



ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, ANTALL 4Q2, BRUSSELS



WEDNESDAY
29 NOV 2023

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DETAILS

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08:30

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10:15

Opening speech by [Roberta Metsola](#), President of the European Parliament

10:30 - 13:00

PANEL I

75th anniversary of the UDHR What makes human rights universal?

Chair:

[Udo Bullmann](#), Chair of the Subcommittee on Human Rights of the European Parliament

Introductory remarks:

[David McAllister](#), Chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the European Parliament

High Level address by:

[Volker Türk](#), United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
[*online*]

Guest Speakers:

- [Esmeralda Arosemena de Troitiño](#), 1st Vice President of the inter-American Commission on Human Rights
- [Idrissa Sow](#), Commissioner at the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights [*online*]
- [Eamon Gilmore](#), EU Special Representative for Human Rights

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- [Mattias GUYOMAR](#), Judge at the European Court on Human Rights (ECHR) - *[online]*
 - [Matteo Mecacci](#), Director of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights *[online]*

Civil Society Organisations:

- [Khin Ohmar](#) (Myanmar)
Human rights and democracy activist of Myanmar
- [Tony Germain Nkina](#) (Burundi)
Burundese lawyer and human rights defender

Youth voices:

- [Abdelkhalig Shaib](#) (Sudan)
Sudanese lawyer and human rights defender
- [Parasto Hakim](#) (Afghanistan)
Activist for the education of women and girls in Afghanistan

Q&A session

Concluding remarks:

[Juan Fernando Lopez Aguilar](#), Chair of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs of the European Parliament

13:00 - 15:00 Lunch break

15:00 - 18:30 PANEL II

Working together to meet the challenges of our times

Chair

[Udo Bullmann](#), Chair of the Subcommittee on Human Rights of the European Parliament

Introductory remarks:

[Tomas Tobé](#), Chair of the Committee on Development of the European Parliament

High Level addresses by:

[Jutta Urpilainen](#), Commissioner for International Partnerships, European Commission

[Amina J. Mohammed](#), Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations and Chair of the United Nations Sustainable Development Group [video message - 5']

Guest Speakers:

- [Agnes Callamard](#), Secretary General of Amnesty International
- [Dmitry Mouratov](#), Nobel Peace Prize Laureate 2021 [*online*]
- [Oleksandra Matviychuk](#), 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 [*online*]
- [Arnold Kiel Loughman](#), Attorney General of Vanuatu, *Leading the case on Climate justice at the International Court of Justice*

Civil Society Organisation:

- [Ivonne Yanez](#) (Ecuador) - [Acción Ecológica](#)
Environmental and feminist activist of Ecuador
- [Ruslan Myatiev](#) (Turkmenistan) - [Turkmen.news](#)
Anti-slavery activist and human rights defender of Turkmenistan
- [Ana Claudia Santano](#) (Brazil) - [Transparência Eleitoral Brasil](#) [*online*]
Brazilian human rights defender and democracy advocate

Youth voices:

- [Mozn Hassan](#) (Egypt)
Egyptian feminist activist and founder of Nazra

Q&A session

- Concluding remarks:
[Nacho Sanchez Amor](#) : Rapporteur on the annual report on democracy and human rights in the world and the EU's policies on the matter in 2023

Closing of the event

[Heidi Hautala](#), Vice President of the European Parliament

With the active participation of:

- European Parliament's rapporteurs:

Committee on Foreign Affairs and Subcommittee on Human Rights

- [Isabel Wiseler Lima](#) : Rapporteur on the protection of journalists around the world and EU policies on the matter, (EPP)
- [David Lega](#) : 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)
- [Raphaël Glucksmann](#): 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)
- [Soraya Rodriguez Ramos](#): Rapporteur on the situation of children deprived of liberty in the world, (Renew Europe)
- [Salima Yenbou](#): Rapporteur on the Commission proposal on prohibiting products made with forced labour in the Union's market, (Renew Europe)
- [Karol Karski](#): Rapporteur on the persecution of minorities on the grounds of beliefs of religions, (ECR)
- [Hannah Neumann](#): Rapporteur on the EU's guidelines on human rights defenders, (Greens/EFA)
- [Heidi Hautala](#): 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)

