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## Programme of Work

## (subject to change)

**Day 1 14 June 2022**

**07:00-08:00 (GMT+02:00 - Geneva) Opening Session**

10:00-11:00 (GMT+05:00 - Islamabad)

13:00-14:00 (GMT+08:00 - Kuala Lumpur)

17:00-18:00 (GMT+12:00 - Wellington)

*Welcoming remarks*

**Anna-Mária Bíró**, Director of the Tom Lantos Institute

*Opening Remarks*

**Shigeru Aoyagi,** Director, UNESCO Bangkok **(pre-recorded message)**

**Cynthia Veliko,** Regional Representative, OHCHR Regional Office for South East Asia

**Stefano Sensi,** Deputy Regional Representativeof the High Commissioner for Human Rights in the Pacific

**Ambassador Nassima Baghli,** Permanent Observer of the Organisation for Islamic Cooperation Delegation in Geneva

**Fernand de Varennes,** United Nations Special Rapporteur on minority issues

*Rules and Guide to Proceedings*

**Anna-Mária Bíró**, Director of the Tom Lantos Institute, will set-out the process and explain the rules of proceedings for the forthcoming sessions.

**08:00-08:30 (Geneva, GMT +2)**  **Technical Break**

**08:30-10:30 (Geneva, GMT +2)**

**Thematic Session 1: Normative framework: existing norms and interpretations**

11:30-13:30 (GMT+05:00 - Islamabad)

14:30-16:30 (GMT+08:00 - Kuala Lumpur)

18:30-20:30 (GMT+12:00 - Wellington)

*Moderator:* **Jerald Joseph,** now Former Commissioner, Human Rights Commission Malaysia & Advisor Pusat Komas, Malaysia

*Experts:* **Mohammad Shahabuddin**, Chair in International Law & Human Rights, Birmingham Law School, University of Birmingham

**Ambika Satkunanathan,** human rights lawyer and activist, former Commissioner of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka

**Asif Aqeel**, Deputy Director, Center for Law & Justice

**Razia Sultana**, Coordinator for Women and Children’s Affairs, and Trafficking Prevention, Free Rohingya Coalition

*Interactive dialogue*

**10:30-11:30 (GMT+02:00 - Geneva) Break**

**11:30-13:30 (GMT+02:00 - Geneva)**

**Thematic Session 2: Implementation: Institutions, Mechanisms, Policies, and Programmes**

14:30-16:30 (GMT+05:00 - Islamabad)

17:30-19:30 (GMT+08:00 - Kuala Lumpur)

21:30-23:30 (GMT+12:00 - Wellington)

*Moderator:* **Ayako Hatano,** UN Advocacy Coordinator of the International Movement Against All Forms of Discrimination and Racism (IMADR)

*Experts:* **Sima Samar**, member of the United Nations Secretary-General’s High-Level Panel on Internal Displacement

**Dolkun Isa**, President, World Uyghur Congress

**Khatija Khader**, OHCHR Consultant and independent researcher

*Interactive dialogue*

**Day 2 15 June 2022**

**07:00-09:00 (GMT+02:00 - Geneva)**

**Thematic Session 3: Minority participation as a procedural and substantive right and process**

10:00-12:00 (GMT+05:00 - Islamabad)

13:00-15:00 (GMT+08:00 - Kuala Lumpur)

17:00-19:00 (GMT+12:00 - Wellington)

*Moderator:* **Sriprapha Petcharamesree**, Advisor, Institute of Human Rights and Peace Studies, Mahidol University

*Experts:* **Ghazala Jamil**, Assistant Professor, Centre for the Study of Law and Governance, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India

**Chet Narayan Rasaili**, former Senior OHCHR Fellow, President of the Dalit Youth Alliance

**Fareeda Panjor**, Center for Conflict Studies and Diversity, Prince of Songkla University

**Puja Kapai**, Associate Professor, Faculty of Law and Convenor of the Women’s Studies Research Centre at the University of Hong Kong

*Interactive dialogue*

**09:00-10:00 (GMT +02:00 – Geneva) Break**

**10:00-12:00 (GMT+02:00 - Geneva)**

**Thematic Session 4: Moving Forward: Reforming the Protection and Implementation of the Minority Rights Framework**

13:00-15:00 (GMT+05:00 - Islamabad)

16:00-18:00 (GMT+08:00 - Kuala Lumpur)

20:00-22:00 (GMT+12:00 - Wellington)

*Moderator:* **Sajjad Hassan,** Convenor, the South Asia Collective

*Experts:* **Dukthen Kyi**, Heads the UN, EU and Human Rights Desk at the Department of Information and International Relations, Central Tibetan Administration

**Manjula Pradeep**, Director of Campaigns, Dalit Human Rights Defenders Network Project

**Nina Mariani Noor**, Programme Executive, Globethics.net and Lecturer in School of Graduate Studies, UIN Sunan Kalijaga Yogyakarta

*Interactive dialogue*

**12:00-13:00 (GMT+02:00 - Geneva) Break**

**13:00-13:30 (GMT+02:00 - Geneva) Presentation of Recommendations**

16:00-16:30 (GMT+05:00 - Islamabad)

19:00-29:30 (GMT+08:00 - Kuala Lumpur))

23:00-23:30 (GMT+12:00 - Wellington)

In this session, the proposed recommendations developed during the four thematic sessions will be made available to participants to consider.

The session will be introduced by **Fernand de Varennes**, UN Special Rapporteur on minority issues, following which **Marcus Oda**, Programme Manager at the Tom Lantos Institute, will present the list of recommendations.

Participants can make any final comments on specific recommendations using the Interactio chat function.

Moderator: **Anna-Mária Bíró**, Director of the Tom Lantos Institute

**13:30-14:00 (GMT+02:00 - Geneva) Concluding remarks**

16:30-17:00 (GMT+05:00 - Islamabad)

19:30-20:00 (GMT+08:00 - Kuala Lumpur)

23:30-00:00 (GMT+12:00 - Wellington)

**Fernand de Varennes**, UN Special Rapporteur on Minority Issues

*Simultaneous interpretation is anticipated in English and Bahasa Malay*