

Second live Twitter Q&A with UN HRC President (#HRCPres)

Following up to the first successful Twitter Q&A session, on 24 November HRC President, Ambassador Joachim Ruecker of Germany held his second live Twitter Q&A to answer questions on the Human Rights Council and its work.



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AMBASSADOR JOACHIM RUECKER
is back with another
LIVE TWITTER Q&A
AS PRESIDENT OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

TUESDAY, 24 NOVEMBER 2015
FROM 16.30 (GENEVA TIME; GMT+2)



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Live now: Q&A with President of [#UN #HumanRights Council \(@UN_HRC\) @GermanyUNGeneva](#).
Ask questions using [#AskHRCPres pic.twitter.com/KGN12I0vHs](#)


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These Twitter Q&As aim to make the HRC President **accessible** to all and promote more **interaction & engagement with civil society, HRDs and individual rights holders around the world**- Engagement which is both broad and deep, going well beyond the usual suspects.

More engagement and more interaction with those, for whom the UN was created – for all.



#HRCPres: Here I am getting ready to answer your questions on the #HRC and #HumanRights - #AskHRCPres pic.twitter.com/Pe1DtxmAqz


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See some of the highlights of the conversation below:



Gerrit Kurtz
@GerritKurtz

What was the biggest challenge and what was the greatest achievement of the #HRC during your time in office #AskHRCPres ?

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#HRCPres Hi @GerritKurtz, challenge:building crossregional bridges for results, achievm.:HRC COI fight against impunity in Syria #ASKHRCPres

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Vera Scott
@VeraSScott

@UN_HRC What is the HRC Pres doing to free [#RaifBadawi](#) and others in Saudi Arabia?
[#ASKHRCPres](#) 10:28 AM - 24 Nov 2015 · Details

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[#HRC](#) Pres [@VeraSScott](#): Pres role is to protect civil society space. As result the case has been spotlighted many times in the HRC [#ASKHRCPres](#)

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Sini Maria
@SMHeikkila

What does [#HRC](#) do 2 address [#politicization](#) of [#UN](#) [#NGO](#) committee In [#NY](#)? Many [#humanrights](#) NGOs struggle 2 get [#ECOSOC](#) status [#AskHRCPres](#)

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[#HRCPres](#) [@SMHeikkila](#): this is question for NY, however HRC ensures that a wide range of voices are heard [#ASKHRCPres](#)

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ARTICLE 19

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[#AskHRCPres](#): is maintaining consensus on res16/18 important? If yes, is the commitment of states to the Istanbul Process reflective of this?



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[#HRCPres](#) Hi [@article19UN](#): consensus on 16/18&Forb is very important. Need commitm to both Istanbul proces & Rabat plan of action. [#ASKHRCPres](#)



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Rosa

Freedman

@GoonerDr

Ambassador, when will there be a Special Session and/or fact-finding mission regarding ISIS and HR abuses? [#AskHRCPres](#)



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[#HRCPres](#) Hi, [@GoonerDr](#): we had sobering report&discussions on "IS". This will continue, S.S. however up to MS [#ASKHRCPres](#)



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Phil Lynch
@PhilALynch

How are lack of cooperation with SPs & widespread reprisals compatible with HRC membership?
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[#HRCPres](#) Hi [@PhilALynch](#): with membership comes responsibility incl standing invitation for all SP (eg:reminded Pres Maduro) [#ASKHRCPres](#)

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Monika Kienle
@Mohnwiese60

What is the responsibility of the Human Rights Council Leader? How could Saudi Arabia receive this task? [#AskHRCPres](#)

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[#HRCPres](#) Hi, [@Mohnwiese60](#) ! Responsibility of HRCPres is to contribute to keep the HRC focused on HRviolations [#ASKHRCPres](#)

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@Mohnwiese60

[@GermanyUNGeneva](#) What is the task of the Human Rights Council Leader, now Saudi Arabia? Which pros & cons have been weighed? [#AskHRCPres](#)

