



# INVITATION

## Perspectives on the 2020 TB Review

Tuesday 8 October 2019, 1:15 – 2:30 pm, UNHQ room CR 8

**The Permanent Missions of Costa Rica and Switzerland to the UN, in collaboration with the Geneva Human Rights Platform invite you to a public briefing on Options and Positions towards the 2020 Treaty Body Review.**

In 2014, the General Assembly adopted resolution A/RES/68/268 on strengthening and enhancing the effective functioning of the Treaty Body System. Two aspects of General Assembly resolution 68/268 ensure accountability in its implementation: the biennial report of the Secretary-General on the state of the Treaty Body System and the 2020 review by the General Assembly. The 2020 horizon presents an opportunity to further reflect on the Treaty Body System's future and to develop innovative proposals and solutions without weakening the human rights protection the Treaty Body System currently affords.

Leading up to this 2020 review, States and other stakeholders have submitted proposals for strengthening the TB system to inform the third and final report of the SG. Among Treaty Body Membership, numerous discussions have taken place and positions are forming.

This meeting shall serve to update the New York-based diplomatic community about processes and inputs towards the 2020 review. It will be held in form of an open discussion with short inputs from different stakeholder groups.

## Agenda

1:15 – 1:20 **Welcome and Introductory Remarks**

Permanent Mission of Switzerland

1:20 – 1:45 **Update on the activities in Geneva and positions by stakeholders**

- Felix Kirchmeier, Executive Director, Geneva Human Rights Platform
- Hilary Gbedemah, Chair, CEDAW, and President of TB Chairpersons
- Kamelia Kemileva, Senior Consultant, Geneva Human Rights Platform
- Elena Kountouri-Tapiero, Secretary, Treaty Body Chairpersons' Meeting, OHCHR
- Madeleine Sinclair – New York director and legal counsel, ISHR

1:45 – 2:15 **Open Discussion**

2:15 – 2:30 **Closing Remarks / Future steps**

Permanent Mission of Costa Rica

## Background

Background paper: [Overview of positions towards the 2020 Treaty Body Review by States, NGOs, Treaty Body Members, Academia, OHCHR](#)

Further background on the 2020 Treaty Body Review:

[OHCHR Webpage on TB strengthening](#)

[Resolution 68/268](#)

[Geneva Academy Portal on TB Review 2020](#)

[Geneva Academy 2015 Paper on Challenges to the TB System](#)