

# Beyond jargon: Reframing our communication on human rights

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A human rights vision has shaped policies and laws over the past 70 years and helped improve the lives of millions of people.

Yet, that progress was not enough to prevent retrogression. In times of increased populism and scepticism, what can we do to make human rights popular again?

A conversation moderated by  
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Open to UN press corps and public  
registered at HRC, English only.

A snack will be served.

## Speakers:

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**Nils Muižnieks**

Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights

**Michael O'Flaherty**

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**Lora Vidović**

Ombudswoman of Croatia and Chair of ENNHRI (European Network of National Human Rights Institutions)

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