

You are cordially invited to a panel discussion on

Human Rights Defenders in Latin America

Tuesday 6 March, 12h00 – 14h00

Palais des Nations, Geneva: room XXIII

ISHR invites you to a side event on human rights defenders in Latin America. The new Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights Defenders of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR), José de Jesús Orozco, will launch the extensive IACHR report on the situation of human rights defenders in the Americas. IACHR Executive Secretary, Santiago Cantón, will also present the recent work of the body in furthering the concerns of human rights defenders.

At the same event, United Nations Special Rapporteur on human rights defenders, Ms Margaret Sekaggya will present ISHR's recent report on the situation of defenders in Colombia: the findings of recent research into whether recommendations made by the Special Rapporteur have been effectively implemented, following her visit to the country in 2009.

Panellists:

- IACHR Special Rapporteur on Human Rights Defenders, Mr José de Jesús Orozco
- IACHR Executive Secretary, Mr Santiago Cantón
- UN Special Rapporteur on human rights defenders, Ms Margaret Sekaggya
- Colombian Commission of Jurists, Executive Director, Mr Gustavo Gallón.

Light refreshments will be provided.

Save the Date

Human rights defenders at risk: journalists, land rights defenders and youth defenders

Monday, 5 March, 14h00 – 16h00
Palais des Nations: XXIII

A panel discussion focusing on the specific risks and challenges faced by selected groups of human rights defenders, including journalists and media workers, defenders working on land and environmental issues, and youth and student defenders. Featuring the UN Special Rapporteur on human rights defenders, and representatives of affected groups.

Save the Date

Launch of the Global Report on the Situation of Women Human Rights Defenders

Thursday, 8 March, 12h00 – 14h00
Palais des Nations: XXIV

The Women Human Rights Defenders International Coalition will launch its Global Report on the situation of women defenders. The report provides an analysis of the environment in which these defenders work and the violations they face because of their gender and/or their work defending women's human rights and sexual rights.