



GLOBAL WEBINAR Invitation

PEACEFUL (AND NOT SO PEACEFUL) ASSEMBLIES

16 December 2020

14:00 Geneva time

15:00 South Africa time



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The University of Pretoria's Centre for Human Rights and the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights invite you to a Global Webinar on Peaceful (and not so peaceful) assemblies: A fresh look at the international standards.

During the past few decades, the gathering of people in the form of protests and demonstrations has become a worldwide phenomenon, often bringing about positive social change, but also in some cases leaving deep scars on society.

During 2020, the United Nations issued two new international instruments on peaceful assembly, which set out the "rules of engagement" for assemblies worldwide, in order to allow participants to pursue change while ensuring that tensions are de-escalated and violence is avoided.

The UN Human Rights Committee's General Comment 37 on the right of peaceful assembly and the UN Human Rights Guidance on Less-Lethal Weapons in Law Enforcement restates key elements of the international standards on peaceful assemblies.

See links for background documentation:

[General Comment 37 on the Right of Peaceful Assembly](#)

[Fact Sheet & FAQs \(English, French and Spanish\)](#)

[UN Human Rights Guidance on Less-Lethal Weapons in Law Enforcement](#)

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Prof. Tawana Kupe, Vice-Chancellor and Principal, University of Pretoria

Ilze Brands Kehris, UN Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights

CO-MODERATORS

Abigail Noko, Regional Representative of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights for Southern Africa

Prof. Frans Viljoen, Director of the Centre for Human Rights, Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria

PANELLISTS

Prof. Christof Heyns, Member of the UN Human Rights Committee and Rapporteur for General Comment 37; Professor of Human Rights Law, UP

Clément Nyaletsossi Voule, UN Special Rapporteur on the freedoms of assembly and association

Barbara Fontana, Head of Human Rights Section, Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the UN in Geneva

Francesca Fanucci, Senior Legal Advisor, European Centre for Not-for-Profit Law

Commissioner Luís Carrilho, Police Advisor, Police Division, UN Department of Peace Operations

DETAILS OF THE EVENT

Date: **Wednesday, 16 December 2020**

Time: **14:00-16:00 Geneva Time (CET)**

15:00-17:00 South Africa Standard Time (SAST)

Registration: [Click here](#)

There will be interpretation into French and Spanish.



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