



Human Rights Week of Events

6-9 December 2022

At UPEACE Costa Rica and Hybrid

The [United Nations Network on Racial Discrimination and Protection of Minorities](#), the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), University for Peace (UPEACE), the Equal Rights Trust (ERT), United States Institute of Peace (USIP) and Religions for Peace (RfP) join forces to organize a series of hybrid events at the UPEACE campus in Costa Rica, in the run-up to Human Rights Day (10 December 2022) and the 30th anniversary of the UN Minorities Declaration (18 December 2022).

The Human Rights Week of Events include the launch of two publications, including a guide on developing comprehensive anti-discrimination law; a summit on racial discrimination and protection minorities in peace, security and prevention; various roundtables on freedom of religion or belief, equality law, and intersectionality; as well as a two-day regional seminar on the right to development. These events feature senior United Nations officials, high-ranking government officials, experts, civil society representatives and human rights defenders, including grassroots activists.

The Human Rights Week of Events are open to the public and will take place in hybrid format (please register below for Zoom links).

General registration for the Human Rights Week of events is available [here](#) or scan the QR code below:



The [regional seminar on the contribution of development to the enjoyment of all human rights](https://indico.un.org/event/1002746/) taking place on 8-9 December requires prior registration at: <https://indico.un.org/event/1002746/>

Tuesday, December 6: Day of Events on Equality and Non-Discrimination

Roundtable Workshop

Religions, Beliefs, and Human Rights: A 'Faith for Rights' Approach

10:00-11:30 Central Standard Time (CST)

Location: University for Peace, El Rodeo de Mora, Cd Colón, San José, Costa Rica and on Zoom

Presentation of the USIP Global Campus online course on “Religions, Beliefs, and Human Rights: A ‘Faith for Rights’ Approach”, addressing the role of religious and faith-based actors in promoting human rights and facilitating sustainable peace. This self-paced online course is moderated by the UN Special Rap

porteur on freedom of religion or belief and includes modules contributed by the UN Special Rapporteur on minority issues, Treaty Body members and faith-based actors, including the Secretary-General of Religions for Peace. Further information: michael.wiener@un.org

Launch of Two Human Rights Publications

12:00-13:30 Central Standard Time (CST):

Location: University for Peace, El Rodeo de Mora, Cd Colón, San José, Costa Rica and on Zoom

1. *Comprehensive Guidebook (OHCHR and Equal Rights Trust):*

Protecting Minority Rights: A Practical Guide on Developing Comprehensive Anti-Discrimination Legislation

OHCHR and Equal Rights Trust launch their flagship equality law publication, the United Nation’s definitive substantive guidance in support of the Secretary General’s Our Common Agenda report. The Guide details the human rights obligation to adopt comprehensive anti-discrimination laws at national level, as well as on the scope and content of such legislation as set out under international human rights law. Further information: claudc.cahn@un.org

2. *Book (UPEACE):*

A Missing Piece for Peace: Bringing Together the Right to Peace and Freedom of Conscientious Objection to Military Service

In this open access book, diplomats, civil society representatives, academics, UN Special Rapporteurs and Treaty Body members examine key questions on the right to peace and freedom of thought, conscience, religion or belief. In addition, short personal stories about positive experiences and practices, written by conscientious objectors and peace activists across the globe, link the thematic chapters of this book published by UPEACE Press. Further information: michael.wiener@un.org

Colloquium

The Global Movement for Comprehensive Anti-Discrimination Law

15:00-17:00 Central Standard Time (CST):

Location: University for Peace, El Rodeo de Mora, Cd Colón, San José, Costa Rica and on Zoom

Following up the launch of the Guide [*Protecting Minority Rights: A Practical Guide on Developing Comprehensive Anti-Discrimination Legislation*](#), equality law experts discuss why we need such laws, why States around the world are adopting them, what is included in such laws, and what kinds of social change has followed pursuant to the adoption of such laws. Further information: claudcahn@un.org

Wednesday, December 7: United Nations Network on Racial Discrimination and Protection of Minorities Times of Crisis Pillar Summit

Times of Crisis Pillar Summit

United Nations Network on Racial Discrimination and Protection of Minorities

Racial Discrimination and Protection of Minorities in UN Peace and Security, including Prevention

8:00-17:00 Central Standard Time (CST)

Location: University for Peace, El Rodeo de Mora, Cd Colón, San José, Costa Rica and on Zoom

At a commemorative event marking the Thirtieth Anniversary of the 1992 United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Minorities at United Nations Headquarters on 21 September 2022, UN Secretary-General Guterres underlined that the protection of minorities is “integral to the mission of the United Nations” and that the promotion of minority rights is “vital to advancing political and social stability and preventing conflict within and between countries”. The Secretary-General called for political leadership and resolute action since, 30 years after the adoption of the Declaration, the world is facing outright inaction in the protection of minority rights.

