



## MODALITIES OF PARTICIPATION

### Session modalities

Sessions will start and end punctually at the times indicated in the programme. During all sessions, including the opening and closing plenary sessions on 17 and 18 November, there are expected to be brief Q&A segments. Session moderators will be responsible for ensuring participation from the floor and for facilitating multi-stakeholder dialogue, in line with the guidance for session moderators.<sup>1</sup> Participants wishing to speak from the floor, should raise their hand or country plate (for State delegations). If given the floor, participants should clearly indicate their name and organization and keep their comments short (less than 2 minutes).

### Constructive and respectful dialogue

All participants are encouraged to contribute to the Forum's spirit of constructive, multi-stakeholder dialogue, keeping a focus on finding solutions and ways to strengthen human rights protection and prevent and address violations.

Participants are also requested not to read from pre-prepared written statements, documents or published texts in order to stimulate dynamic discussions. Written submissions may be sent to the Forum Secretariat for online posting (to [forumbhr@ohchr.org](mailto:forumbhr@ohchr.org), indicating "Written submission" in the subject line)

Session moderators will use their discretion in managing interventions from the floor in order to enable different stakeholders to participate in the dialogue and to ensure a balanced debate, pertinent to the topic of the respective session. In line with the nature of the Forum all stakeholders, States, non-governmental organizations, community representatives, and business participate on an equal footing.

### Seating arrangements

There will be free seating in all sessions. Participants are advised to be in the room 10 minutes before the start of the session.

### Languages

Please refer to the programme for each session for information on language interpretation available. Interpretation is available in all six UN languages for the opening and closing plenary sessions on 17 and 18 November. Interpretation is available in English, French and Spanish in all UN-led sessions (as indicated in the programme).

### Webcast

There will be live streaming of the UN-organised sessions. The links will be available via the Forum web page (there will be two separate links: one for Room XX and one for Room XXIII and the Assembly Hall). Video footage from these sessions will be uploaded on UN WebTV as soon as possible after the Forum.

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<sup>1</sup> Available at: [http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Issues/Business/ForumSession4/Guidance\\_session\\_organizorg\\_moderators.pdf](http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Issues/Business/ForumSession4/Guidance_session_organizorg_moderators.pdf)