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#HRCPres, @Mohnwiese60 Saudi Arabia is not now and as it looks will not be HRC Pres!
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John Fisher
@JohnFisher_hrw

#Venezuela Pres recently convened #HRC for self-promotion. In future, will States & NGOs be able to speak at special mtgs? #ASKHRCPres

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#HRCPres Hi, @JohnFisher_hrw: Bureau in process of developing criteria for any future visits, proper contextualization seems key #ASKHRCPres

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@ISHRglobal

How will you institutionalise the UN HRC's response to reprisals, ensuring investigation and real accountability? #AskHRCPres @UN_HRC

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#HRCPres Hi, @ISHRglobal will ask successor to keep sharp focus on all cases and document accordingly including for #SG report #ASKHRCPres

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Arsen Ostrovsky
@Ostrov_A

Why does @UN_HRC cont. to single out #Israel & will it remove Agenda Item 7? #HRCPres #HRC #HumanRights #AskHRCPres twitter.com/UN_HRC/status/...

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#HRCPres Hi, @Ostrov_A: changing HRCagenda will req. decision by states. Porportionality an issue, bt also many others addressed #ASKHRCPres

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Marc Limon
@marc_limon

What is your main lesson learned from your efforts to improve #HRC efficiency #AskHRCPres ?@UN_HRC @GermanyUNGeneva @URGthinktank

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#HRCPres Hi, @marc_limon:transparency, visibility regarding our initiatives is key(enhanced voluntary calendar& website...) #ASKHRCPres

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Marc Limon
@marc_limon

Does lack of Spec Sess on [#Burundi](#) undermine [#HRC](#) credibility as key forum 2prevent violations (R2P) [@UN_HRC](#) [@GermanyUNGeneva](#) [@URGthinktank](#)

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[#HRCPres](#) Hi again [@marc_limon](#): we might see S.S. As Pres,I keep reminding states to keep HRC responsive in crises incl [#Burundi](#). [#ASKHRCPres](#)

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Marc Limon
@marc_limon

[@UN_HRC](#) Hi 😊. Good to hear!

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Tasha
Manoranjan
@tdmanoranjan

What has [#HRC](#) learned from UN inaction in & on [#Tamil](#) deaths in [#srilanka](#) in 2009? Where do things stand w/ [#RightsUpFront](#) now? [#ASKHRCPres](#)

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[#HRCPres](#) Hi,[@tdmanoranjan](#): [#RuF](#) is all about the UN detecting HR viol. in time and reacting! In this sense:lessons learned. [#ASKHRCPres](#)

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Mario Arulthas
@MarioArul

[#SriLanka](#) is also on the agenda of the HRC. How important to lasting peace is it that it implements the terms of the resolution? [#AskHRCPres](#)

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[#HRCPres](#) Hi, [@MarioArul](#): very important! [#ASKHRCPres](#)

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Hilary Power
@hils_pp

Does the [@UN_HRC](#) Confidential Complaints system work, or is a purely political process?
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[#HRCPres](#) Hi [@hils_pp](#), the [#CP](#) provides imp opportunity for redress and make sure victims get response & are not forgotten. [#ASKHRCPres](#)

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Sarah Brooks
@sarahmcneer

Since 29/11 is Intl Women HRDs Day - what can [@UN_HRC](#) do to ensure more [#WHRD](#) voices are heard in the Council's discussions? [#AskHRCPres](#)

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#HRCPres Hi, @sarahmccneer: we have annual full day diss and focus on #WHRD in numerous initiatives. But open f your suggestions! #ASKHRCPres

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Michael Ineichen
@IneichenM

What would you like your legacy to be in terms of protection of #HRDs and creation of civil society space @UN_HRC & in country? #AskHRCPres

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#HRCPres Hi, @IneichenM: ideally, current practice continued by successor and value of civil society space widely appreciated #ASKHRCPres

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#HRCPres: thanks to all for participating in this useful Q&A! Stay tuned for another session before the end of the year. #ASKHRCPres

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