During 2022, the Times of Crisis Pillar of the [UN Network on Racial Discrimination and Protection of Minorities](#) has worked to strengthen global discussion of racial discrimination and protection of minorities in international peace and security, including prevention. As part of these efforts, the Times of Crisis Pillar of the Network (coordinated by the OHCHR) will hold a one-day public event in San José, Costa Rica, on 7 December 2022, focusing on racial discrimination and minority protection in peace, security and humanitarian responses to conflict, including prevention. The event is hosted by and held jointly with the [University for Peace](#).

The Times of Crisis Pillar Summit of 7 December 2022 aims to draw specific attention to the multiple issues and threats facing minorities in conflict-affected settings, in various parts of the world. This event is also intended to open a dialogue on future steps to be taken to enhance the protection of minority rights in the UN peace, security and prevention agenda.

Participants in the Summit include primarily officials drawn from various parts of the UN system focused specifically on areas related to UN peace and security, including prevention. The meeting will also involve experts from civil society.

The Summit will result in an action plan, for the period 2023- 2025, to be discussed and adopted at the first meeting of the Times of Crisis Pillar of the Network, in the first weeks of 2023. Further information: laura.cahier@un.org

Thursday, December 8: Roundtable Workshop on Equality, Non-Discrimination and Intersectionality

Advancing Equality and Non-Discrimination through an Intersectionality Perspective: Challenges, Good Practices and Future Opportunities

Please note: This event is in Spanish language only

10:30-12:00 Central Standard Time (CST)

Location: Inter-American Court of Human Rights (San José, Costa Rica) and Zoom

Hosted in the premises of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, the Roundtable Workshop on Equality, Non-Discrimination and Intersectionality will explore how an intersectionality perspective can help promote and secure equality and non-discrimination for individuals and groups facing compounded forms of discrimination. The discussion will also focus on the [Guidance Note on Intersectionality, Racial Discrimination and Protection of Minorities](#) published by the Intersectionality Pillar of the UN Network on Racial Discrimination and Protection of Minorities. Introductory remarks will be offered by Dr. Ricardo César Pérez Manrique, President of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, and two panels featuring expert speakers will explore good practices at various levels, including the national, Inter-American and United Nations levels, to implement an intersectionality perspective.

ZOOM LINK : Please register to the intersectionality event using the [Human Rights Week registration link](#) or the [form in Spanish](#) to receive the Zoom link. Further information: laura.cahier@un.org

Thursday-Friday, December 8-9: Americas and the Caribbean Regional Seminar on the Contribution of Development to the Enjoyment of All Human Rights

Americas and the Caribbean Regional Seminar

The Contribution of Development to the Enjoyment of All Human Rights

Location: University for Peace, El Rodeo de Mora, Cd Colón, San José, Costa Rica

Website: <https://www.ohchr.org/en/events/meetings/2022/americas-and-caribbean-regional-seminar>

Registration: <https://indico.un.org/event/1002746/>

This will be the fourth [regional seminar on the contribution of development to the enjoyment of all human rights](#). Panels will focus on the role of international cooperation for sustainable development in promoting and protecting human rights, the commitment to ending poverty in all its forms, contribution of development of cities and improving local policies to the enjoyment of all human rights, and the contribution of productive capacities in the health sector to the enjoyment of all human rights. The High Commissioner will present a summary report of the seminars with conclusions and recommendations to the 54th session of the Human Rights Council in 2023.

On 12 July 2021, the Human Rights Council adopted resolution [47/11](#), on “The contribution of development to the enjoyment of all human rights”. In this resolution, the Council requested the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to organize a series of regional seminars, one for each of the five geographical regions. In addressing the contribution of development to the enjoyment of all human rights, these seminars allow United Nations Member States, relevant United Nations agencies, funds and programmes, international and regional organizations, national human rights institutions, civil society organizations and other stakeholders to identify challenges and gaps and share good practices and experiences in this regard.

The [Concept Note](#) details the content, methodology and expected outcome of the aforementioned regional seminars. The programme of work will be uploaded to the [Americas and the Caribbean regional seminar website](#).

The regional seminar will take place in English, French and Spanish. For the regional seminar, you can follow the conversation online using hashtags #SDG4HR #AGENDA2030 #CD2HR.

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