

# UN HRC President (#HRCPres) Twitter Q&A

On 1 June 2015, at 4.30pm, Ambassador Ruecker as President of the Human Rights Council held his first Q&A on Twitter, live from his Office in the Palais des Nations of the United Nations Office in Geneva. To find out about his next Twitter Q&A, follow the Presidency @UN\_HRC.

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**#AskHRCPres**  
 AMBASSADOR JOACHIM RUECKER'S *FIRST*  
 LIVE TWITTER Q&A AS PRESIDENT OF THE  
 HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL  
 MONDAY, 1 JUNE 2015 FROM 16.30 (GENEVA TIME;GMT+2)

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**#askHRCPres**

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Happening now: ask human rights questions during a live Q&A. Tweet Qs using [#AskHRCPres](#) & follow [@UN\\_HRC](#) [pic.twitter.com/jlOIXu9V5a](http://pic.twitter.com/jlOIXu9V5a)

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The goal was to offer an opportunity for *anyone with a Twitter account, anywhere in the world*, to interact with the President of the Council, ask him any question about human rights, about the Council and his role and receive a response **straight from the source**.



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This lively conversation reached **Tweeters from over 20 countries** including France, China, Kenya, Japan, Armenia, Colombia, the US, the Philippines and Australia, receiving **more than 80 unique questions** addressed to the President.



[#HRCPres](#): Here I am getting ready to answer your questions on the [#HRC](#) and [#HumanRights](#) - [#AskHRCPres pic.twitter.com/g0i2SCqDkB](#)

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See some of the highlights from the discussion below.



**Mélissa C.**

@MelissaRakovsky

[#AskHRCPres](#) @UN\_HRC how can we improve coordination/cooperation between the HRC in Geneva and the General Assembly /Security Council in NY?



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.@MelissaRakovsky [#HRCPres](#): I discussed this with 3rd and 5th Committee in NY in April. We will strive to avoid overlap [#AskHRCPres](#)



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**Nicolas Agostini**

@Nico\_Agostini

[#AskHRCPres](#) What can you do to protect human rights defenders & uphold rules for civil society participation in the @UN\_HRC's work?



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.@Nico\_Agostini [#HRCPres](#): growing body of HRC res on HRDs & Civil Soc space. Must keep urging States to fulfill responsibilities.[#AskHRCPres](#)



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**Philippe Dam**

@philippe\_dam

[#AskHRCPres](#) How to respond to states ignoring all visit requests by Special rapporteurs? I.e. [#Uzbekistan](#) since 2002 & [#Venezuela](#) since 1996



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.@philippe\_dam #HRCPres: lets continue urging states to extend standing invitations publicly and bilaterally! #AskHRCPres

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**Peter Svidler**  
@SvidlerPeter

@UN\_HRC #AskHRCPres how can UN balance it's western democratic ideals while accepting other cultures & forms of gov., namely in Middle East?

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.@SvidlerPeter #HRCPres: there is no such thing as "Western" HRs. #HumanRights are universal. #AskHRCPres

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**Sophie Richardson**  
@SophieHRW

#AskHRCPres Curious to know how President is addressing case of death of Cao Shunli?  
[hrw.org/news/2014/03/1...](http://hrw.org/news/2014/03/1...)

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.@SophieHRW #HRCPres: on all cases brought to my attention,I am providing input to the annual report of the #UNSG due in Sept #AskHRCPres

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## Human Rights Council

### Agenda<sup>1</sup>

- Item 1. Organizational and procedural matters
- Item 2. Annual report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and reports of the Office of the High Commissioner and the Secretary-General
- Item 3. Promotion and protection of all human rights, civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights, including the right to development
- Item 4. Human rights situations that require the Council's attention
- Item 5. Human rights bodies and mechanisms
- Item 6. Universal Periodic Review
- Item 7. Human rights situation in Palestine and other occupied Arab territories
- Item 8. Follow-up and implementation of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action
- Item 9. Racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related forms of intolerance, follow-up and implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action
- Item 10. Technical assistance and capacity-building

