

OHCHR panel discussion on the most efficient ways of upholding good governance to address the human rights impacts of the various digital divides

In accordance with Human Rights Council resolution 51/5

Programme of work

Date 4 September 2023, 10:00-12:00 and 15:00-17:00 CET

Venue: Room XX, Palais des Nations, Geneva, and online platform (Zoom)

The meeting will consist of an opening session followed by two interactive panel discussions and a closing session. In sessions 1 and 2, initial presentations by the panelists will be followed by interventions by participants and concluding remarks from the panelists.

4 September 2023

10:00 – 10:20 CET

Opening session

- **Mr. Volker Türk**, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (video)
- **H.E. Mr. Václav Bálek**, President of the Human Rights Council
- **Ms. Adriana Quiñones**, Head of Human Rights and Development, UN Women Geneva Office

10:20 – 12.00 CET

Session 1: Human rights-based approach to data and indicators as a means of measuring good governance and bridging the digital divides

- **Mr. Mark Cassayre**, Permanent Observer to the UN and International Organizations in Geneva, International Development Law Organization.
- **Mr. Dominik Rozkrut**, President of Statistics Poland (online)
- **Ms. Mariana Neves**, Governance Statistics Specialist, Oslo Governance Centre, UNDP (online)
- **Ms. Farida Shaheed**, UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Education (online)
- **Ms. Caitlin Kraft-Buchman**, CEO/Founder of Women at the Table and Co-founder/Leader of <A+> Alliance

Moderator: **Mr. Nicolas Fasel**, Chief Statistician, OHCHR

15:00 – 16:50 CET

Session 2: A way forward: the role of digitalisation in promoting good governance

- **Mr. Morten Koch Andersen**, Deputy Research Director, Senior Researcher, Raoul Wallenberg Institute.
- **Mr. Vincenzo Aquaro**, Chief of the e-Government Branch, DPADM, UNDESA (online)

- **Ms. Zorana Markovic**, Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Officer, Corruption and Economic Crime Branch, Thematic Support Section, UNODC (online)
- **Mr. David Clarke**, Acting head of the Systems Governance and Stewardship Team, WHO
- **Ms. Cheri-Leigh Erasmus**, Global Director of Learning, Accountability Lab

Moderator: **H.E. Mr. Zbigniew Czech**, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Poland to the United Nations

16:50 – 17:00 CET **Closing session**

- **Ms. Peggy Hicks**, Director, Thematic Engagement, Special Procedures and Right to Development Division, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Background documents

- Our Common Agenda Policy Brief 5 A Global Digital Compact — an Open, Free and Secure Digital Future for All, (2023).
- Human Rights Council Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the Panel discussion on good governance in the promotion and protection of human rights during and after the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic (A/HRC/52/43) (2022).
- Human Rights Council resolution 51/5 of 6 October 2022 on the role of good governance in the promotion and protection of human rights (A/HRC/RES/51/5)
- Commission on the Status of Women, Report of the Secretary-General Innovation and technological change, and education in the digital age for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls (2022) (E/CN.6/2023/3)
- UN Women, Expert Group Meeting “Innovation and technological change, and education in the digital age for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls.” Gendered Nature of Digital Inequality: Evidence for Policy Considerations, Background paper prepared by: Alison Gillwald & Andrew Partridge (2022) (EGM/STI/BP.1)
- Special Rapporteur on the right to education, Report on the impact of the digitalization of education on the right to education (2022) (A/HRC/50/32)
- Human Rights Council Advisory Committee, Report on possible impacts, opportunities and challenges of new and emerging digital technologies with regard to the promotion and protection of human rights (2021) (A/HRC/47/52)
- UNDP, Report “New Technologies for Sustainable Development: Perspectives from integrity, trust and anti-corruption” (2021)
- Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities, Report on Artificial Intelligence and the rights of persons with disabilities (2021) (A/HRC/49/52)
- Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression, Report on safe digital space for women’s equal enjoyment of freedom of opinion and expression (2021) (A/76/258)



- Secretary-General, Report on the road map for digital cooperation: implementation of the recommendations of the High-level Panel on Digital Cooperation (2020) (A/74/821)
- Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights, Report on digital technology, social protection and human rights (2019) (A/74/493)
- OHCHR, Report on promotion, protection and enjoyment of human rights on the Internet: ways to bridge the gender digital divide from a human rights perspective (2017) (A/HRC/35/9)