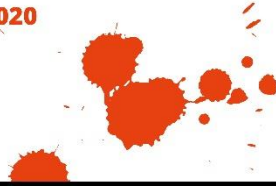
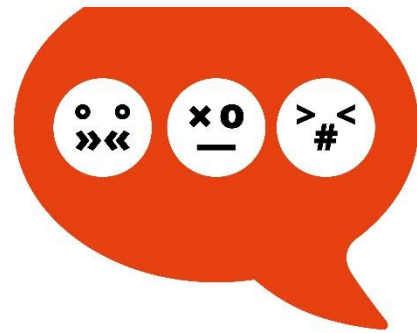


Asia-Pacific Regional Forum on Hate Speech, Social Media and Minorities

**ONLINE EVENT:
OCTOBER 19-20, 2020**



Programme of Work

(DRAFT – subject to change)

Day 1 19 October 2020

07:00-08:00 (UTC/GMT+02:00 - Geneva)

Opening Session

10:00-11:00 (UTC/GMT+05:00 - Islamabad)

13:00-14:00 (UTC/GMT+08:00 - Kuala Lumpur)

17:00-18:00 (UTC/GMT+12:00 - Wellington)

Welcoming remarks (5 minutes)

Anna-Mária Bíró, Director of the Tom Lantos Institute

Opening Remarks (50 minutes)

Cynthia Veliko, OHCHR Regional Representative for South-East Asia

Shigeru Aoyagi, Director of UNESCO Bangkok

El Habib Bourane, Director of Muslim Communities and Minorities, Organisation of Islamic Cooperation

Minseo Kangmun, Director-General, Anti-Discrimination Bureau, National Human Rights Commission of Korea

Fernand de Varennes, UN Special Rapporteur on minority issues

Chair: **Anna-Mária Bíró**, Director of the Tom Lantos Institute

Rules and Guide to Proceedings (5 minutes)

Anna-Mária Bíró, Director of the Tom Lantos Institute, will set-out the process and explain the rules of proceedings for the forthcoming sessions.

08:00-08:30 (UTC/GMT+02:00 - Geneva)

Break

08:30-10:15 (UTC/GMT+02:00 - Geneva)

11:30-13:15 (UTC/GMT+05:00 - Islamabad)

14:30-16:15 (UTC/GMT+08:00 - Kuala Lumpur)

18:30-20:15 (UTC/GMT+12:00 - Wellington)

Thematic Session 1: Causes, scale and impact of hate speech targeting minorities in social media

Moderator: **Jerald Joseph**, Commissioner, Human Rights Commission of Malaysia (SUHAKAM)

Experts: **Myungkoo Kang**, Dean, College of Liberal Studies, Seoul National University

Matthew Bugher, Head of Asia Programme, ARTICLE 19

Manjula Pradeep, Director of Campaigns, Dalit Human Rights Defenders Network Project

Arjun Narayan Bettadapur Manjunath, Director, Trust and Safety at TikTok

Interactive dialogue

10:15-10:30 (UTC/GMT+02:00 - Geneva)

Break

10:30-12:00 (UTC/GMT+02:00 - Geneva)

13:30-15:00 (UTC/GMT+05:00 - Islamabad)

16:30-18:00 (UTC/GMT+08:00 - Kuala Lumpur)

20:30-22:00 (UTC/GMT+12:00 - Wellington)

Thematic Session 2: International legal and institutional framework

Moderator: **Meena Varma**, Executive Director, International Dalit Solidarity Network

Experts: **Puja Kapai**, Associate Professor, Faculty of Law and Convenor of the Women's Studies Research Centre at the University of Hong Kong

Naumana Suleman, Pakistan Programme Lead, Minority Rights Group International

Sangyun Kim, Professor of law, Graduate School of Ryukoku University

Interactive dialogue

Day 2 **20 October 2020**

07:00-08:30 (UTC/GMT+02:00 - Geneva)

10:00-11:30 (UTC/GMT+05:00 - Islamabad)

13:00-14:30 (UTC/GMT+08:00 - Kuala Lumpur)

17:00-18:30 ((UTC/GMT+12:00 - Wellington)

Thematic Session 3: Regulation of online hate speech: The role and responsibility of intergovernmental organizations, States, internet companies and social media platforms

Moderator: **Sriprapha Petcharamesree**, Senior Lecturer, Human Rights and Peace Studies at Mahidol University

Experts: **Sajjad Hassan**, Convener, South Asia Collective

Alex Warofka, Product Policy Manager, Human Rights for Asia-Pacific, Facebook

Wai Wai Nu, Founder and Executive Director, Women's Peace Network

Interactive dialogue

08:30-09:00 (UTC+02:00 – Geneva)

Break

09:00-10:45 (UTC/GMT+02:00 - Geneva)

12:00-13:30 (UTC/GMT+05:00 - Islamabad)

15:00-16:30 (UTC/GMT+08:00 - Kuala Lumpur)

19:00-20:30 (UTC/GMT+12:00 - Wellington)

Thematic Session 4: Towards a safer space for minorities: positive initiatives to address online hate speech: The role of NHRIs, human rights organizations, civil society and other stakeholders

Moderator: **Taisuke Komatsu**, Under-Secretary General, the International Movement Against All Forms of Discrimination and Racism (IMADR)

Experts: **Andre Oboler**, CEO and Managing Director, Online Hate Prevention Institute

Mariya Salim, Independent activist, writer and researcher. Former Mentor and Fellow, Minority Fellowship Program OHCHR

James Gomez, Regional Director, Asia Centre

Kathleen Reen, Senior Director, Public Policy for Asia-Pacific, Twitter

Interactive dialogue

10:45-12:00 (UTC/GMT+02:00 - Geneva)

Break

12:00-13:00 (UTC/GMT+02:00 - Geneva)

Presentation of Recommendations

15:00-16:00 (UTC/GMT+05:00 - Islamabad)
18:00-19:00 (UTC/GMT+08:00 - Kuala Lumpur)
22:00-23:00 (UTC/GMT+12:00 - Wellington)

In this session, the proposed recommendations developed during the four thematic sessions will be made available to participants to consider.

The session will be introduced by **Fernand de Vareennes**, UN Special Rapporteur on minority issues, following which **Marcus Oda**, Programme Manager at the Tom Lantos Institute, will present the list of recommendations.

Participants can make any final comments on specific recommendations using the Zoom chat function.

Moderator: **Anna-Mária Bíró**, Director of the Tom Lantos Institute

13:00-13:30 (UTC/GMT+02:00 - Geneva) **Concluding remarks**
16:00-16:30 (UTC/GMT+05:00 - Islamabad)
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Fernand de Vareennes, UN Special Rapporteur on minority issues

Working language is English.