



AFRICA-MIDDLE EAST REGIONAL FORUM 6-7 SEPTEMBER 2022

REVIEW RETHINK REFORM

30th
ANNIVERSARY,
UN DECLARATION
ON THE RIGHTS
OF MINORITIES
1992-2022

Outline of the Programme of Work

(draft – subject to change)

All time are GMT +1 (Rabat)

Day 1 – Tuesday 6th September 2022

10:00-11:00

Opening Session

Welcoming remarks

Opening Remarks

Rules and Guide to Proceedings

Anna-Mária Bíró, Director of the Tom Lantos Institute, will set-out the process and explain the rules of proceedings for the forthcoming sessions.

11:00 - 11:30

Technical Break

11:30 - 13:30

Thematic Session 1: Normative framework: existing norms and interpretations

Moderator:

Experts:

13:30 - 14:30

Break

14:30 - 16:30

**Thematic Session 2: Implementation:
Institutions, Mechanisms, Policies, and
Programmes**

Moderator:

Experts:

Day 2 – Wednesday 7th September 2022

09:00 - 11:00

**Thematic Session 3: Minority participation as a
procedural and substantive right and process**

Moderator:

Experts:

11:00 - 12:00

Break

12:00 – 14:00

**Thematic Session 4: Moving Forward: Reforming
the Protection and Implementation of the
Minority Rights Framework**

Moderator:

Experts:

14:00 – 15:00

Break

15:00-15:30

Presentation of Recommendations

In this session, the proposed recommendations developed during the four thematic sessions will be made available to participants to consider.

The session will be introduced by **Fernand de Varenes**, UN Special Rapporteur on minority issues, following which **Marcus Oda**, Programme Manager at the Tom Lantos Institute, will present the list of recommendations.

Participants can make any final comments on specific recommendations using the online chat function.

15:30-16:00

Concluding remarks

Fernand de Varenes, UN Special Rapporteur on minority issues

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in Amazigh, Arabic, English, French and Arabic Sign Language