



# HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL - 47<sup>th</sup> SESSION

## Overview of Week 2 (28 June – 4 July 2021)

During the second week of the 47<sup>th</sup> session, **two Panel Discussions** will take place, as well as **12 Interactive Dialogues** with Special Procedures mandate holders, on topics such as prevention of genocide, violence against women, arbitrary detention, independence of judges and lawyers, trafficking in persons, extreme poverty, summary executions, freedom of assembly and association, freedom of expression, leprosy, right to privacy, and human rights and transnational corporations.

All thematic presentations and ensuing dialogues will be held under **Agenda Item 3**.

**Deadline** for submission of draft proposals to the secretariat is 2 July 2021, 1 pm.

An Interactive Dialogue with Special Adviser on **Prevention of Genocide**, **Ms. Alice Wairimu Nderitu**, initially scheduled to take place on Friday 25 June, will take place on Monday, 27 June 2021.

### Panel Discussions

**Panel discussion on the tenth anniversary of the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights** (29 June 2021, 16:00 – 18:00).

**Panel discussion on the human rights of older persons in the context of climate change** (30 June 2021, 10:00 – 12:00). The panel will be informed by the OHCHR's [analytical study](#).

### Reports by Thematic Special Procedures Mandate Holders Submitted under Agenda Item 3

[Report](#) of the **Working Group** on the issue of human rights and **transnational corporations** and other business enterprises: Taking stock of a **decade of implementation of the Guiding Principles** on Business and Human Rights: Implementing the United Nations “Protect, Respect and Remedy Framework”.

[Report](#) of the Working Group on **arbitrary detention**: “Arbitrary detention relating to **drug policies**”.

[Report](#) of the Special Rapporteur on **violence against women**, its causes and consequences, **Ms. Dubravka Šimonović**: “**Rape** as a grave, systematic and widespread human rights violation, a crime and a manifestation of gender-based violence against women and girls, and its prevention”. The report is accompanied by a [framework](#) for **Model Legislation on rape** (Model Rape Law), envisaged as a harmonization tool. The Special Rapporteur will also present an overview of her main achievements throughout her 6-year tenure, including the eleven country visits she carried out and her thematic work.

[Report](#) of the Special Rapporteur on the **independence of judges and lawyers**, **Mr. Diego García-Sayán**: “**COVID-19 pandemic**: impact and challenges for independent justice”. The report was partly based on the input received from 73 respondents – States, international and regional human rights bodies, professional associations of judges and lawyers, and civil society organizations – to a questionnaire calling for contributions.

[Report](#) of the Special Rapporteur on **trafficking in persons**, especially women and children, **Ms. Siobhán Mullally**: “Implementation of the **non-punishment principle**”.



[Report](#) of the Special Rapporteur on **extreme poverty** and human rights, **Mr. Olivier De Schutter**: “**Global fund** for social protection (GFSP): **international solidarity** in the service of poverty eradication”. The report shows that increasing the level of support to low-income countries is affordable, whether funding comes from official development assistance or from other sources, and proposes a roadmap for the establishment of the GFSP, building on the already existing structures.

[Report](#) of the Special Rapporteur on the **rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association**, **Mr. Clément Nyaletsossi Voule**: “**Access to justice** as an integral element of the protection of rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and association”. Additionally, the Special Rapporteur prepared an [Overview](#) of **communications** sent in the period 16 April 2020 – 15 April 2021 and the **replies** received from State- and Non-State actors; as well as a [Study](#) of recent trends and the **impact of Internet shutdowns** in relation to peaceful protests, prepared as a follow-up to his report on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association in the digital era, submitted to the Human Rights Council at its 41<sup>st</sup> session.

[Report](#) of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the **right to freedom of opinion and expression**, **Ms. Irene Khan**: “**Disinformation** and freedom of opinion and expression”.

[Report](#) of the Special Rapporteur on the elimination of discrimination against persons affected by **leprosy** and their family members, **Ms. Alice Cruz**: “Disproportionate **impact of the COVID-19 pandemic** on persons affected by leprosy and their family members: root causes, consequences and the way to recovery”.

[Report](#) of the outgoing Special Rapporteur on **extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions**, **Ms. Agnès Callamard**, offers a reflection on her work for the Mandate over the last five years, its links to her predecessors’ work, and analyses her contribution to themes on which the Mandate has made a major normative contribution over the last thirty years. She recommends that the title of the mandate be renamed as Special Rapporteur “on arbitrary deprivation of life” or, alternatively, “on unlawful killings and unlawful deaths” or “on the right to life”. In the Annex to the report, she examines the issue of free and equal access to vaccines against COVID-19. The report is presented by **Mr. Morris Tidball-Binz**, who was appointed Special Rapporteur by the Council at its 46th regular session and formally took up his role in April 2021.

**Ms. Agnès Callamard’s** [Report](#) on her **visit to Nigeria**, conducted from 19 August to 2 September 2019, will also be presented.

Final [Report](#) of the Special Rapporteur on the **right to privacy**<sup>1</sup>, **Mr. Joseph A. Cannataci**: “Artificial intelligence and privacy, and **children’s privacy**”.

**Mr. Joseph A. Cannataci’s** **country visit** reports to United Kingdom, [France](#) (13-17 November 2017), Germany, [United States](#) (17-28 June 2017), [Argentina](#) (May 2019), and [Republic of Korea](#) (15-26 July 2019) will also be presented. The Comments by aforementioned States are available [here](#).

*The Geneva Centre’s summaries of selected meetings are available [here](#).*

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<sup>1</sup> Presentation of this report, and the Special Rapporteur’s country visits was initially scheduled for the 46<sup>th</sup> session of the Council.