

CIVIL SOCIETY PARTICIPATION IN REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL INTER-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS



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Monday, September 26 2016, 10.30 - 12.00
Palais Des Nations, Room XXV

Public participation must be respected as a human right by inter-governmental organisations (IGOs) at the international level as much as by national governments. In practice, a number of IGOs have sought to widen public participation by developing various frameworks to facilitate broader input in their policies. Examining how public participation is addressed across these entities is important to identify good practices that can be replicated.

At its 32nd session, the UN Human Rights Council (UN HRC) adopted the civil society space resolution HRC res/32/31, tasking OHCHR with preparing a report on **participation of civil society in regional and international organizations**. By facilitating a discussion between representatives of inter-governmental entities and CSOs, the event will help inform OHCHR in developing the concept and framework for its report.

The event is organized by the Civic Space Initiative (CSI).

SPEAKERS:

- ❖ **Lidiya Grigoreva**, NGO Liaison Officer, UNOG
- ❖ **Emilio Alvarez Icaza**, former Executive Secretary of the IACHR
- ❖ **Anna Rurka**, President of the Conference of INGO of COE
- ❖ **Hannah Forster**, Director of the African Center for Democracy and Human Rights Studies
- ❖ **Phil Lynch**, Director of the International Service for Human Rights
- ❖ **Gillian Dell**, UN Coalition on Anti-Corruption (UNCAC)
- ❖ **Safir Syed**, Civil Society Section, UN OHCHR
- ❖ **Moderator: Ambassador Patricia O'Brien**, Permanent Representative of Ireland

Coffee/croissants served at 10:15.

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