



## GLION HUMAN RIGHTS DIALOGUE

Glion Human Rights Dialogue 2018 (30-31 May 2018)

*The place of human rights in a reformed United Nations*

### Programme

On 30-31 May 2018, the Government of Switzerland, supported by the Universal Rights Group, will host a two-day retreat in Chardonne, Switzerland, designed to provide an open platform for dialogue and fresh thinking on the future of the international human rights system.

The title of the 2018 Glion Human Rights Dialogue ('Glion V') is:

*The place of human rights in a reformed United Nations*

### Programme

The Glion Human Rights Dialogue is a retreat-style event bringing together around 60 human rights practitioners and thinkers. It is designed to provide an optimal atmosphere for honest and frank exchange, and new and innovative thinking. The meeting is held under the 'Chatham House rule.'

The Dialogue will take place at the *Hotel Le Mirador* in *Chardonne (near Vevey), Switzerland*.

### Wednesday 30th May

11h00-13h30:                      Registration of participants



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**12h30-13h30: Lunch for all participants (buffet)**

*Room: The Patio*

**13h45-15h10: Opening plenary (Interpretation EN-FR provided)**

*Room: Montreux*

**Chair:** H.E. Mr Valentin ZELLWEGER, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of Switzerland

**13h50-14h00: *Welcome and introductory remarks***

Ms Natalie KOHLI, Minister, Deputy Head of the United Nations and International Organisations Division, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland

**14h00-14h30: Keynote addresses: 'The place of human rights in a reformed UN'**

H.E. Mr Zeid Ra'ad AL HUSSEIN, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

H.E. Mr Vojislav ŠUC, President of the Human Rights Council

H.E. Mr Fabrizio HOCHSCHILD, Assistant Secretary-General for Strategic Coordination, United Nations

**14h30-15h10: *Q&A with speakers***



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**15h15-18h30: Parallel breakout groups**  
*(Including short coffee break at around 16h45)*

Participants will divide into three parallel breakout groups for more in-depth interactive discussion. Each will start with a short presentation of key themes and ideas generated by the three informal pre-Glion policy dialogues, convened by the Permanent Missions of Senegal, Mexico and Thailand.

Each breakout group will include around 20 participants and will be chaired by a facilitator-rapporteur.

Each breakout group will be asked to produce a short summary of key conclusions together with three 'headline' goals and six specific, precise and achievable recommendations. The summaries will be presented during the closing plenary session (morning of Thursday 31 May) by the three facilitator-rapporteurs.

The three parallel breakout groups are:

### **1. Human rights in the Secretary-General's reform agenda (Interpretation EN-FR provided)**

- a. What is the place of human rights in the Secretary-General's current reform proposals covering UN management (Secretariat), the development system, and the UN's peace and security architecture?
- b. What are the implications for human rights of these reforms?
- c. How can a stronger focus on human rights contribute to supporting the achievement of the Secretary-General's reform objectives?

**Room:** Vevey



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**Facilitator-rapporteur:** H.E. Mr Carsten STAUR, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of Denmark

**Short summary of main conclusions and proposed actions from the 15th May policy dialogue hosted by the Permanent Mission of Senegal**

**Key discussants:** H.E. Mr Fabrizio HOCHSCHILD, Assistant Secretary-General for Strategic Coordination, United Nations

Ms Sarah CLIFFE, Director, Center on International Cooperation, New York University

Ms Maria Luisa SILVA, Director, United Nations Development Programme Office in Geneva

H.E. Mr Nikita E. ZHUKOV, Ambassador, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation

## 2. Reform of the UN's human rights architecture

- a. What is the 2021-2026 review by the General Assembly? What would a status upgrade of the Human Rights Council mean? Does the GA review necessitate a preparatory exercise by the Human Rights Council?
- b. What are the practical consequences of the Council's subsidiary status for the efficiency and effectiveness of the international human rights system, for UN-wide coherence, and for the enjoyment of human rights by individual people on the ground? What are the practical consequences of the historic imbalances in the UN's regular budget for human rights, and – by extension – for the realisation of peace and security, and sustainable development?





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- c. What is the significance, for the place of human rights in a reformed UN, of the current Human Rights Council strengthening process, being led by the 2018 Council Bureau; and is there a potential line between this exercise and preparations for the 2021-2016 review?

**Room:** Boardroom One

**Facilitator-rapporteur:** Mr Rochus PRONK, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of the Netherlands

**Short summary of main conclusions and proposed actions from the 24th April policy dialogue hosted by the Permanent Mission of Mexico**

**Key discussants:** Mr Eric TISTOUNET, Chief of the Human Rights Council branch, OHCHR

Ms Susanne FRIES-GAIER, Minister Counsellor, Head of Political Affairs, Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Germany

Ms Chahinda Emadeldin Hussein MOHAMED, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of the Arab Republic of Egypt

Mr Phil LYNCH, Director, International Service for Human Rights





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### 3. Delivering on-the-ground impact, and communicating success and relevance.

- a. Where has the human rights pillar (Human Rights Council and its mechanisms, Treaty Bodies, OHCHR) had a positive impact on the enjoyment of human rights on the ground, and also, by extension, on peace and security and sustainable development?
- b. What lessons can we glean from such positive impact case studies in terms of how the international community can improve the human rights pillar's ability to generate and measure on-the-ground human rights impact, and to communicate success?
- c. How can UN-wide coherence be further strengthened so that the entire UN system, especially those parts operating at national level (e.g. the Resident Coordinator system, human rights advisors and UN Country Teams), is delivering as one in the field of human rights?

**Room:** Chardonne

**Facilitator-rapporteur:** H.E. Nazhat Shameem KHAN, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Fiji

**Short summary of main conclusions and proposed actions from the 1st May policy dialogue hosted by the Permanent Mission of Thailand**

**Key discussants:** Ms Peggy HICKS, Director of the Thematic Engagement, Special Procedures, and Right to Development Division, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)





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Ms Najat Rochdi, Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary General to MINUSCA and Humanitarian Coordinator, Resident Coordinator of the United Nations Country Team in the Central African republic

Ms Manuela TEIXEIRA PINTO, Deputy Permanent Representative of Portugal

Dr Sima SAMAR, Chairperson, Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission (AIHRC)

**19h30- 20h00: Reception for participants**

*Room: Hotel bar*

**20h00: Dinner for participants**

*Room: The Patio*

### Thursday 31st May

**08h00-09h30: Breakfast for participants and checkout**

**09h30-11h30: Closing plenary – panel discussion, reporting back, conclusions and recommendations**

**(Interpretation EN-FR provided)**

*Room: Vevey-Montreux*

**Chair:** H.E. Mr Valentin Zellweger, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of Switzerland



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09h30-09h45: **Welcome by the Chair**

09h45-11h30: **Reporting back and interactive panel discussion**

H.E. Mr Carsten STAUR, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of Denmark

Mr Rochus PRONK, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of the Netherlands

H.E. Ms Nazhat Shameem KHAN, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Fiji

Ms Catalina DEVANDAS AGUILAR, Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; Chair of the Coordination Committee of Special Procedures (TBC)

Ms Vrinda GROVER, Human Rights Lawyer, Working Group on Human Rights in India and at the UN

*Interactive discussion*

11h30-12h00: **Conclusions and next steps**

H.E. Mr Valentin Zellweger, Permanent Representative of Switzerland

12h00: **End of Glion Human Rights Dialogue**

12h00: **Departure of participants**



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