



MODALITIES OF PARTICIPATION

Session modalities

Sessions will start and end punctually at the times indicated in the programme. During all sessions, except for the plenary sessions, there are expected to be Q&A segments.

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 (no more 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 (see guidance for session organisers and moderators). 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 26 November, and in English, French and Spanish for the plenary sessions on 27 and 28 November and a number of parallel sessions. All information regarding interpretation will be included in the concept notes of each session in the [online programme](#). When no interpretation is indicated, the session will be only in English. This year, some sessions of the Forum will have interpretation in Urdu, Korean, Chinese and Hindi.

Webcast

There will be live streaming of all sessions. Links will be available in the respective concept notes. Video footage from sessions taking place in the Assembly Hall and Room XX will be uploaded on UN WebTV as soon as possible after the Forum.

Forum hashtags

#UNForumBHR / #bizhumanrights