



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

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Calls for input: African Descent; Disability; Hazardous substances and wastes; Indigenous people; Minority issues; Racism; Sale of children; Slavery; Violence against women; Water and sanitation

Upcoming Country Visits: Azerbaijan; Benin; Bosnia and Herzegovina; Brazil; Bulgaria; Ecuador; Gambia; Greece; Italy; Malaysia; Netherlands; Nigeria; Norway; Qatar; Peru; Republic of the Congo; South Africa; Spain; Switzerland; Tuvalu; Uzbekistan; Zimbabwe

CALLS FOR INPUT

Mandate	Call	Deadline	Additional Info
NEW! Special Rapporteur on water and sanitation	Private Sector Participation: Online bilateral consultations on 18 and 25 Sep, and 2 and 19 Oct (sign-up), a questionnaire (will be available in early Oct), and other opportunities.	31 Dec 2019 (for the questionnaire)	Read more
Special Rapporteur on water and sanitation	Call for submissions: Country visit to Benin (29 Nov-12 Dec Oct 2019)	15 Sep 2019	Read more
Special Rapporteur on hazardous substances and wastes	Call for submissions: Country visit to Brazil (2-13 Dec 2019)	15 Sep 2019	Read more
NEW! Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance	Call for submissions: Country visit to the Netherlands (30 Sep-7 Oct 2019)	21 Sep 2019	Read more
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	Read more
NEW! Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities	Questionnaire on “Bioethics and Disabilities” – Call for submissions (for the thematic report to be presented at 43 rd HRC session in Mar 2020)	30 Sep 2019	Read more Questionnaire EN FR ES
Special Rapporteur on violence against women	Call for submissions: Country visit to Bulgaria (14-21 Oct 2019)	30 Sep 2019	Read more
Special Rapporteur on violence against women	Call for submissions: Country visit to Ecuador (29 Nov-9 Dec 2019)	30 Sep 2019	Read more
Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children	Call for input for the upcoming report “Looking back, Looking forward”	30 Sep 2019	Read more

NEW! Special Rapporteur on minority issues	Call for Submissions: Education, Language and the Human Rights of Minorities (for the thematic report to be presented at 43 rd HRC session in Mar 2020)	3 Oct 2019	Read more
NEW! Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent	Call for submissions: Country visit to Ecuador (14-18 Oct 2019)	7 Oct 2019	Read more
NEW!  Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children	Call for submissions: Country visit to Gambia (21-29 Oct 2019)	14 Oct 2019	Read more
NEW! Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery	Call for submissions: Country visit to Qatar (13-20 Jan 2020)	15 Oct 2019	Read more

 = 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.

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

If your country is planned for the Independent Expert's visit and you wish to engage with ILGA on this, please contact us (kseniya@ilga.org).











Country	Current Status
Argentina*	<i>Visit conducted on 1-10 Mar 2017.</i> End of Mission Statement: English – Spanish Press Release: English – Spanish Country visit report: E / F / S / A / C / R
Armenia*	Request to postpone (17 April 2018)
Burkina Faso	Visit request (26 Mar 2018)
Cambodia	Visit request (26 Mar 2018)
Georgia*	<i>Visit conducted on 25 Sep to 5 Oct 2018.</i> End of Mission Statement: English – Georgian Press Release: English – Georgian Country visit report: E / F / S / A / C / R
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*	<i>Visit conducted on 3-10 Dec 2018.</i> End of Mission Statement: English – Portuguese Press Release: English – Portuguese Country visit report: E / F / S / A / C / R
Poland*	Request to postpone (15 May 2018)
Sri Lanka*	<i>Visit to be conducted on 28 Oct to 8 Nov 2019.</i> Background note
Thailand*	Visit request (26 Mar 2018)
Ukraine*	<i>Visit conducted on 30 Apr to 10 May 2019.</i> 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
Norway	Environment	12-23 Sep 2019
South Africa	Albinism	16-26 Sep 2019
NEW! Tuvalu	 Cultural Rights 	16-27 Sep 2019
Ecuador	 Health 	17-26 Sep 2019
Nigeria	 Housing 	17-26 Sep 2019
Zimbabwe	 Freedom of assembly and association 	NEW! 17-27 Sep 2019
Uzbekistan	Independence of judges and lawyers	19-26 Sep 2019
Switzerland	Development	23 Sep - 2 Oct 2019
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Migrants	24 Sep - 1 Oct 2019
NEW! Netherlands	Racism	30 Sep-7 Oct 2019
NEW! Azerbaijan	Food	1-11 Oct 2019
Norway	Disability	2-11 Oct 2019
NEW! Ecuador	African Descent	14-18 Oct 2019
Bulgaria	 Violence against women 	14-21 Oct 2019

Republic of the Congo	Indigenous Peoples	14-24 Oct 2019
Gambia	 Sale and sexual exploitation of children 	21-29 Oct 2019
NEW! Brazil	Albinism	28 Oct-8 Nov 2019
Qatar	Arbitrary detention	3-14 Nov 2019
Qatar	 Racism 	24 Nov - 1 Dec 2019
Ecuador	 Violence against women 	29 Nov - 9 Dec 2019
Benin	 Water and sanitation 	29 Nov - 12 Dec 2019
Brazil	Toxic waste	2-13 Dec 2019
Greece	Arbitrary detention	2-13 Dec 2019
NEW! Qatar	Slavery	13-20 Jan 2020
Peru	 Human rights defenders 	21 Jan - 3 Feb 2020
NEW! Italy	Food	22-31 Jan 2020
Spain	 Extreme poverty 	27 Jan - 7 Feb 2020
Malaysia	 Freedom of religion 	26 Mar - 8 Apr 2020

 = Mandate frequently considers LGBTI issues.