

# ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

WEDNESDAY 29 NOV 2023

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, ANTALL 4Q2, BRUSSELS







### **Draft programme**

TIME	DETAILS
08:30	Registration / Doors open
10:15	Opening speech by the European Parliament President,  Roberta Metsola
10:30 - 13:00	PANEL I

# 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the UDHR What makes human rights universal?

#### Chair:

<u>Udo Bullmann</u>, Chair of the Subcommittee on Human Rights Introductory remarks:

**David McAllister**, Chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs

#### High Level address by:

Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, **Volker Türk** [online]

#### Speakers:

- Ellen Johnson, co-chair of the High Level Board on effective multilateralism, former President of Liberia and Nobel Peace Prize Laureate [tbc]
- Siofra O'Leary, President of the European Court for Human Rights [tbc]
- Matteo Mecacci, Director of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights [online]
- <u>Eamon Gilmore</u>, EU Special Representative for Human Rights

- Esmeralda Arosemena de Troitiño, 1st Vice President of the inter-American Commission on Human Rights
- Ambassador Bankole Adeoye, Commissioner for Political Affairs, Peace and Security, African Union [tbc] / AU Commissioner of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights [tbc]

Q&A session

#### Concluding remarks:

**Juan Fernando Lopez Aguilar**, Chair of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs [tbc]

13:00 - 15:00 Lunch break

15:00 - 17:30 PANEL II

## Working together to meet the challenges of our times

Chair

<u>Udo Bullmann</u>, Chair of the Subcommittee on Human Rights Introductory remarks:

Tomas Tobé, Chair of the Committee on Development

#### High Level addresses by:

Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations and Chair of the United Nations Sustainable Development Group, **Amina Mohamed** [*tbc*] / European Commissioner for International Partnerships, **Jutta Urpilainen** 

#### Speakers:

- Agnes Callamard, Secretary General of Amnesty International
- Maria Ressa, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate 2021 [online]
- Dimitri Mouratov, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate 2021
- Oleksandra Matviichuk, Head of the Center for Civil Liberties, awarded the Nobel Peace Prize 2022 and a representative of the Ukrainian people for the Sakharov Prize 2022
- Mahbouba Seraj, Director of Afghan Women Skills
   Development Center

Q&A session

Concluding remarks:

Pascal Canfin, Chair of the Committee on Environment [tbc]

### With the active participation of:

- Members from the EU National Parliaments
- Representatives of local Civil Society Organizations & Human Rights defenders
- Representatives of Youth voices
- EP rapporteurs:
- <u>Isabel Wiseler Lima</u>: Rapporteur on the protection of journalists around the world and EU policies on the matter, (EPP)
- <u>David Lega</u>: Rapporteur "Towards an EU strategy to promote education for children in the world: mitigating the impact of COVID-19 in the world", (EPP)
- Nacho Sanchez Amor: Rapporteur on the annual report on democracy and human rights in the world and the EU's policies on the matter, (S&D)
- <u>Raphael Glucksmann</u>: Rapporteur on the opinion related to the proposal for a directive on Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence and amending directive (EU) 2019/1937, (S&D)
- Katalin Cseh: Rapporteur on corruption and human rights, (Renew Europe)
- <u>Soraya Rodriguez Ramos</u>: Rapporteur on the situation of children deprived of liberty in the world, (Renew Europe)
- <u>Salima Yenbou</u>: Rapporteur on the Commission proposal on prohibiting products made with forced labour in the Union's market, (Renew Europe)
- <u>Karol Karski</u>: Rapporteur on the persecution of minorities on the grounds of beliefs of religions, (ECR)
- <u>Hannah Neumann</u>: Rapporteur on the EU's guidelines on human rights defenders, (Greens/EFA)
- <u>Heidi Hautala</u>: Rapporteur on shaping the EU's position on the UN binding instruments on business and human rights in particular on access to remedy and the protection of victims, (Greens/EFA)
- Miguel Urban Crespo: Rapporteur "Access to water as a human right", (The Left)