*SAVE THE DATE: SIDE EVENT 74TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY*

**2020 and Beyond;**

**Vision for the treaty body system**

**Panel discussion with**

**Chairpersons of human rights treaty bodies**

*Tuesday, 15th October 2019*

*9.00 am to 10.00 am*

*Conference Room 11, UN HQ*

On the occasion of the presentation of the reports of the Chairpersons of human rights treaty bodies to the 74th session of the General Assembly, the Chairpersons and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) would like to invite you to a “Davos-style” panel to share their vision for the 2020 review of the treaty body system with member States and other stakeholders.

*Panellists:*

* Mr. Mohammed **Ayat,** Chairperson of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances
* Sir Malcolm **Evans,** Chairperson of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture
* Mr. Ahmed Amin **Fathalla,** Chairperson of the Human Rights Committee
* Mr. Jens **Modvig,** Chairperson of the Committee against Torture
* Mr. Can **Ünver**, Chairperson of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families
* Mr. Renato **Zerbini Ribeiro Leao,** Chairperson of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights,

*Opening remarks:* Ms. Hui Lu, Chief Intergovernmental Affairs, Outreach and Programme Support Section, OHCHR

*Moderator:* Ms. Elena Kountouri Tapiero, Secretary Chairpersons meeting, OHCHR

*Format:*

A “Davos style” panel is a dialogue between the panellists and a moderator. An initial round of questions from the moderator to the panellists will be followed by discussions in the panel and with the audience. Each speaker will have 2 minutes to respond. No formal speeches will be used to foster an open debate and lively interaction.

*Background:*

[General Assembly resolution 68/268](https://documents-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/N13/455/53/pdf/N1345553.pdf?OpenElement) on strengthening and enhancing the effective functioning of the treaty body system adopted in April 2014 made a number of recommendations to States, treaty bodies and the United Nations to realize greater efficiency and effectiveness in the work of the treaty bodies. The resolution includes a biennial status and progress report of the Secretary-General to the General Assembly. The most recent was presented to the 73rd session of the General Assembly. The resolution also mandates a consideration of the state of the human rights treaty body system and a review of the measures taken by April 2020.

[Assembly resolution 73/162](https://documents-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/N18/448/78/pdf/N1844878.pdf?OpenElement) requested the Secretary-General to submit the status report in January 2020 to inform the consideration and review in April 2020.

The Chairpersons of treaty bodies at their [31st annual meeting in June 2019](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/AnnualMeeting/Pages/MeetingChairpersons.aspx) agreed on a common position on the future of the treaty body system, see [Annex III, A/74/256](https://documents-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/N19/237/65/pdf/N1923765.pdf?OpenElement).

*Guiding questions:*

Speakers will focus on the following questions:

* What is the vision of the Chairs for the 2020 review of the treaty body system?
* What measures for efficiency and effectiveness have been adopted so far?
* How will treaty body strengthening enhance human rights protection?
* What is the relation between treaty body reporting and reporting under the Sustainable Development Goals?
* What is the relationship between treaty body recommendations and national implementation?

*Further information:*

Treaty body strengthening

<https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRTD/Pages/TBStrengthening.aspx>

Latest Secretary-General’s report on the status of the treaty body system

<https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRTD/Pages/2ndBiennialReportbySG.aspx>

Forthcoming Secretary-General’s report on the status of the treaty body system

<https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRTD/Pages/3rdBiennialReportbySG.aspx>

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