



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

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| Calls for input: | African descent; Disappearances; Executions; Freedom of opinion and expression; Freedom of peaceful assembly and of association; Hazardous substances; Independence of judges and lawyers; Mercenaries; Poverty; Racism; Truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence |
| Upcoming Country Visits: | Argentina; Belgium; Bhutan; Bulgaria; Canada; France; Georgia; Greece; Laos; Lesotho; Malaysia; Norway; Spain; Ukraine |

CALLS FOR INPUT

| Mandate | Call | Deadline | Additional Info |
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| NEW! Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers | Call for inputs: Exercise of Freedom of Expression, Association and Peaceful Assembly by judges and prosecutors (thematic report to be presented at the 41 st HRC session in June 2019) | 15 Jan 2019 | Read more Questionnaire: E F S |
| Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association | Call for inputs: The rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association in the digital age (thematic report to be presented at the 41 st HRC session in June 2019) | 15 Jan 2019 | Read more |
| Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence | Call for submissions: Experiences of domestic reparation programmes (thematic report to be presented at the 42 nd HRC session in Sep 2019) | 15 Jan 2019 | Read more Questionnaire: EN FR ES |
| Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent | Call for submissions: Country visit to Belgium (4-11 Feb 2019) | 18 Jan 2019 | Read more |
| NEW! Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights | Call for submissions: Country visit to Laos (18-28 Mar 2019) | 25 Jan 2019 | Read more |
| Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance | Call for submissions: Combatting glorification of Nazism, neo-Nazism and other racially discriminatory ideologies (annual report to be presented at the 41 st HRC session in June 2019) | 31 Jan 2019 | Read more |
| Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance | Call for submissions: Natural resource extraction and racial discrimination (thematic report to be presented at the 41 st HRC session in June 2019) | 31 Jan 2019 | Read more: EN FR ES |

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| Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions | Call for inputs: Use of lethal force by law enforcement officials on persons with psychosocial, intellectual or developmental disabilities (thematic report to be presented at the 41 st HRC session in June 2019) | 1 Feb 2019 | Read more |
| Working Group on enforced or involuntary disappearances | Call for inputs: Standards and public policies for an effective investigation of enforced disappearances (thematic report to be presented at the 42 nd HRC session in Sep 2019) | 1 Feb 2019 | Read more |
| NEW! Special Rapporteur on hazardous substances and wastes | Call for inputs: Consequences of exposure of indigenous people to toxic and hazardous substances (thematic report to be presented at the 74 th GA session in Sep 2019) | 15 Feb 2019 | Read more: EN FR ES |
| Special Rapporteur on the right to freedom of opinion and expression | Call for inputs: The surveillance industry and human rights (thematic report to be presented at the 74 th GA session in Sep 2019) | 15 Feb 2019 | Read more |
| NEW! Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent | Call for inputs: Data and analysis on the human rights situation of people of African descent (baseline report) | 28 Feb 2019 | Read more Data Template |
| Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions | Call for submissions: Country visit to Mozambique (dates TBC) | 28 Feb 2019 | Read more |
| NEW! Working Group on mercenaries | Call for submissions: Private military and security companies in the extractive industry (thematic report to be presented at the 42 nd HRC session in Sep 2019) | 15 Mar 2019 | Read more: EN FR ES |
| NEW! Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights | Call for inputs: Framework for realizing economic and social rights (research project expanding on report to the 32 nd HRC session in 2016) | 29 Mar 2019 | Read more |
| NEW! Working Group on enforced or involuntary disappearances | Call for inputs: Standards and public policies on effective investigation on enforced disappearances (WGEID study) | NA | Questionnaire: EN FR ES |

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 as part of his mandate.

His predecessor, Prof. Vitit Muntarbhorn, visited **Argentina** in March 2017. Check his report on this visit here: [EN](#) / [FR](#) / [ES](#) / [AR](#) / [RU](#) / [ZH](#)

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.

Up-to-date information about country visits may be found [here](#).

If you wish to engage with ILGA with regard to the Independent Expert's fact-finding visit to your country, please contact us (kseniya@ilga.org).

| Country | Current Status |
|---------------------|---|
| Argentina* | Visit conducted on 1-10 Mar 2017 |
| Armenia* | Request to postpone (17 April 2018) |
| Burkina Faso | Visit request (26 Mar 2018) |
| Cambodia | Visit request (26 Mar 2018) |
| Georgia* | Visit conducted on 25 Sep to 5 Oct 2018. End of Mission Statement: English – Georgian Press Release: English – Georgian |
| Ghana* | Visit request (26 Mar 2018) |
| Kenya* | Visit request (26 Mar 2018) |
| Malta* | Invitation Country Visit (4 Jul 2018) |
| Nepal | Visit request (26 Mar 2018) |
| Mozambique* | Visit conducted on 3-10 Dec 2018. End of Mission Statement: English – Portuguese Press Release: English – Portuguese |
| Poland* | Request to postpone (15 May 2018) |
| Sri Lanka* | Proposal of dates – 27 May 2019 to 7 June 2019 (31 October 2018) |
| Thailand* | Visit request (26 Mar 2018) |
| Ukraine* | Visit to be conducted from 30 Apr to 10 May 2019 (22 Aug 2018) |

* 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 |
|--------------------|--|----------------|
| Bhutan | Arbitrary detention | 14-25 Jan 2019 |
| Spain | Minorities | 14-25 Jan 2019 |
| Belgium |  African Descent  | 4-11 Feb 2019 |
| Lesotho |  Water and sanitation  | 4-15 Feb 2019 |
| Laos |  Extreme poverty  | 18-29 Mar 2019 |
| Bulgaria | Sale and sexual exploitation of children | 1-8 Apr 2019 |
| Canada | Disability | 1-13 Apr 2019 |
| NEW! Greece |  Discrimination against women  | 1-12 Apr 2019 |
| France |  Housing  | 2-11 Apr 2019 |
| Georgia | Business | 3-12 Apr 2019 |
| Argentina | Privacy | 6-17 May 2019 |
| Malaysia |  Extreme poverty  | 12-22 Aug 2019 |
| Norway | Disability | 2-11 Oct 2019 |