



Side event at the 33rd session of
the UN Human Rights Council

UPR IN UGANDA: opportunities and pitfalls

Panellists

- **Dr. Livingstone Sewanyana**
Foundation for Human Rights
Initiative (FHRI)
- **Estella Kabachwezi**
DefendDefenders (the East and Horn
of Africa Human Rights Defenders
Project)
- **William Okabo Achol**
Corruption Brakes Crusade Uganda
(COBRA CRUSADE)

Moderator

- **David Kode**
CIVICUS World Alliance for Citizen
Participation

► **Date:** 23 September 2016 ► **Time:** 11:00 – 12:00

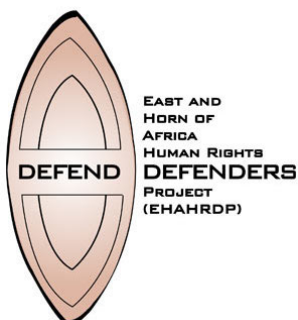
► **Venue:** Room XXV, Palais des Nations, Geneva

Despite commitments made by the Government of Uganda during its initial examination under the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) in 2011, more than four years later the vast majority of the recommendations made have not been realised.

Restrictions on fundamental freedoms have persisted, as a spate of obstructive legislation is used to suppress freedom of expression, assembly and association. Peaceful demonstrations and assemblies also continue to be violently suppressed, while journalists have been attacked and arrested.

A recurring pattern of intimidation and harassment of civil society organisations, particularly those focusing on human rights, remains routine as their premises are broken into, vandalised and sensitive information stolen.

Ahead of Uganda's upcoming UPR in November 2016, this side event will bring together human rights defenders from Uganda to discuss opportunities for civil society to hold the government accountable within the context of the UPR, and explore lessons learnt on how to ensure the effective realization of these commitment in the next UPR implementation process.



For further information please contact: tor.hodenfield@civicus.org
and advocacy@defenddefenders.org