



Glion Human Rights Dialogue 2019 (Glion VI)
Towards 2026: Perspectives on the future of the Human Rights Council

Policy Dialogue on:
‘New York perspectives on the General Assembly’s 2021-2026 review of the Human Rights Council’s status’

10.00h-12.30h on Thursday 9 May 2019

Conference Room 6,
United Nations Headquarters

10:00 **Introductions by the co-chairs, H.E. Ms. Bergdís Ellertsdóttir, Permanent Representative of Iceland to the United Nations, and H. E. Mr. Harald Aspelund, Permanent Representative of Iceland to the United Nations Office at Geneva**

10.15 **The establishment and evolution of the Human Rights Council and the question of its status: recalling previous reviews and their outcomes, and reflecting on current debates and developments**

The establishment and institutional development of the Council: previous reviews of the Council’s status and its work and functioning, and progress in the delivery of its mandate
Mr Eric Tistounet, Chief, Human Rights Council Branch, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)

Civil society perspectives on the GA’s review and useful ‘Geneva’ contributions: possible timing and process, and ideal outcomes
Ms Sherine Tadros, Head of NYC Office of Amnesty International

10.35 **Facilitated discussion**

11.15 **Looking ahead to the GA’s review of the Council’s status (2021-2026): timing, process (options), and possible useful Council contributions**

Opportunities to consider the relationship between the Council and the GA/Third Committee: coordination, communication, coherence and the current thinking and possible options at the GA

H. E. Valentine Rugwabizam, Permanent Representative of Rwanda to the United Nations

Discussions to-date in Geneva - looking ahead to the next GA review of the Council’s status: debates, options and key considerations

Ms Danica Damplo, Policy Analyst and head of office, URG New York

11:35 **Facilitated discussion**

12.20 **Conclusions**

12.30 Close