

SEEKING CIVIL SOCIETY SPEAKERS FOR THE HIGH LEVEL SEGMENT OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

Dear colleagues,

As the Human Rights Council prepares to hold its 22nd Session, the NGO Committee on Human Rights in Geneva has been asked to select civil society speakers for the High Level Segment of the Human Rights Council.

This is a great opportunity for human rights advocates from the field to address the Council during its first week of session. Copied below you will find the guidelines for the application from the President of the NGO Committee on Human Rights, Mr. Budi Tjahjono. Deadline for applications is ASAP.

Guidelines

The following elements should be taken into consideration in order to identify potential speakers:

In view of the high-level nature of speeches, we need NGO voices that:

- * are recognised as being authoritative and command respect
- * reflect a geographical and gender balance as well as a broad span of the human rights addressed.
- * gain legitimacy from a well recognised engagement at the grassroots level.

We thus need speakers who can:

- * offer an informed yet visionary perspective on what the Council could bring to the promotion and protection of human rights
- * highlight the concerns of actual and potential victims of human rights violations in a constructive manner
- * rise above specific country situations or particular issues and focus on a vision for the Council.

The above elements could help identify persons with a solid NGO activist background in promotion and protection of human rights. The persons would be proposed by NGOs as distinguished voices from civil society, in which the widest possible number of constituencies could recognise themselves.

The priority should be given to:

- * Human rights defenders from the field who will be in Geneva in the first week of the 22nd Session of the HRC
 - * Individuals who have no need of travel arrangements

There is no financial support available to cover travel arrangements for the civil society speakers. The NGO proposing candidates would be responsible for organizing any necessary travel, accommodation or other per diem costs for the selected speaker.

Please note that it may be possible for one, but only one, of the four statements to be presented via video.

Thus we invite your organization to propose a name with the following information:

Name of speaker and name of NGO represented:

Country of origin and country of residence:
Human Rights fields:
Possible issue to be addressed to the Council:
Available in the 1st week of the 22nd Session of HRC: YES () / NO ()

Please also send a short biography about the candidate (no more than 200 words).

Thank you.

Budi Tjahjono, Chair of the CoNGO Committee on Human Rights in Geneva

I remain available to answer any questions you may have. We apologize for the short notice and look forward to your assistance with this matter,

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