

## **Social Media: Challenges and Ways to Promote Freedoms and Protect Activists**

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE  
QATAR-DOHA

**16-17 FEBRUARY 2020**

### **Day One (16 February 2020)**

**09.00-10.00**

#### **Session 1: Opening plenary**

**“Social Media: Challenges and Ways to Promote Freedoms and Protect Human Rights Defenders and Professional Contents Creators”**

#### **Speakers:**

**H.E. Mr. Ali bin Samikh al Marri**, President of the National Human Rights Committee of Qatar, Vice-President and Secretary General of GANHRI.

**H.E. Ms. Michelle Bachelet**, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, OHCHR, **(Video Address)**

**H.E. Ms. Georgette Gagnon**, Director Field Operations and Technical Cooperation Division, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, OHCHR.

**H.E. Mr. Eamon Gilmore**, European Union Special Representative for Human Rights.

**H.E. Mr. Younes Mjahed**, President of the International Federation of Journalists, IFJ.

**H.E. Mr. Carlos Negret Mosquera**, President of the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions, GANHRI.

**10.00-10.30**

Coffee Break

**10.30-12.30**

**Session 2: Interactive plenary debate**

**“Creating an enabling environment for online civic space: Legal and institutional perspectives”**

**Moderator: Mr. Mohammad Ali Alnsour**, Chief Middle East and North Africa Section, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, OHCHR, GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

**Speakers:**

**Mr. Joe Cannataci**, UN Special Rapporteur on the right to privacy, UN, GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

**Mr. Gilles de Kerchove**, European Union Counter – Terrorism Coordinator, EU, BRUSSEL, BELGIUM

**Ms. Alessandra Moretti**, Member of the European Parliament, EP, BRUSSEL, BELGIUM

**Ms. Olena Cherniavska**, Senior Advisor, OSCE office of the Representative on Freedom of the Media, Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, VIENNA, AUSTRIA

**Mr. Peter Freitag**, Deputy of the Journalists union Deutsche, Chairman of the Digital Expert Group, European Federation of Journalists, BERLIN, GERMANY

**12.30-14.30**

Lunch Break

**14.30-16.00**

**Session 3: Interactive plenary debate**

**“Responses by social media companies to protect civic space”**

**Moderator: Ms. Eva Kaili**, Chair of the Science and Technology Options Assessment Panel, European Parliament, BRUSSEL, BELGIUM

**Speakers:**

**Mr. Dimitris Avramopoulos**, Former European Commissioner for Migration, GREECE

**Ms. Shahed Al Hindi**, Public Policy Manager, Human Rights, MENA,  
Facebook, Arab Emirates

**Mr. Peter Micek**, General Counsel, Access Now, NEW YORK, USA

**Ms. Dragana Kaurin**, Executive Director of Localization Lab, BOSNIA,  
HERZEEGOVINA

**16.00-18.30**

### **Parallel working groups**

Participants will attend one of the following working groups:

#### **Working Group A: Legislative frameworks regulating freedom of expression and social media**

**Chairperson: Ms. Dima Jweihan**, International Centre for Not-for Profit Law, OMAN, JORDAN

**Rapporteur: Ms. Ines Osman**, MENA Rights Group, GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

#### **Speakers:**

**Mr. Tim Dawson**, Chair of International Federation of Journalist Surveillance of journalists group, IFJ, LONDON, UK

**Mr. Simon Adam**, Executive Director of Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect, NEW YORK, USA

**Mr. Nasser Abu Bakar**, President of Palestinian Journalists Syndicate, RAMALLAH, PALESTINE

**Mr. Aymen Zaghdou**, Legal Adviser Mena, Article 19, LONDON, UK

**Mr. Nidal Mansour**, Executive President of the Center for Defending Freedom of Journalists, Amman, JORDAN

#### **Working Group B: Human rights implications of blocking access to communications and social media**

**Chairperson: Mr. Branislav Marelic**, National Institute for Human Rights of Chile, SANTIAGO, CHILE

**Rapporteur: Ms. Yasmine Abou Mansour**, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, OHCHR, GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

#### **Speakers:**

**Mr. Gustavo Gomez**, Executive director OF OBSERVACOM, MONTEVIDEO, URUGUAY

**Ms. Christy Hoffman**, Secretary General of Union Network International UNI, GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

**Mr. Adam Shapiro**, Head of Visibility and communications in Frontline Defenders, DUBLIN, IRELAND

**Ms. Stephanie Chaban**, Regional Advisor on gender equality and women's empowerment, ESCWA Centre for Women, KAMPALA, UGANDA

**20.00** Dinner

## **Day Two (17 February 2020)**

**9.00-11.00** **Parallel working groups**

Participants will attend one of the following working groups:

**Working Group C: Regulating Big Tech – Transparency and accountability in content moderation**

**Chairperson: Ms. Nazila Ghanea**, Professor in University of Oxford, UNITED KINGDOM

**Rapporteur: Ms. Iris de Villars**, Head of Tech Desk, Reporters Without Borders, PARIS, FRANCE

**Speakers:**

**Mr. Fernand de Varennes**, UN Special Rapporteur on Minority Issue, UN, GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

**Ms. Anne- Cécile Robert**, Director of international relations in “Le Monde Diplomatique”, PARIS, FRANCE

**Mr. Jerald Joseph Jerald S JOSEPH**, Commissioner of National Human Rights Commission of Malaysia, KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA

**Ms. Jillian York**, Director for international Freedom of Expression, Electronic Frontier Foundation, SAN FRANCISCO, USA

**Ms. Matilda Sisättö**, Senior Political Advisor Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs, EU, BRUSSEL, BELGIUM

## **Working Group D: Can established news platforms survive social media?**

**Chairperson: Ms. Dominique Pradalié**, Secretary General of the National Journalists Union, PARIS, FRANCE

**Rapporteur: Mr. Jeremy Dear**, Deputy General Secretary in International Federation of Journalists, BRUSSEL, BELGIUM

### **Speakers:**

**Mr. Larry Goldbetter**, President of National Writers's Union, NEW YORK, USA

**Ms. Elena Perotti**, Executive Director, Media Policy and Public Affaire WAN-IFRA, PARIS, FRANCE

**Mr. Paul Murphy**, CEO of Media Entertainment and Arts Alliance MEAA, NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA

**Ms. Zuliana Lainez**, Chair of the IFJ regional group in Latin America and General Secretary of the National Association of Journalists of Peru, PERU

**11.00-11.30**

Coffee Break

**11.30-13:30**

## **Session 5: Interactive plenary debate**

**“Identification of future activities to broaden civic space in the social media”**

**Chairperson: Livingstone Sewanyana**, UN Independent Expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order, UN, GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

### **speakers:**

**Ms. Lena Slachmuis**, Senior Vice President, Programs Search for Common Ground, NEW YORK, USA

**Ms. Rita Izsak-Ndiay**, Rapporteur of the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

**Ms. Nighat Dad**, Executive Director of Digital Rights Foundation, ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN

**Mr. Martin O’Hanlon**, President, Communications Workers of America CWA- SCA, NEW YORK, USA

**13.45- 14.30**

**Session 6: Closing Remarks and Conclusions**

**Chaired by H.E. Ali bin Samikh al Marri**, President of the National Human Rights Committee of Qatar.

**14.30**

Lunch Break

**18.00**

Tour visit

**20.00**

Dinner at the National Museum of Qatar