



## Info Note on UN Special Procedures: Calls for input and upcoming country visits

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**Calls for input:** Development; Discrimination against women; Foreign debt; Freedom of assembly and association; Hazardous substances and wastes; Indigenous people; Sale of children; Violence against women; Water and sanitation

**Upcoming Country Visits:** Bosnia and Herzegovina; Brazil; Bulgaria; Ecuador; Gambia; Greece; Honduras; Malaysia; Mongolia; Nigeria; Norway; Peru; Republic of the Congo; Qatar; South Africa; Spain; Sri Lanka; Switzerland; Uzbekistan

### CALLS FOR INPUT

Mandate	Call	Deadline	Additional Info
<b>NEW!</b> Independent Expert on foreign debt	Call for submissions: Country visit to Mongolia (2-11 Sep 2019)	23 Aug 2019	<a href="#">Read more</a>
Special Rapporteur on the right to development	Call for submissions: Country visit to Switzerland (23 Sep-2 Oct 2019)	31 Aug 2019	Read more: <a href="#">EN</a>   <a href="#">FR</a>
<b>NEW!</b> Working Group on discrimination against women	Questionnaire on ‘Women’s Human Rights in the Changing World of Work’	1 Sep 2019	Read more: <a href="#">EN</a>   <a href="#">FR</a>   <a href="#">ES</a>
<b>NEW!</b> Special Rapporteur on freedom of assembly and association	Call for submissions: Country visit to Zimbabwe (Sep 2019)	1 Sep 2019	<a href="#">Read more</a>
Special Rapporteur on water and sanitation	Third Human Rights Youth Challenge: inviting young (24 to 32 y.o.) supporters of the human rights to water and sanitation to submit an essay on a case study that assesses an experience of private sector participation in the water and sanitation sector	2 Sep 2019	<a href="#">Read more</a>
<b>NEW!</b> Special Rapporteur on water and sanitation	Call for submissions: Country visit to Benin (29 Nov-12 Dec Oct 2019)	15 Sep 2019	<a href="#">Read more</a>
Special Rapporteur on hazardous substances and wastes	Call for submissions: Country visit to Brazil (2-13 Dec 2019)	15 Sep 2019	<a href="#">Read more</a>
<b>NEW!</b> Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples	Call for submissions: Country visit to the Republic of the Congo (14-24 Oct 2019)	25 Sep 2019	<a href="#">Read more</a>
Special Rapporteur on violence against women	Call for submissions: Country visit to Bulgaria (14-21 Oct 2019)	30 Sep 2019	<a href="#">Read more</a>

<b>NEW!</b> Special Rapporteur on violence against women	Call for submissions: Country visit to Ecuador (29 Nov-9 Dec 2019)	30 Sep 2019	<a href="#">Read more</a>
<b>NEW!</b> Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children	Call for input for the upcoming report "Looking back, Looking forward"	30 Sep 2019	<a href="#">Read more</a>

 = Requests information on LGBTI persons.

## COUNTRY VISITS BY THE INDEPENDENT EXPERT ON SOGI



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The UN Independent Expert on SOGI, Victor Madrigal-Borloz, undertakes 1 to 3 fact-finding country visits per year.

In **2019**, he is visiting **Ukraine** and **Sri Lanka**.

In **2018**, he visited **Georgia** and **Mozambique**.

In **2017**, his predecessor Prof. Vitit Muntarbhorn visited **Argentina**.

In March 2018, Victor Madrigal-Borloz made **12 country visit requests**, and in this section you may find information about current status of the requests. Additionally, on 4 July 2018 **Malta** invited the Independent Expert to visit their country.

If you wish to engage with ILGA with regard to the Independent Expert's visit to your country, please contact us ([kseniya@ilga.org](mailto:kseniya@ilga.org)).

