

Newsletter of the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

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New Mandate Website

To ensure easier public access to my mandate work, I have recently launched a non-OHCHR website for my mandate. Although still a work-in-progress, the website is live and contains information about my core mandate activities—reports, country visits, communications, calls for submissions, and more.

To visit my new website, please visit <http://antiracismsr.org>

Publication of Reports

In the past few months, I have finalized four reports. I will present these reports in my 8 July 2019 interactive dialogue, to be held during the 41st session of the Human Rights Council.

Thematic Report – natural resource extraction, racial discrimination, and racial equality

In April of this year, I finalized my report on the topic of extractive industries and their impact on the enjoyment of racial equality.

You can access the final report [here](#).

Resolution-Based Report – Nazi, neo-Nazi and other extremist groups’ youth recruitment efforts and its implications for the enjoyment of human rights and racial equality

An [annual resolution of the General Assembly](#) requires my mandate to produce two annual reports on combatting glorification of Nazism, neo-Nazism, and other racially discriminatory ideologies. For my 2019 report to the Human Rights Council on this topic, I discuss these groups’ efforts to recruit youth and how these efforts impede the realization of racial equality and other human rights.

You can access this report [here](#).

Country Visit Report – 2018 Visit to the United Kingdom

As mentioned in a previous newsletter, I conducted an official country visit to the United Kingdom in April and May 2018. My report on my visit to the United Kingdom, including my conclusions and recommendations, is now available to the public.

You can access the final report [here](#). The press release accompanying publication of this report is available on [OHCHR's official website for my mandate](#).

Country Visit Report – 2018 Visit to Morocco

I conducted an official country visit to the Kingdom of Morocco in December 2018. During my visit, I met with the representative of the Executive, the National Human Rights Council, civil society organizations, ethnic and religious minorities, migrants and refugees, and individual victims of racism. My visit aimed to examine the existing legal, institutional and political framework to protect groups and individual victims of racial discrimination; to promote effective racial equality; and to assess the situation of migrants, refugees, asylum seekers, minorities, communities subject to discrimination based on skin color.

You can access the final report [here](#).

Activities during the 41st Session of the Human Rights Council

I will attend the 41st session of the Human Rights Council, which takes place in Geneva from 24 June to 12 July 2019. I will be in Geneva the week beginning July 7 to participate in, among several others, the following activities.

Interactive Dialogue/Presentation of Reports

My interactive dialogue during the 41st session of the Human Rights Council scheduled to take place on **8 July between 13.00 and 18.00h in Palais des Nations, room XX**. During my interactive dialogue, I will present four reports:

- my thematic report on extractive industries and racial equality;
- a resolution-based report on efforts to recruit youth to groups espousing Nazi, neo-Nazi and similarly intolerant ideologies;
- my final report on my official country visit to the United Kingdom; and
- my final report on my official country visit to the Kingdom of Morocco.

For those who are unable to attend in person, video of the interactive dialogue will be available online at <http://webtv.un.org/meetings-events/human-rights-council/>.

Civil Society Consultation

On **Thursday 11 July 2019 from 10h00 to 11h30**, I will convene an open civil society

consultation with anti-racism advocates and other relevant stakeholders. I will host this consultation in the **United Nations Palais des Nations in Geneva, room VIII**.

I hope this consultation will inform my work and facilitate stakeholders' involvement in setting my mandate's agenda. I am particularly keen to hear from and exchange views with advocates and other stakeholders regarding

- global trends and manifestations of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance;
- key issues and challenges in the fight against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance;
- experiences and lesson learned in combating racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance in the current era;
- progress and setbacks in legal, policy and political landscape that have impacted racial equality work at global and regional levels;
- emerging effective strategies for combatting racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance; and
- suggestions on how the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on Racism can better advance the work of local and national advocates to achieve the racial justice goals.

In addition to these topics, I also welcome input on the topic of my next report to the UN General Assembly—reparations, racial justice, equality, and related human rights concerns.

For more information about this event, including how to participate, please consult [this document](#).

Call for Submissions: Upcoming Thematic Report on Reparations, Racial Justice, and Equality

My fourth thematic report will focus on reparations, especially in the United Nations Human Rights system, and their role in achieving racial justice and equality. I will present this report at the 74th Session of the UN General Assembly in October 2019.

To inform my report, I wish to receive submissions from all interested stakeholders. Background information on the report and guidelines are [available on my mandate website](#).

The deadline for submissions to racism@ohchr.org is **30 June 2019**.

Other Mandate Activities

Expert Group Meeting on the Topic of Reparations, Racial Justice and Racial Equality

In May 2019, I convened an expert group meeting on the topic of *Reparations, Racial Justice and Racial Equality*, hosted by Professor Vasuki Nesiah (NYU Gallatin School). 20 individuals—including professors, members of UN and regional human rights bodies, and

advocates for racial equality—lent their expertise to me and my staff. These fruitful discussions will help inform my 2019 thematic report to the General Assembly on this topic.

International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

In March 2019, I delivered a speech at the commemorative plenary meeting of 2019 International Day against Racial Discrimination. I addressed the resurgence of ethno-nationalist populism and extreme supremacist ideologies in the speech and urged Member States to take urgent, systemic and sustained actions in order to tackle pervasive racial discrimination and intolerance. Written and video statements I delivered on this can be found on the [website](#) of my mandate.

Global Compact on Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM)

Since 2016, my mandate has participated in the development of Global Compact on Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration. After assuming the mandate in November 2017, I have continued to advocate for human-rights based approaches to migration governance and have highlighted States' obligations to ensure racial equality in their migration policies.

In December 2018, I attended the Intergovernmental Conference for the Adoption of the Global Compact on Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration. While there, I shared a prepared statement on a human-rights based approach to GCM implementation, paying special attention to the intersectionality between racial equality and global governance of migration. I also participated as a panelist in an additional session, sharing unprepared remarks.

- [Video of prepared remarks; text of prepared remarks](#)
- [Video of afternoon session](#)

Submitting Information/Complaints to the Special Rapporteur

As mandated by Human Rights Council resolution 7/34 of 2008, I may receive information and take an action on cases of allegations of human rights violations relating to racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance. Most allegations received relate to migrants, non-nationals, persons of African descent, indigenous peoples, and persons belonging to minorities who are victims of multiple or aggravated forms of discrimination.

Based on information received from various relevant and credible sources, I intervene by sending “communications”—confidential letters to Governments and other actors. Communications aim to clarify allegations and spur other action to cease, prevent, and investigate, and remedy alleged violations.

Individuals, groups, civil society organizations, inter-state agencies, and human rights bodies can submit information or allegations of human rights violations to my mandate through a dedicated [UN-OHCHR portal](#). For detailed information, including submission guidelines, please click [here](#).

How to Contact the Special Rapporteur

I rely on your contributions to help inform and improve the effectiveness of my mandate. You can contact me and my staff at any time via racism@ohchr.org. If you have concerns about digital security, there are organizations that may provide you with information and support on these issues. For example, the organization [Access Now](#) has a free [digital security helpline](#) to help keep individuals and organizations safe online. Inquiries can be sent to help@accessnow.org.”

I can also be reached by fax (+ 41 22 917 9006) and by postal mail at the following address:

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