

Special Rapporteur on human rights defenders to attend Burundi event

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'As we approach the 30th anniversary of the African Charter later this month it's a good time to consider and discuss the human rights obligations of governments and civil society organisations across the continent. This will be the focus of the first panel discussion,' says Mr Nyaletsossi Voulé.

'The second discussion, on protection of human rights defenders at the national level, will be an opportunity to hear a range of perspectives on how to address the key challenges faced by human rights defenders.

'The International Service for Human Rights is committed to supporting human rights defenders – so we're pleased to work with our partners, FORSC and EHAHRDN, to provide a platform for discussion on these important issues,' he says.

Ms Asuagbor will be in Burundi for three days in total, during which time she will also have separate informal meetings with non-governmental organisations, members of the media, trade unions and government representatives.