Country	Current Status
<b>Argentina*</b>	<i>Visit conducted on 1-10 Mar 2017.</i> End of Mission Statement: <a href="#">English</a> – <a href="#">Spanish</a> Press Release: <a href="#">English</a> – <a href="#">Spanish</a> Country visit report: <a href="#">E</a> / <a href="#">F</a> / <a href="#">S</a> / <a href="#">A</a> / <a href="#">C</a> / <a href="#">R</a>
<b>Armenia*</b>	Request to postpone (17 April 2018)
<b>Burkina Faso</b>	Visit request (26 Mar 2018)
<b>Cambodia</b>	Visit request (26 Mar 2018)
<b>Georgia*</b>	<i>Visit conducted on 25 Sep to 5 Oct 2018.</i> End of Mission Statement: <a href="#">English</a> – <a href="#">Georgian</a> Press Release: <a href="#">English</a> – <a href="#">Georgian</a> Country visit report: <a href="#">E</a> / <a href="#">F</a> / <a href="#">S</a> / <a href="#">A</a> / <a href="#">C</a> / <a href="#">R</a>
<b>Ghana*</b>	Visit request (26 Mar 2018)
<b>Kenya*</b>	Visit request (26 Mar 2018)
<b>Malta*</b>	Invitation Country Visit (4 Jul 2018)
<b>Nepal</b>	Visit request (26 Mar 2018)
<b>Mozambique*</b>	<i>Visit conducted on 3-10 Dec 2018.</i> End of Mission Statement: <a href="#">English</a> – <a href="#">Portuguese</a> Press Release: <a href="#">English</a> – <a href="#">Portuguese</a> Country visit report: <a href="#">E</a> / <a href="#">F</a> / <a href="#">S</a> / <a href="#">A</a> / <a href="#">C</a> / <a href="#">R</a>

**Poland\*** Request to postpone (15 May 2018)

**Sri Lanka\*** *Visit postponed to 28 Oct to 8 Nov 2019.*  
[Background note](#)

**Thailand\*** Visit request (26 Mar 2018)

**Ukraine\*** *Visit conducted on 30 Apr to 10 May 2019.*  
End of Mission Statement: [English](#)  
Press Release: [English](#) – [Russian](#)

\* Countries with standing invitations. A standing invitation is an open invitation extended by a Government to all thematic special procedures. By extending a standing invitation States announce that they will always accept requests to visit from all special procedures.


## UPCOMING COUNTRY VISITS BY OTHER MANDATES

This information is regularly updated by the OHCHR [here](#).

To find out how you can support the visits, please contact the respective mandate-holders at their e-mail addresses, available [here](#).

Country	Mandate	Dates
Malaysia	Extreme poverty	12-22 Aug 2019
<b>NEW!</b> Nigeria	Extrajudicial executions	13-27 Aug 2019
Sri Lanka	Freedom of religion	15-24 Aug 2019
Honduras	Independence of judges and lawyers	16-22 Aug 2019
Honduras	Business	19-28 Aug 2019
<b>NEW!</b> Zimbabwe	Freedom of assembly and association	Sep 2019
Mongolia	Foreign debt	2-11 Sep 2019
Norway	Environment	12-23 Sep 2019
South Africa	Albinism	16-26 Sep 2019
Ecuador	Health	17-26 Sep 2019
Nigeria	Housing	17-26 Sep 2019
Uzbekistan	Independence of judges and lawyers	19-26 Sep 2019
Switzerland	Development	23 Sep - 2 Oct 2019
<b>NEW!</b> Bosnia and Herzegovina	Migrants	24 Sep - 1 Oct 2019
Norway	Disability	2-11 Oct 2019
<b>NEW!</b> Republic of the Congo	Indigenous Peoples	14-24 Oct 2019
Gambia	Sale and sexual exploitation of children	21-29 Oct 2019
Bulgaria	Violence against women	14-21 Oct 2019
Qatar	Arbitrary detention	3-14 Nov 2019
Qatar	Racism	24 Nov - 1 Dec 2019

<b>NEW!</b> Ecuador	 Violence against women 	29 Nov - 9 Dec 2019
<b>NEW!</b> Benin	 Water and sanitation 	29 Nov - 12 Dec 2019
Brazil	Toxic waste	2-13 Dec 2019
Greece	Arbitrary detention	2-13 Dec 2019
Peru	 Human rights defenders 	21 Jan - 7 Feb 2020
Spain	 Extreme poverty 	27 Jan - 7 Feb 2020
<b>NEW!</b> Malaysia	 Freedom of religion 	26 Mar - 8 Apr 2019

 = Mandate frequently considers LGBTI issues.