



MODALITIES OF PARTICIPATION

Session modalities

Sessions will start and end punctually at the times indicated in the programme. During all sessions, including the plenary sessions on 15 and 16 November, there are expected to be brief Q&A segments. The only exception is the plenary session on 14 November, where there will be speeches and a panel discussion at the podium only.

Session moderators will be responsible for ensuring participation from the floor and for facilitating multi-stakeholder dialogue. 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 harm.

Participants are 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, 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

Interpretation is available in all UN languages for the plenary session on 15 November, and in English, French, Spanish, and Russian for the plenary sessions on 14 and 16 November and a number of parallel sessions. Chinese interpretation is also available for one parallel session. Please refer to the programme for the full information on available language interpretation.

Webcast

There will be live streaming of sessions in Room XX and the Assembly Hall. The link will be available via the Forum web page. Video footage from these sessions will be uploaded on UN WebTV as soon as possible after the Forum.