



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

11 July 2016

Excellency,

I am pleased to forward to you the final programme for the High-Level Thematic Debate on Human Rights, which takes place on 12-13 July.

Please note that the High Level Thematic Debate will take place in the Trusteeship Council Chamber and will begin at 09:00 a.m. on Tuesday 12 July.

I look forward to the active participation of your delegation in this event.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mogens Lykketoft'.

Mogens Lykketoft

All Permanent Representatives and
Permanent Observers to the United Nations
New York

UN@70: Human Rights at the centre of the global agenda
High-Level Thematic Debate of the UN General Assembly

12-13 July 2016

Trusteeship Council Chamber, UN Headquarters, New York

Final programme

Day 1	Tuesday 12 July 2016
Morning session	
9:00am – 9:30am	<p><u>Opening Segment</u> <i>Keynote Speakers</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mr. Mogens Lykketoft, President of the United Nations General Assembly • H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon, United Nations Secretary-General • H.M. Queen Mathilde of Belgium, SDG advocate • Ms. Agnes Leina Ntikaampi, Executive Director, Ilaramatak Community Concerns, Kenya
09:30am – 11.30am	<p><u>Ministerial Plenary Debate</u> UN@70 – Human Rights at the centre of the global agenda</p> <p>Key questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What strategies can the UN employ to further advance human rights in our world? - What changes are needed to enable the overall UN system respond better to human rights concerns and support member states in meeting their obligations? - What do major developments like the adoption of the 2030 Agenda or the recent reviews on peace and security, mean for the UN’s approach to human rights? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contributions from member State Ministers • H.E. Choi Kyonglim, President of the Human Rights Council, Permanent Representative of South Korea to the United Nations (Geneva)
11:35am – 1:00pm	<p><u>Interactive segment 1: Combatting discrimination and inequalities</u></p> <p><i>Format: Moderated dialogue between member states and expert contributors</i></p> <p>Key questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What are the major obstacles to eliminating discrimination and reducing inequalities? - What can be done most effectively first? How can rapid improvements be made? - How can we ensure that the 2030 Agenda and the commitment to ‘leave no one behind’ contributes to the realization of the principles of equality and non-discrimination? - How can we mobilize greater political will at global and national levels, among

	<p>governments and ordinary people, to engage everyone in realizing this vision?</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Kate Gilmore, Deputy High Commissioner, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Opal Tometi, Co-founder, Black Lives Matter • Ms. Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, Under Secretary-General and Executive Director, UN Women • Mr. Mutuma Ruteere, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance • Mr. José María Viera, Human Rights Policy Advisor and Coordinator, International Disabilities Association <p>Discussant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Zamir Akram, Chair-Rapporteur of the Working Group on the Right to Development • Ms. Diakhoumba Gassama, Realizing Sexual and Reproductive Justice (RESURJ) Senegal <p>Contributions from member states encouraged. Initial contribution from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>H.E. Mr David Stanton</i>, Minister of State for Justice, Equality, Immigration and Integration, Ireland
<p>Afternoon session</p>	
<p>3.00pm – 4.25 pm</p>	<p><u>Interactive segment 2: Building the foundations for Human Rights – governance, the rule of law and access to justice</u></p> <p><i>Format: Moderated dialogue between member states and expert contributors</i></p> <p>Key questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What are some of the most effective strategies to achieve better protection of human rights and accountability through the national legal system? What about at the international level? - How have legal frameworks in compliance with international standards facilitated socially and economically inclusive development and helped to build peaceful and inclusive societies? - What practical measures can State institutions take to embed principles of transparency and accountability into their work in order to achieve the SDGs including Goal 16? - What kind of support can non-state actors – civil society, national human rights and ombuds institutions, the private sector, the UN and other international organizations – provide to Governments to strengthen good governance and the rule of law? <p>Moderator: Mr. Ken Roth, Executive Director, Human Rights Watch</p>

Panellist:

- **Ms. Irene Khan**, Director General, International Development Law Organization
- **Ms. Jacqueline Moudeina**, lead lawyer for the victims of the Hissène Habré regime
- **Ms. Silvia Fernández de Gurmendi**, President, International Criminal Court
- **Ms. Harkristuti Harkrisnowo**, Professor of Criminal Law, University of Indonesia

Discussant:

- **Mr. Ivan Šimonović**, Assistant Secretary General, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
- **Mr. Ian McDougall**, Executive Vice President & General Counsel, Lexis Nexis
- **Mr. Haoliang Xu**, Assistant Administrator and Director, Regional Bureau for Asia and the Pacific, UNDP

Contributions from member states encouraged. Initial contributions from:

- *H.E. Mr Sidiki Kaba*, Minister of Justice of Senegal and President of the States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court
- *H.E. Mr Søren Pind*, Minister of Justice of Denmark
- *H.E. Carlos Raul Morales*, Foreign Minister of Guatemala

4:30pm –
5:50pm

Interactive segment 3: Enabling active participation in society

Format: Moderated dialogue between member states and expert contributors

Key questions:

- How can Governments and international organizations work together to incentivize a pro-civil society culture in support of human rights and the SDGs?
- How can fears of those who seek to limit or dismantle public freedoms, be disarmed?
- What can civil society actors do to better leverage online space for effective advocacy?
- How can we build better appreciation and solidarity to safeguard the “super-rules” across all sectors within which civil society actors are engaged?
- Within the inter-governmental bodies of the United Nations, what can be done to meaningfully widen the space for civil society participation?

Moderator: **Ms. Laura Trevelyan**, BBC Correspondent

Panellist

- **Mr. Salil Shetty**, Secretary-General of Amnesty International
- **Ms. Alaa Murabit**, founder of Voice of Libyan Women, SDG Advocate
- **Mr. Christophe Deloire**, Director-General, Reporters Without Borders
- **Ms. Monika Bickert**, Director of Public Policy, Facebook

Discussant:

- **Mr. Milan Antonijevic**, Director, Lawyers Committee for Human Rights

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Maina Kiai, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association • Mr. Alan Miller, Special Envoy, Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions <p>Contributions from member states encouraged</p>
6.00pm-9.00pm	<i>‘Leading the United Nations – A Global Townhall with SG candidates’</i> (General Assembly Hall)
Day 2	Wednesday 13 July 2016
Morning session	
10:00am – 1.00pm	<u>Plenary Debate continued</u> UN@70 – Human Rights at the centre of the global agenda
Afternoon session	
3:00pm – 5.55pm	<u>Plenary Debate continued (as required)</u> UN@70 – Human Rights at the centre of the global agenda
5:55pm	<u>Closing Remarks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mr. Mogens Lykketoft, President of the United Nations General Assembly