16:00 – 17:30: SESSION 9

WORKING GROUPS

Working Group 1 - Protecting human rights defenders (English) Room: Ghadames

• Facilitator – Joseph Whittal, Commissioner Chair, Commission on Human Rights and Administrative Justice, Ghana
• Discussant - Kazi Reazul Hoque, Chairperson, National Human Rights Commission of Bangladesh
• Rapporteur – Adriana van Dooijeweert, President, Netherlands Institute for Human Rights

Working Group 2 - Communicating on human rights (English) Room: Chahat

• Facilitator – Hayley Willingdale, Senior Associate, Equality and Human Rights Commission, UK
• Discussant - Moataz El Fegiery, MENA Protection Coordinator, Frontline Defenders
• Rapporteur – Mousa Burayzat, Commissioner General, Jordan National Center on Human Rights

Working Group 3 - Protecting human rights defenders (interpretation) Room: Atlas 1

• Facilitator – Cynthia Veliko, Regional Representative, OHCHR Regional Office for South East Asia
• Discussant - Namizata Sangaré, Chairperson, National Commission on Human Rights Ivory Coast
• Rapporteur – Raquel Caballero de Guevara, Procuradora, Procuraduria para la Defensa de los Derechos Humanos, El Salvador

Working Group 4 - Communicating on human rights (interpretation) Room: Atlas 2

• Facilitator – Marie Claude Landry, Chief Commissioner, Canadian Human Rights Commission
• Discussant – Rosalind Croucher, President, Australian Human Rights Commission
• Rapporteur – Amadou Alchina Kourgueni, Secretary General, National Commission on Human Rights of Niger
17:30 – 18:00: SESSION 10

REPORT BACK FROM WORKING GROUPS

Moderator: Alan Miller, GANHRI Special Envoy

Speakers:

- Rapporteur Working Group 1: Adriana van Dooijeweert, President, Netherlands Institute for Human Rights
- Rapporteur Working Group 3: Raquel Caballero de Guevara, Procuradora, Procuraduría para la Defensa de los Derechos Humanos, El Salvador
- Rapporteur Working Group 2: Mousa Burayzat, Comissioner General, Jordan National Center on Human Rights
- Rapporteur Working Group 4: Amadou Alchina Kourgueni, Secretary General, National Commission on Human Rights of Niger

Interactive dialogue and discussion

DINNER RECEPTION - kindly hosted by the House of Councillors of the Kingdom of Morocco in Mohammed VI Museum for Water Civilisation In Morocco

Shuttle will leave at 18:45 from the hotel

FRIDAY 12 OCTOBER 2018 - Room: Atlas

10:00 – 11:30: SESSION 11

PROTECTING HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS: NHRIs

Moderator: Bongani Majola, Chairperson, South African Human Rights Commission

Screening of GANHRI video “Principles for Progress” to mark the 25th anniversary of the adoption of the Paris Principles by the UN

Speakers:

- Michel Forst, UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders
- Jordan Rodas, Procurador, Procuraduria por la Defensa de los Derechos Humanos de Guatemala
- Chito Gascon, Chairperson, Commission on Human Rights of the Philippines - by video statement
- Beate Rudolf, Chairperson, Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions

Interactive dialogue and discussions
11:30 – 12:00: COFFEE BREAK

12:00 – 13:00: SESSION 12

PARTICIPATION, PARTNERSHIPS AND COOPERATION

Moderator: Mabassa Fall, Permanent Representative of the International Federation for Human Rights to the African Union

Speakers:

- Hannah Forster, Executive Director, African Centre for Democracy and Human Rights Studies
- Rabéa Naciri, Member, National Human Rights Council, Morocco
- Sarah Rattray, Policy Specialist for Human Rights, Rule of Law, Justice, Security and Human Rights Governance & Peacebuilding Cluster, UNDP

Interactive dialogue and discussions

13:00 – 14:00: LUNCH

14:00 – 15:00: DEVELOPMENT AND ADOPTION OF THE MARRAKECH DECLARATION AND PROGRAM OF ACTION

Chair: Houria Esslami, Member, National Human Rights Council of Morocco and Member, United Nations Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances

- Presentation of draft Marrakech Declaration (GANHRI)
- Presentation of Program of Action (Regional Chairs)
- Adoption

15:00 – 15:30: CONFERENCE CLOSING CEREMONY

Chair: Najat Maalla M’jid, former United Nations Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography

Closing Remarks

- UNDP Representative
- Vladlen Stefanov, Chief, National Institutions and Regional Mechanisms Section, OHCHR
- Beate Rudolf, Chairperson, Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions
- Mohammed Essabar, Secretary-General, National Human Rights Council of Morocco