

Calendar of Activities

30th Anniversary: UN Minorities Declaration (1992-2022)

Date	Event	Additional Details	Focal point (UN or ILO contact)
16 December 2021	A “Faith for Rights” Approach to Promoting Sustainable Peace	Webinar with US Institute of Peace and former OHCHR Minority Fellow and a video translating article 2 of the 1992 Declaration into music	michael.wiener@un.org
19 January 2022	UN Network Webinar: Equal access to justice for all - combatting racial discrimination and enhancing protection of minorities in criminal justice systems	Criminal Justice Pillar of the UN Network on Racial Discrimination and Protection of Minorities	anna.giudice@un.org sara.hamood@un.org estelle.askew-renaut@un.org
25 January 2022	2022 Annual Symposium on the Role of Religion and Faith-based Organizations in International Affairs	Mobilizing Moral Influence and Governance to End the Systemic Injustices of Racism, the legacy of Colonialism and Slavery	michael.wiener@un.org sara.hamood@un.org

27 January 2022	International Holocaust Remembrance Day		
February 2022	Launching of OHCHR 30th anniversary web page	Part of the 30 th Anniversary communication plan	sharon.graber1@un.org michele.buteau@un.org
February 2022	Opening of a yammer space through the One UN Knowledge Exchange Network	Once the OHCHR 30 th anniversary web page is launched, opening of a yammer space through the One UN Knowledge Exchange Network to open an exchange channel directly with UNCTs including the RC staff	sharon.graber1@un.org ajacinto@ohchr.org
21 March 2022	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination		
	Launch of Competition for minority artists working on statelessness themes (OHCHR with Freemuse, UNHCR, Minority Rights Group International) – application period opened from 21 March to 21 June 2022.		
25 March 2022 (marked on GA on 29 March)	International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade	Online cultural event, entitled “Rhythms of Resistance,” organized by DGC, UNESCO and UNFPA, and broadcasted on WebTV and YouTube. This event highlighted history and legacies of transatlantic slave trade. Through showcasing rhythmic performances in multiple countries, it also demonstrated how African cultures have shaped societies throughout the Americas. Meanwhile, the annual General Assembly commemorative meeting, to be held on 29 March at 10:00 EST, will feature keynote speaker Nikole Hannah-Jones, the creator of The New York Times’ ground-breaking “1619 Project.”	varmab@un.org wyatt@un.org
April 2022	Introductory note for OLA’s Audio-visual Library of International Law	Draft an introductory note for OLA’s Audio-visual Library of International Law on the contents of the 1992 Declaration and its 30 th anniversary	michael.wiener@un.org
8 April 2022	International Roma Day		
2-3 May 2022	Europe & Central Asia Regional Forum on 30th Anniversary	UN Special Rapporteur on Minority Issues, the Government of Austria, Tom Lantos Institute + partners Regional Forums series.	consultant.supac@un.org

	Opening ceremony and celebration at Diplomatic Academy, Vienna	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This hybrid Regional Forum brought together 180 representatives from 35 countries, UN and regional organisations, academics, civil society groups specializing in minority issues and representatives of minorities from different parts of Europe and Central Asia. Recommendations of this Regional Forum are available here. 	
21 May 2022	World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development		
25 May 2022	Virtual Expert Roundtable – Strengthening the protection of minority rights under the 1992 Minority Declaration	Expert discussion with background papers highlighting connections between relevant treaty and Declaration provisions while identifying gaps in normative standards and suggesting solutions	michele.buteau@un.org
26 May 2022	Intersectionality Stakeholder Consultations (UN Network on Racial Discrimination and Protection of Minorities)	Consultation and stakeholder inputs to Guidance Note on Intersectionality, Racial Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, under preparation by the UN Network on Racial Discrimination and Protection of Minorities	uelz@ilo.org laura.cahier@un.org claudc.cahn@un.org
1 June 2022	World Justice Forum Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pre-Launch Panel for OHCHR-Equal Rights Trust Publication <i>Protecting Minority Rights: A Practical Guide to Developing Comprehensive Anti-Discrimination Law</i> (1 June 2022) Panel: Minority and Indigenous Human Rights Defenders, Equality and Non-Discrimination (1 June 2022) 	claudc.cahn@un.org morse.flores@un.org paulo.david@un.org
18 June 2022 & 20 June 2022	International Day for Countering Hate Speech (first marked in 2022)	<p>GA proclaimed 18 June as the International Day for Countering Hate Speech and requests the President of the General Assembly to organize a high-level meeting (A/RES/75/309).</p> <p>On 20 June 2022, the President of the General Assembly, Abdulla Shahid, held an informal high-level event to commemorate the first International Day for Countering Hate Speech.</p>	cruciani@un.org maria.westergren@un.org hagl@un.org

