



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


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Calls for input: Education; Freedom of expression; Housing; Human rights defenders; Leprosy; Racism; Torture; Violence against women.

Upcoming Country Visits: Benin, Brazil, China, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gambia, Greece, Iraq, Italy, Mali, Malaysia, Maldives, Paraguay, Peru, Romania, Spain, Qatar, Zimbabwe.

CALLS FOR INPUT

Mandate	Call	Deadline	Additional Info
Special Rapporteur on freedom of opinion and expression	Call for submission: Country visit to Ethiopia (2-9 Dec 2019).	15 Nov 2019	Read more
NEW! Special Rapporteur on the right to adequate housing	Written comments on the "Guidelines on the implementation of the right to adequate housing"	18 Nov 2019	Read more
NEW!  Special Rapporteur on human rights defenders	Call for submission: Country Visit to Peru (21 Jan – 3 Feb 2020).	20 Nov 2019	Read more
NEW! Special Rapporteur on the right to education	Call for submission: Country Visit to Qatar (8-16 Dec 2019).	20 Nov 2019	Read more
NEW! Special Rapporteur on violence against women	Call for femicide-related data and information	20 Nov 2019	Read more
NEW! Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism	Call for submission: Country Visit to Qatar (24 Nov -1 Dec 2019).	21 Nov 2019	Read more
NEW! Special Rapporteur on torture	Call for submissions on psychological torture and ill-treatment.	25 Nov 2019	Read more
NEW! Special Rapporteur on discrimination against persons affected by leprosy	Call for submission: Thematic report on the development of model policy to eliminate discrimination against person affected by leprosy and their family members.	30 Nov 2019	Read more
Special Rapporteur on racism	Call for submissions: Thematic report on new information technologies, racial equality, and non-discrimination	13 Dec 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**.

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>Request to postpone to 2020 (2 Oct 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
Iraq	Internally displaced persons	16-22 Nov 2019
NEW! Maldives	 Torture 	17-24 Nov 2019
Zimbabwe	Food	18-28 Nov 2019
NEW! Gambia	Truth, justice, reparation	20-27 Nov 2019
China	 Older persons 	23 Nov-3 Dec 2019
Qatar	 Racism 	24 Nov - 1 Dec 2019
Fiji	 Health 	28 Nov-3 Dec 2019
Ecuador	 Violence against women 	29 Nov - 9 Dec 2019
Benin	 Water and sanitation 	29 Nov - 12 Dec 2019
Ethiopia	 Freedom of opinion and expression 	2-9 Dec 2019
Brazil	Toxic waste	2-13 Dec 2019
Greece	 Arbitrary detention 	2-13 Dec 2019
Mali	Enforced disappearances	4-11 Dec 2019
Qatar	Education	8-16 Dec 2019
Qatar	Slavery	13-20 Jan 2020
Peru	 Human rights defenders 	21 Jan - 3 Feb 2020
Italy	Food	22-31 Jan 2020
Spain	 Extreme poverty 	27 Jan - 7 Feb 2020
Paraguay	Sale of children	10-18 Feb 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.