



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

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Calls for input: Independent Expert on SOGI; Food; Racism; Indigenous Peoples; Right to truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence; Water and sanitation.

Upcoming Country Visits: Botswana, Costa Rica, Italy, Malaysia, Paraguay, Peru, Qatar, Romania, Spain.

CALL FOR INPUT BY THE INDEPENDENT EXPERT ON SOGI



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The UN *Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity*, Victor Borloz-Madrigal, has issued a call for inputs to his upcoming thematic report: **on protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity with focus on practices of so-called “conversion therapy”**, to be presented at the 44th session of the Human Rights Council from 15 June 2020 to 03 July 2020.

The report will explore the human rights implications of these practices and interrogate their relationship with violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity. It will discuss the forms and scope of “conversion therapy” as it is practiced across the globe, its impact on the persons that are subjected to it, measures adopted to prevent its practice and to penalize or prosecute those who perform it, and remedies provided to injured parties.

To inform the report, the IE on SOGI is seeking inputs with information, data and views from all relevant stakeholders, such as Member States, civil society organizations, including medical and religious associations, National Human Rights Institutions, United Nations agencies, regional institutions, corporate entities, etc.

To guide the report, the Independent Expert has requested input by filling in a questionnaire available in these links:

Read the full call and questions here: [English](#) | [Français](#) | [Español](#) | [Русский*](#)

The deadline for submissions is **21 Dec 2019**.

Responses may be submitted in English, French or Spanish (preferably), or Russian, Arabic or Chinese. Responses should be submitted in Word format.

** Translation into Russian is unofficial.*

OTHER CALLS FOR INPUT

Mandate	Call	Deadline	Additional Info
Special Rapporteur on racism	Call for submissions: Thematic report on new information technologies, racial equality, and non-discrimination	13 Dec 2019	Read more
NEW! Special Rapporteur on the right to food	Call for inputs: country visit to Italy (20 to 31 Jan 2020)	30 Dec 2019	Read more
NEW! Special Rapporteur on the right to food	Call for submissions: analyse and assess the progressively realization of the right to food.	30 Dec 2019	Read more
NEW! Special Rapporteur on Indigenous Peoples	Call for input: Report on the situation of indigenous peoples in Asia	31 Dec 2019	Read more
NEW! Special Rapporteur on truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence	Call for submissions: practices and lessons learned in relation to the adoption of memorialization processes	6 Jan 2020	Read More EN FR ES
NEW! Special Rapporteur on water and sanitation	Call for input: report to the UN General Assembly on privatization and the human rights to water and sanitation	31 Jan 2020	Questionnaire EN FR ES

 = Requests information on LGBTI persons.

COUNTRY VISITS BY THE INDEPENDENT EXPERT ON SOGI

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



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He visited **Ukraine** in 2019, and **Georgia** and **Mozambique** in 2018. In **2017**, his predecessor Prof. Vitit Muntarbhorn visited **Argentina**.

In March 2018, Victor Madrigal-Borloz made **12 country visit requests**. On 4 July 2018 **Malta** invited the Independent Expert to visit their country. On 8 October 2019 the Independent Expert requested a visit to **Japan**, and on 19 November 2019 to **Tunisia**.

In this section, you may find information about current status of the requests. 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*

Visit conducted on 1-10 Mar 2017.
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 / E / S / A / C / R
Ghana*	Visit request (26 Mar 2018)
NEW! Japan*	Visit request for second half of 2020 (8 Oct 2019)
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 / E / S / A / C / R
Poland*	Request to postpone (15 May 2018)
Sri Lanka*	<i>Request to postpone to 2020 (2 Oct 2019).</i> Background note
Thailand*	Visit request (26 Mar 2018)
NEW! Tunisia*	Visit request from 6-17 Apr 2020 (19 Nov 2019)
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
Qatar	Education	8-16 Dec 2019
Qatar	Slavery	13-20 Jan 2020
Italy	Food	20-31 Jan 2020
Peru	 Human rights defenders 	21 Jan - 3 Feb 2020
Spain	 Extreme poverty 	27 Jan - 7 Feb 2020
Peru	 African Descent 	5 Feb - 4 Mar 2020

Paraguay	Sale of children	10-18 Feb 2020
NEW! Costa Rica	International solidarity	16-27 Mar 2020
NEW! Botswana	Disability	16 Mar - 3 Apr 2020
Malaysia	 Freedom of religion 	26 Mar - 8 Apr 2020
NEW! Romania	 Discrimination against women 	26 Mar - 8 Apr 2020

 = Mandate frequently considers LGBTI issues.