<p>14-15 June 2022</p>	<p>Asia-Pacific Regional Forum on Minorities: 30th anniversary theme</p>	<p>UN Special Rapporteur on Minority Issues, Tom Lantos Institute + partners: Regional Forums series.</p> <p>The Regional Forum brought together 152 representatives from 25 countries, UN and regional organisations, academics, civil society groups specializing in minority issues and representatives of minorities from different parts of Asia and the Pacific.</p>	<p>consultant.supac@un.org</p>
<p>23 June 2022</p>	<p>Leave no-one behind: Addressing business-related discrimination and exclusion from participation of minorities belonging to descent-based communities</p>	<p>Expert conversation - IPMS in partnership with the International Dalit Solidarity Network, with experts (including Fernand de Varennes, UN Special Rapporteur on Minority Issues, Tomoya Obokata Special Rapporteur on Contemporary Forms of Slavery, Fernanda Hopenhay, Member of Working Group on Business and Human Rights, Martin Oelz of the ILO and Lene Wedland).</p>	<p>michele.buteau@un.org</p>
<p>4-15 July 2022</p>	<p>Global Minority Rights Summer School</p>	<p>The 30th anniversary of the UNDM: Achievements and Ways Forward, organised by UN Special Rapporteur on Minority Issues, Tom Lantos Institute + partners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online global summer school that offered 15 participants from different parts of the world the opportunity to interact and discuss with leading experts in the field, including UN Special Rapporteur on minority issues, Dr. Fernand de Varennes. • Brought together internationally-known experts, activists, policy makers, civil society representatives, academics, and other key stakeholders in a two-week interactive program. • In addition to theoretical knowledge, participants gained valuable practical skills for engaging with the global governance structures of minority rights, such as how to formulate and 	<p>consultant.supac@un.org</p>

		present UN Forum statements and recommendations.	
21-22 July 2022	“Faith for Rights” peer-to-peer learning project by Geneva Academy, University of Pretoria and OHCHR	Two-day training in-person at Palais des Nations and Geneva Academy, after final round of the 2022 Nelson Mandela World Moot Court Competition (targeting the Moot Court participants and their academic tutors as well as diplomats and faith-based actors from Geneva).	michael.wiener@un.org
2 August 2022	Roma Holocaust Remembrance Day		
22 August 2022	International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion and Belief		
31 August 2022	International day for People of African descent		
6-7 September 2022	Africa-Middle East Regional Forum on Minorities and 30th anniversary	UN Special Rapporteur on Minority Issues, Government of the Kingdom of Morocco, Tom Lantos Institute + partners: Regional Forums serie To be held online. Registration open by 31 August following this link .	consultant.supac@un.org
15 September 2022	Event: International Roundtable on Memorializing Roma History	Expert and civil society support workshop (Geneva) on right to truth and memorialization of Holocaust, slavery, expulsion, coercive sterilization and related issues in Romani history, and their present-day legacies	claude.cahn@un.org chet.rasaili@un.org fellow.miklos@un.org
21 September 2022	High Level Meeting of the 77th Session of the General Assembly : Panel Meeting in NY hosted by Austria to mark commemoration of the 30th Anniversary of the Minorities Declaration	Organisation with New York office a panel discussion in NY hosted by Austria pursuant to UNGA resolution A/c.3/76/L.33/Rev1 of 10 Nov. 2021 requesting UNGA President to convene a high-level panel to mark the commemoration of the 30th Anniversary of the Declaration on Minorities	michele.buteau@un.org
27 September 2022	Day of Events to Launch the Guidance Note on Intersectionality (Intersectionality Pillar of UN Network on Racial Discrimination and Protection of Minorities): Side Event to UN Human Rights Council and Workshop	Launch and discussion of Guidance Note on Intersectionality, Racial Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, under preparation by the UN Network on Racial Discrimination and Protection of Minorities (Intersectional pillar led by ILO): Side-event to UN Human Rights Council and Workshop on intersectionality with UN experts and human rights activists from CSOs involved in intersectional discrimination	uelz@ilo.org claude.cahn@un.org laura.cahier@un.org

