



ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, ANTALL 4Q2, BRUSSELS

WEDNESDAY
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Draft programme

TIME	DETAILS
08:30	Registration / Doors open
10:15	Opening speech by the European Parliament President, Roberta Metsola
10:30 - 13:00	<p>PANEL I</p> <h3>75th anniversary of the UDHR</h3> <h3>What makes human rights universal?</h3> <p>Chair: Udo Bullmann, Chair of the Subcommittee on Human Rights</p> <p>Introductory remarks: David McAllister, Chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs</p> <p>High Level address by: Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Volker Türk [<i>online</i>]</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Ellen Johnson, co-chair of the High Level Board on effective multilateralism, former President of Liberia and Nobel Peace Prize Laureate [<i>tbc</i>]– Siofra O’Leary, President of the European Court for Human Rights [<i>tbc</i>]– Matteo Mecacci, Director of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights [<i>online</i>]– Eamon Gilmore, EU Special Representative for Human Rights

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- [Esmeralda Arosemena de Troitiño](#), 1st Vice President of the inter-American Commission on Human Rights
 - Ambassador **Bankole Adeoye**, Commissioner for Political Affairs, Peace and Security, African Union [tbc] / AU Commissioner of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights [tbc]

Q&A session

Concluding remarks:

Juan Fernando Lopez Aguilar, Chair of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs [tbc]

13:00 - 15:00 Lunch break

15:00 - 17:30 PANEL II

Working together to meet the challenges of our times

Chair

[Udo Bullmann](#), Chair of the Subcommittee on Human Rights

Introductory remarks:

[Tomas Tobé](#), Chair of the Committee on Development

High Level addresses by:

Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations and Chair of the United Nations Sustainable Development Group, **Amina Mohamed** [tbc] / European Commissioner for International Partnerships, [Jutta Urpilainen](#)

Speakers:

- [Agnes Callamard](#), Secretary General of Amnesty International
 - [Maria Ressa](#), Nobel Peace Prize Laureate 2021 [online]
 - [Dimitri Mouratov](#), Nobel Peace Prize Laureate 2021
 - [Oleksandra Matviichuk](#), Head of the *Center for Civil Liberties*, awarded the Nobel Peace Prize 2022 and a representative of the Ukrainian people for the Sakharov Prize 2022
 - [Mahbouba Seraj](#), Director of Afghan Women Skills Development Center
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Q&A session

Concluding remarks:

[Pascal Canfin](#), Chair of the Committee on Environment [*tbc*]

With the active participation of:

- Members from the EU National Parliaments
- Representatives of local Civil Society Organizations & Human Rights defenders
- Representatives of Youth voices
- EP rapporteurs:
 - [Isabel Wiseler Lima](#) : Rapporteur on the protection of journalists around the world and EU policies on the matter, (EPP)
 - [David Lega](#) : Rapporteur “Towards an EU strategy to promote education for children in the world: mitigating the impact of COVID-19 in the world”, (EPP)
 - [Nacho Sanchez Amor](#) : Rapporteur on the annual report on democracy and human rights in the world and the EU’s policies on the matter, (S&D)
 - [Raphael Glucksmann](#): Rapporteur on the opinion related to the proposal for a directive on Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence and amending directive (EU) 2019/1937, (S&D)
 - [Katalin Cseh](#): Rapporteur on corruption and human rights, (Renew Europe)
 - [Soraya Rodriguez Ramos](#): Rapporteur on the situation of children deprived of liberty in the world, (Renew Europe)
 - [Salima Yenbou](#): Rapporteur on the Commission proposal on prohibiting products made with forced labour in the Union’s market, (Renew Europe)
 - [Karol Karski](#): Rapporteur on the persecution of minorities on the grounds of beliefs of religions, (ECR)
 - [Hannah Neumann](#): Rapporteur on the EU’s guidelines on human rights defenders, (Greens/EFA)
 - [Heidi Hautala](#): Rapporteur on shaping the EU’s position on the UN binding instruments on business and human rights in particular on access to remedy and the protection of victims, (Greens/EFA)
 - [Miguel Urban Crespo](#): Rapporteur “Access to water as a human right”, (The Left)