

**Programme - Human Rights Council Strengthening Conference  
Friday 1 December 2017, Warwick hotel,  
Rue de Lausanne 14, 1201 Geneva**

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- 08h30 - 08h45      Registration
- Coffee and croissants
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- 08h45 – 9h30      Morning plenary - Opening (format: 1 representative per delegation)
- Welcome by the Chair, H.E. Ms Monique van Daalen, Permanent Representative of the Netherlands; Introductory remarks by H.E. Mr Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein, High Commissioner for Human Rights, Introductory remarks by H.E. Ms Laura Dupuy, former President of the Human Rights Council
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- 09h40 – 13h15      Breakout Group session (format: 1 representative per delegation)
- Group 1 – Methods of work, programme of work and the review, rationalisation and improvement of mandates.
- Co-facilitators: H.E. Mr Janis Karklins, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Latvia; and H.E. Ms Yvette Stevens, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Sierra Leone.
- Discussants: H.E. Mr Hans Brattskar, Permanent Mission of Norway; and Dr. Alexei Goltiaev, Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation.
- Group 2 – Strengthened delivery of international human rights technical assistance and capacity-building support: strengthened support for and follow-up to domestic implementation; and the operationalization of the Council's 'prevention' mandate.
- Co-facilitators: H.E. Ms Maria Nazareth Farani Azevêdo,

Permanent Mission of Brazil; and H.E. Mr François Xavier NGARAMBÉ, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Rwanda

Discussants: H.E. Mr FOO Kok Jwee, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Singapore; and Ms Manuela Teixeira Pinto, Permanent Mission of Portugal.

Group 3 – Council membership, elections, inclusivity, access – promoting universality.

Co-facilitators: H.E. Mr Julian Braithwaite, Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom; and H.E. Ms Socorro Flores Liera, Permanent Mission of Mexico.

Discussants: H.E. Ms Athaliah Molokomme, Permanent Mission of Botswana; and Mr Jason Mack, Permanent Mission of the United States of America

A Coffee break during the break-out group session will be held between 11h15 – 11h30.

13h20 – 14h40

Buffet lunch

14h45 – 16h30

Afternoon plenary – Reporting back from the breakout groups, next steps, and closing (format: 2 representatives per delegation)

Introduction by the Chair, H.E. Ms Monique van Daalen, Permanent Representative of the Netherlands

Brief presentations by the co-facilitators of breakout groups

Open and informal discussion

Wrap-up focussing on next steps