3-4 October 2022	Rabat+10 Event on the prohibition of advocacy to national, racial or religious hatred that constitutes incitement to discrimination, hostility or violence	The Rabat+10 Event in Collonges-sous-Salève will exchange good practices and lessons learned from facilitating peer-to-peer learning events and strategic planning for facilitators of future online, hybrid and in-person meetings.	michael.wiener@un.org
5-7 October 2022	“Faith for Rights” peer-to-peer learning project by Geneva Academy and OHCHR	Peer-to-peer learning symposium on the interaction between religion(s), belief(s) and human rights (hybrid in Villa Moynier and/or online) for academics, students, diplomats, civil society organizations, OHCHR and UN human rights mechanisms.	michael.wiener@un.org
11-12 October 2022	Americas Regional Forum on Minorities and 30th anniversary	UN Special Rapporteur on Minority Issues, Government of the Argentine Republic, Tom Lantos Institute + partners: Regional Forums series. To be held online. Registration opens in September	consultant.supac@un.org
3-4 November 2022	Celebration of the #IBelong Campaign to End Statelessness by 2024		
3 November 2022	Ceremony in Geneva to award winners of the Competition for Minority Artists on Statelessness	Joint work between OHCHR, UNHCR, Freemuse and Minority Rights Group International, to promote the artworks of minority artists focusing on statelessness themes : announcement of award winners by a Judges Panel (experts and artists), on the occasion of the 8 th Anniversary of UNHCR’s #IBelong Campaign to End Statelessness	claudio.cahn@un.org
4 November 2022	Public announcement of Winners: Competition for Minority Artists on Statelessness		laura.cahier@un.org mosallai@unhcr.org
1-2 December 2022 + preparatory meeting on 30 November 2022	15th session of the UN Forum on minority issues	The theme of the Forum is “ <i>Review. Rethink. Reform. 30th anniversary of the UN Declaration on Minority Rights</i> ”. The Forum shall analyse practices, challenges, opportunities and initiatives in addressing conflict prevention and the protection of the human rights of minorities, in line with the principles and rights enshrined in the UNDM and other relevant international instruments. More details are here and registration will open in September.	hrc-sr-minorityforum@un.org

5-8 December 2022	First meeting of the Permanent Forum for People of African Descent (PFPAD)	The first session of PFPAD will take place in Geneva on 5-8 December 2022, following UNGA Resolution 75/314 of 2 August 2021. PFPAD is “a consultative mechanism for people of African descent and other relevant stakeholders as a platform for improving the safety and quality of life and livelihoods of people of African descent, as well as an advisory body to the Human Rights Council”.	niraj.dawadi@un.org
7 December 2022	Event and Launch of Baseline Document on Racial Discrimination and Protection of Minorities in Peace, Security and Prevention	Event organized jointly with Minority Rights Group International and UN Network on Racial Discrimination and Protection of Minorities (Times of Crisis Pillar) in Costa Rica (University for Peace), with reference to 9 December International Day of Commemoration and Dignity of the Victims of the Crime of Genocide and of the Prevention of this Crime; International Human Rights Day (December 10), and 18 December anniversary of the adoption of the 1992 UN Minorities Declaration.	claude.cahn@un.org michael.wiener@un.org laura.cahier@un.org
10 December 2022	Launching of OHCHR-Equal Rights Trust Publication	Publication Launch: OHCHR-Equal Rights Trust Publication on <i>Protecting Minority Rights: A Practical Guide to Developing Comprehensive Anti-Discrimination Law</i>	claude.cahn@un.org
18 December 2022	Day of the 30th Anniversary of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Minorities	Relevant actions to be launched on this date include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global social media campaign through audio and visual contents • Knowledge hub (open for external users) where one can access various documents and share guidance, strategies output in the field of minority rights protection. 	
Activities continuous throughout 2022	Bring voices to the voiceless – Fellows	Minority fellows coming forward and telling their stories in terms of empowerment, and what they are able to do about it using human rights tools – focus on solutions on which affected communities can rely	morse.flores@un.org michele.buteau@un.org

	Capacity-building for minority-women led organizations working on early marriage and funded by the UN Voluntary Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery	Follow up to support project management and outreach for Roma women-led funded projects in southeastern Europe	claude.cahn@un.org
	Communication campaigns about the 30th Anniversary of the 1992 Declaration	Minority fellows development of diverse supports of communication throughout the year, campaign materials to bring voices to the voiceless, communication material for specific regions and field offices, etc.	michele.buteau@un.org
	Support to effective participation of minorities representatives in key UN human rights meetings (financial grants)	Use a model similar to the UN Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Peoples	paulo.david@un.org
	Webinars & conversations at national, regional and international levels	Organization of webinars and conversations at various levels with prominent minority leaders, CSOs, academia - all involving minority women and the youth	morse.flores@un.org claude.cahn@un.org michael.wiener@un.org michele.buteau@un.org
	Collaboration with UNCTs on minority rights	Collaborating with UNCTs toward engaging with government institutions including relevant ministries concerned with minority issues, national human rights institutions etc.	
	Studies on Minority rights	Development of studies on the human rights situations of minorities, in response to the dearth in disaggregated data and identify possible gaps in minority rights protection at the country level. Sharing results of the studies/reports/	
Possible events to be dated	Other Public Events	Organisation of marches/demonstrations revolving around specific minority rights messages in various countries/regions	

		Organization of a parliamentary day on minority issues	
	Award on minority rights defenders	To be created	
	Booklet on the impact of MFP	Launching of a publication (booklet) on the Impact of the MFP (17 years, 17 stories) and publication (booklet) on the Impact of the MFP (17 years, 17 stories).	
	Artistic campaigns	Artistic campaigns accompanied with key messages on vital problems common to most minorities especially as regards hate speech and incitement to hatred. Minority rights victims to come forward and tell their stories.	