**OHCHR expert meeting on enhancing capacity-building for local governments to incorporate human rights into all their work**

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***Programme of work***

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| **Date**  **Venue:** | **28 August 2023, 10:00-12:00 and 15:00-17:00 CET**  **Room XIX, Palais des Nations, Geneva, and online platform (Zoom)** |

The meeting will consist of an opening session followed by two interactive panel discussions and a closing session. In sessions 1 and 2, initial presentations by the panelists will be followed by interventions by participants and concluding remarks from the panelists.

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| **28 August 2023** | |
| **10:00 – 10:20 CET** | **Opening session**   * **H.E. Mr. Václav Bálek**, President of the Human Rights Council (video) * **H.E. Mr. Seong deok Yun**, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations Office at Geneva * **Ms. Nada Al-Nashif**, United Nations Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights |
| **10:20 – 12.00 CET** | **Session 1: Human rights cities – Enhancing capacity-building for local and regional governments**   * **Mr. Etornam James Flolu**, District Chief Executive (Mayor), Afadzato South District, Ghana * **Ms. Ivonne González**, High Counselor for Peace, Victims’ Rights and Reconciliation of the Mayor’s Office of Bogotá, Colombia * **Mr. Carlos Garolla**, Director, Human Rights Division of the Government of Canelones, Uruguay * **Mr. Morten Kjaerum**, Director, Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law * **Mr. Gyonggu Shin**, Executive Director, International Human Rights Training Center of Gwangju Metropolitan City, Republic of Korea   Moderator: **Ms. Wan-hea Lee**, Chief, Civil, Political, Economic, Social and Cultural Rights Section, Human Rights Treaties Branch, OHCHR |
| **15:00 – 16:45 CET** | **Session 2: Strengthening the capacity of local and regional governments to engage with the United Nations human rights mechanisms**   * **Ms. Maja Bova**, Legal Expert, Inter-ministerial Committee for Human Rights, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy * **Ms. JoAnn Kamuf Ward**, Deputy Commissioner, New York City Commission on Human Rights, United States of America * **Mr. Miloon Kothari**, Former UN Special Rapporteur on the right to adequate housing * **Ms. Esther Eghobamien-Mshelia**, Vice-Chair, UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women * **Ms. Melissa Upreti**,Member,UN Working Group on discrimination against women and girls   Moderator: **Ms. Mona M’Bikay**, Executive Director, UPR Info |
| **16:45 – 17:00 CET** | **Closing session**   * **Ms. Emilia Sáiz**, Secretary-General, United Cities and Local Governments * **Ms. Peggy Hicks**, Director, Thematic Engagement, Special Procedures and Right to Development Division, OHCHR |