

Newsletter of the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

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Activities of the mandate

International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

In March 2018, I participated in several events held in the context of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. Written and video statements I delivered on this -and other- occasions can be found on the [website](#) of my mandate.

Civil society consultations

I am committed to building a strong network of civil society organizations, social movements, community-based actors, academics and others working in the field of racial discrimination. In order meaningfully to involve interested stakeholders in the agenda setting of my mandate, I plan to host informal consultations with national and local actors across all regions of the world.

I previously convened such consultations during my trips to Bogota and New York in March 2018. The next consultation will take place in Geneva on 3 July 2018. Information about future consultations will be circulated through the network of my mandate and made available on my [website](#).

Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration

Given the impact of migration governance on racial equality worldwide, my mandate has sought actively to contribute to the process of the development of the Global Compact on safe, orderly and regular migration. Most recently, I have shared an [open letter](#) with UN Member States which includes some recommendations from my mandate for bringing the Global Compact for Migration in line with international human rights law and principles regarding racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance. My first thematic report to the UN Human Rights Council also provides States a valuable resource detailing the international human rights standards prohibiting racial discrimination in citizenship, nationality and immigration law and policy.

Country visits

I conducted my first country visit from 30 April to 11 May 2018. At the invitation of the Government, I visited the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. During this visit, I met with a wide variety of stakeholders in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland in order to: examine issues of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance in the country; identify promising practices and make concrete recommendations. My preliminary observations on the visit can be found [here](#). In addition, a report with my findings and conclusions will be presented to the United Nations Human Rights Council in June 2019.

Information on the country visit requests that my mandate has sent to various Governments can be found [here](#). I encourage stakeholders to support these visit requests in their advocacy efforts on the national level. You are also welcome to provide suggestions for country visits my mandate should request and/or lobby Governments directly to invite my mandate to conduct a country visit.

38th Session of the Human Rights Council

I will participate in the 38th session of the Human Rights Council, which will take place in Geneva from 18 June to 06 July 2018. During my interactive dialogue, I will present the following two reports:

- [Report on racial discrimination in the context of citizenship, nationality and immigration status \(A/HRC/38/52\)](#)
- [Report on glorification of Nazism, neo-Nazism and other related practices \(A/HRC/38/53\)](#)

The interactive dialogue is scheduled to take place on 2 July between 15.00-18.00h in Palais des Nations, room XX. You can also watch the interactive dialogue online at <http://webtv.un.org/meetings-events/human-rights-council/>

While in Geneva, I will also participate in a number of side events relevant to my mandate.

Upcoming reports: Call for submissions

[The impact of nationalist populism on racial equality globally](#)

I will focus my second thematic report on the impact of nationalist populism on racial equality. The report will be presented at the seventy third Session of the UN General Assembly in fall 2018.

To inform this report, I invite all interested stakeholders to submit inputs and share their views. Background information on the report and guidelines for submissions can be found [here](#). While early submissions are encouraged, we kindly ask that you submit your inputs no later than **5 July 2018**. Submissions can be made in English, French, or Spanish to racism@ohchr.org.

[The contemporary use of digital technology in the spread of neo-Nazi and related ideology](#)

In line with General Assembly resolution 72/156, I am mandated to produce two reports annually on combatting glorification of Nazism, neo-Nazism and other practices that contribute to fuelling contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination. My second report on this topic will focus on the contemporary use of digital technology in the spread of neo-Nazi and related ideology. The report will be presented at the seventy third Session of the UN General Assembly in fall 2018.

To inform this report, I invite all interested stakeholders to submit inputs and share their views. Background information and guidelines for submissions can be found [here](#). The deadline for submissions is ***5 July 2018***. Submissions can be made in English, French, or Spanish to racism@ohchr.org.

[Submitting information/complaints to the Special Rapporteur](#)

I am mandated to take action on cases of alleged human rights violations relating to contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance. Based on the information received, I can intervene by sending letters – known as “communications” – to Governments and others. In these communications, I present the allegations, outline applicable human rights law and standards, ask for clarifications from relevant authorities and request them to ensure that violations are prevented, stopped, investigated, or that remedial action is taken.

I encourage any individual, group of people, civil-society organisation, inter-governmental entity, or national human rights body to submit relevant information and cases to my mandate. Further information and guidelines for submissions can be found [here](#).

[How to contact the Special Rapporteur](#)

The best way to strengthen the effectiveness of my mandate is to ensure that it is inclusive and approachable. You can contact me at any time via e-mail at racism@ohchr.org.

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