#AskHRCPres Dear @UN\_HRC, Isn't it a gross violation of equality that your June agenda singles out #Israel only? [pic.twitter.com/sLCYnAHP4Z](https://pic.twitter.com/sLCYnAHP4Z)



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.@HillelNeuer #HRCPres: one can discuss proportionality, however many issues(thematic&country situations) are discussed in June #AskHRCPres



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Michael Ineichen

@IneichenM

What - in addition to QA on Twitter - will you do to ensure victims of human rights violations see #HRC as a space to be heard? #AskHRCPres



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.@IneichenM #HRCPres: precond. for remedy is making violations public by providing space for victims voices to be heard=HRC core #AskHRCPres

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**Pedro Taborda**  
@pedromtaborda

Ambassador, how can the UN partner with the EU to really find a solution, regarding the refugees from N. Africa ? #AskHRCPres .@UN\_HRC

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.@pedromtaborda #HRCPres: we will have SR on migrants report at #HRC29 and States have asked for more time to be devoted to this #AskHRCPres

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**Angelie Camache**  
@lamTherese

@UN @UN\_HRC #AskHRCPres What are your plans to address the increasing killing of journalists and activists?

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.@lamTherese @UN #HRCPres: HRC has been vocal on this and shld continue to address, see Safety of Journalists Res A/HRC/RES/27/5 #AskHRCPres

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**Donal Kennedy**  
@DonalFKennedy

What can be done to ameliorate LGBTI rights, cognisant of the growing territorial disparity between E+W, N+S? @UN @UN\_HRC #AskHRCPres

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.@DonalFKennedy #HRCPres: mindful, but Res from last Sept was powerful signal and shows way ahead #AskHRCPres

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**Hyeong-sik Yoo**  
@hyeongsik\_yoo

How can we address discrepancies between how States act in #HRC and at domestic level ? #AskHRCPres

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.@hyeongsik\_yoo #HRCPres: aim must always be impact on the ground - we need you all to help translate commitments into actions #AskHRCPres

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**Sri Lanka**  
**Campaign**  
@SLcampaign

#AskHRCPres @UN\_HRC we're looking forward to the publication of OISL report. Any thoughts on how HRC will continue work in SL afterwards?

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.@SLcampaign #HRCPres: report will likely contain recommendations & shed light on important issues, States to decide on follow up #AskHRCPres

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Harutinator  
@Harutimon

#AskHRCPres How will the #HRC help prevent the weaponized use of chlorine in #Syria

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.@Harutimon #HRCPres: our HRC #CoISyria reported on it with a view to accountability of perpetrators Shows importance of their work #AskHRCPres

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UN Watch  
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#AskHRCPres 1. Why has @UN\_HRC never condemned #SaudiArabia #Pakistan #China #Russia #Cuba #Venezuela & #Qatar? 2. Because they're members?

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.@UNWatch #HRCPres: the HR sit in all these countries were raised at HRC mtgs as well as UPR sessions where their HR record was reviewed

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Ilya A.I.  
@Ilya\_A\_I

How can HRC balance between political agendas and needs of humanity? Can it? [#AskHRCPres](#)

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.@Ilya\_A\_I [#HRCPres](#): individual HR holders shld always be the focus, will keep reminding States (who also acknowledge this) [#AskHRCPres](#)

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[#HRCPres](#) : Surpassed an hour and 10'- Thanks to all for participating in this useful Q&A session. Be back soon [#AskHRCPres](#)

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Thanks to everyone who took part in making this a truly genuine and diversified exchange!

Do keep posting your questions on Twitter via [#AskHRCPres](#)... another Q&A is upcoming soon...



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Stay tuned [@UN\\_HRC](#) for updates on the next opportunity for a real-time exchange.

For more information on the Human Rights Council and its President go to our **site**  
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