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PROGRAMME

Sunday 16 March

19:30 - **INFORMAL IHRFG DINNER** (*Cave Valaisanne et Chalet Suisse - Place du Cirque - Tel.: +41 22 328 12 36*)

Monday 17 March

9:00-9:30 **Welcome address from ISHR** (*ISHR - International Service for Human Rights - Rue de Varembe, 1 (5th floor) - Tel.: +41 22 919 71 00*)
Speakers: International Service for Human Rights (Musa Gassama, Isabelle Scherer)

9:30-10:30 **Introduction to human rights with a focus on the latest developments in the UN human rights system (ISHR)**
Speakers: International Service for Human Rights (Immaculada Barcia, Musa Gassama, Gareth Sweeney Katrine Thomasen)

10:30-11:00 *Coffee break*

11:00-12:15 **Funders networking session (ISHR)**
Facilitator: Rebecca Rittgers (The Atlantic Philanthropies)

12:15-12:25 *Travel time - by walk or by public transport*

12:25-13:00 *Accreditation at the UN (United Nations - Pregny Gate - Avenue de la Paix, 8-14 - +41 22 917 50 02) – **Passport needed***

13:00-14:00 *Lunch break (UN Cafeteria, random seating)*

14:00-14:30 *Travel time - by walk or by public transport*

14:30-16:00 **The Human Rights Council - the main challenges and opportunities for its effective functioning (ISHR)**
Facilitator: Lesley Carson (Wellspring Advisors, LLC)
Speakers: Amnesty International (Peter Splinter), ARC International (John Fisher), Human Rights Watch (Julie de Rivero), International Commission of Jurists (Lukas Machon), International Service for Human Rights (Katrine Thomasen), World Organisation Against Torture (Anne-Laurence Lacroix)

16:00-16:15 *Coffee break*

- 16:15-17:15 **The Human Rights Council - the main challenges and opportunities for its effective functioning – *continued* (ISHR)**
- 17:15-18:00 **International and transitional justice (ISHR)**
Facilitator: Harpinder Collacott (Oak Foundation)
Speakers: The International Criminal Court's Trust Fund for Victims (André Laperrière), International Center for Transitional Justice (Priscilla Hayner)
- 19:00 - **OFFICIAL IHRFG DINNER (Hotel Intercontinental - Chemin du Petit Saconnex, 7-9 - Tel.: +41 22 919 39 39)**
H.E. Mr Doru Romulus Costea, President of the UN Human Rights Council;
H.E. Mr Luis Alfonso de Alba, former President of the UN Human Rights Council;
Ms Maria Francisca Ize-Charrin, OHCHR - Director, Research and Right to Development Division and Director ad interim, Field Operations and Technical Cooperation Division;
NGO Representatives:
Asian Legal Resource Center (Michael Anthony, Programme Coordinator),
Conectas Human Rights (Lucia Nader, International Relations Coordinator),
East and Horn of Africa Human Rights Defenders Project (Hassan Shire, Chairperson), Geneva Call (Martin Damary, Managing Director),
International Service for Human Rights (Musa Gassama, Former Acting Director), Track Impunity Always (Philip Grant, President and Founder)

Tuesday 18 March

- 9:00-11:00 **OHCHR: strategies and current challenges (OHCHR - UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights - Palais Wilson - 52, rue des Pâquis - Tel.: +41 22 917 90 00 - Conference Room 1-016, 1st floor) – Passport needed**
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Facilitator: Joanna Ewart-James (Sigrid Rausing Trust)
Speakers: UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (Matthias Behnke, Fabrizio Hochschild, Kyung-wha Kang, Gianni Magazzeni, Charles Radcliffe, June Ray)
- 11:00-11:15 *Travel time – by public transport*
- 11:15-12:45 **Roundtable discussion - Migration, IDPs and refugees (LWF - The Lutheran World Federation - Ecumenical Centre - Route de Ferney, 150 - Tel.: +41 22 791 61 11)**
Facilitator: Maryam Elahi (Open Society Institute)
Speakers: December 18 (Marie D'Auchamp), Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre - Norwegian Refugee Council (Christophe Beau), Quaker UN Office (Rachel Brett), The Lutheran World Federation (Peter N. Prove), UN Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees (Georges Okoth-Obbo)

- 12:45-13:00 *Travel time – by public transport*
- 13:00-14:50 *Lunch break with human rights defenders based outside Geneva (CICG - Centre International de Conférences de Genève - Rue de Varembé, 17 - Tel.: +41 22 791 91 11)*
- 14:50-15:00 *Travel time – by walk or by public transport*
- 15:00-18:00 **7th session of the Human Rights Council** (UN - Avenue de la Paix, 8-14 - Pregny Gate - Avenue de la Paix, 8-14 - +41 22 917 50 02) – **Passport needed**

Wednesday 19 March

- 9:00-10:30 **Introduction to the treaty monitoring bodies** (ISHR - International Service for Human Rights - Rue de Varembé, 1 (5th floor) - Tel.: +41 22 919 71 00)
Facilitator: Tanya Coke (US Human Rights Fund)
Speakers: Association for the Prevention of Torture (Marina Narvaez), International Federation for Human Rights (Antoine Madelin), Quaker UN Office (Rachel Brett), UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (Jane Connors)
- 10:30-12:00 **Introduction to the Universal Periodic Review** (ISHR)
Facilitator: Urvashi Vaid (The Arcus Foundation)
Speakers: H.E. Mr Mohammed Loulichki (Former Facilitator of the UN Human Rights Council's Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review), Amnesty International (Marianne Lilliebjerg), Human Rights Watch (Julie de Rivero)
- 12:00-13:30 *Lunch break (no set location)*
- 13:30-15:00 **Roundtable discussion - Preventing torture worldwide** (Maison des Associations - Rue des Savoises, 15 - Tel.: +41 22 329 20 22)
Facilitator: Brian Kearney-Grieve (The Atlantic Philanthropies)
Speakers: Association for the Prevention of Torture (Emma Reilly), UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (Mercedes Morales, Safir Syed), World Organisation Against Torture (Eric Sottas)
- 15:00-15:15 *Coffee break*
- 15:15-16:45 **Roundtable discussion - Economic, social and cultural rights** (Maison des Associations)
Facilitator: Kate Kroeger (American Jewish World Service)
Speakers: Amnesty International (Widney Brown), Centre on Housing Rights and Evictions (Claude Cahn), International Commission of Jurists (Christian Courtis), International Federation for Human Rights (Antoine Madelin)

16:45-17:30 **Evaluation and assessment** (*Maison des Associations*)
Facilitator: John Kowal (Open Society Institute)

17:30 **CLOSING**

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