Committee on Development

- [György HÖLVÉNYI](#) : Rapporteur on EU development cooperation to enhance access to education and training in developing countries (EPP)
- [Janina OCHOJSKA](#) : Rapporteur on Policy Coherence for Development (EPP)
- [Carlos ZORRINHO](#) : Rapporteur on how to build an innovative humanitarian aid strategy: spotlight on current and forgotten crises (S&D)
- [Barry ANDREWS](#) : Rapporteur on the implementation and delivery of the Sustainable Development Goals (Renew Europe)
- [Beata KEMPA](#) : Rapporteur on addressing food security in developing countries (ECR)

Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

- [Lukas Mandl](#), Rapporteur on the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights, (EPP)
 - [Javier Zarzalejos](#), Rapporteur on Combating child sexual abuse online, (EPP)
 - [Katarina Barley](#), Rapporteur on the Situation of fundamental rights in the European Union - annual report 2022 and 2023 (S&D)
 - [Evin Incir](#), Rapporteur on Combating violence against women and domestic violence (S&D)
 - [Łukasz Kohut](#), Rapporteur on the proposal for a Council decision on the conclusion, by the European Union, of the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (S&D)
 - [Sophia In 't Veld](#), Rapporteur on the Report on the Commission's 2023 Rule of Law report (Renew)
 - [Anna Júlia Donáth](#), Rapporteur on "The shrinking space of civil society in Europe", (Renew)
 - [Maite Pagazaurtundúa](#), Rapporteur on Extending the list of EU crimes to hate speech and hate crime (Renew)
 - [Joachim Stanisław Brudziński](#), Rapporteur on Electoral rights of mobile Union citizens in municipal elections, (ECR)
 - [Romeo Franz](#), Rapporteur on "The Implementation of National Roma Integration Strategies: Combating negative attitudes towards people with Romani background in Europe", (Greens/EFA)
 - [José Gusmão](#), Rapporteur on the Implementation report on the EU LGBTIQ Equality Strategy 2020-2025 (The Left)
- **Members from the EU National Parliaments**
 - [Khalil Aouasti](#): Head of the Delegation of the Belgian House of Representatives, Member of the Committee on Justice
 - [Jiří Kobza](#): Head of the Delegation of the Czech Chamber of Deputies, Member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs
 - [Maria Antoniou](#): Head of the Delegation of the Hellenic Parliament, Chair of the Special Permanent Committee on Equality, Youth and Human Rights
 - [Ioannis Sarakiotis](#): Member of the Special Permanent Committee on Equality, Youth and Human Rights (Hellenic Parliament)
 - [Federica Onori](#): Member of the Committee on Foreign and European Community Affairs (Italian Chamber of Deputies)
 - [Deborah Bergamini](#): Member of the Committee on Foreign and European Community Affairs (Italian Chamber of Deputies)

- [**Tomas Vytautas Raskevičius**](#): Head of the Delegation of the Lithuanian Parliament, Chair of the Committee on Human Rights
- [**Katalin Csöbör**](#): Head of the Delegation of the Hungarian National Assembly, Member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs
- [**Dr. Koloman Brenner**](#): Vice-chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs (Hungarian National Assembly)
- [**Henk Marquart Scholtz**](#): Head of the Delegation of the Dutch Senate, Member of the Committee on Justice and Security
- [**Janny Bakker-Klein**](#): Member of the Committee on Justice and Security (Dutch Senate)
- [**Nikolaus Scherak**](#): Head of the Delegation of the Austrian National Council, Chair of the Committee on Human Rights
- [**Anca Dana Dragu**](#): Chair of the Committee for Human Rights, Equal Opportunities, Religions and Minorities (Romanian Senate)
- [**Radu Mihai Mihail**](#): Member of the Committee for foreign policy (Romanian Senate)
- [**Lucia Plavakova**](#): Head of the Delegation of the Slovak National Parliament, Chair of the Committee on Human Rights
- [**Zuzana Stevulova**](#): Member of the Delegation of the Slovak National Parliament, Member of the Committee on Human Rights