TO ACT IS THE BEST WAY TO HOPE

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The International Federation for Human Rights celebrates its 100th anniversary
On the occasion of FIDH’s 41st Congress, human rights defenders working within the 192 member organisations of the Federation are meeting alongside academic experts, economic actors and representatives of public authorities for a full day of roundtables and discussions. Each panel discussion will be followed by an exchange with the public. Alongside the discussions, representatives of FIDH member organisations will hold short-format ‘pitch’ presentations sharing some of their key actions and impacts in the fight for human rights.

This year, the four roundtables will address the environmental crisis, the universality of human rights and global governance, poverty and human rights, and the efficiency of human rights mechanisms.
More than 70 years after the signing of the UN Charter, its objectives— to establish conditions under which justice and respect for the obligations arising from treaties and other sources of international law can be maintained—have not been achieved.

In many situations, the prevalence of human rights violations and the repression suffered by those who promote the establishment of mechanisms to fight impunity are indignant. How can we act when international mechanisms lack teeth? What strategies can civil society members adopt? We will discuss possible approaches to overcome the shortcomings of existing mechanisms, the important role of civil society, the importance of international solidarity and the role of economic actors.

**Speakers**

- François Sergent, Journalist of ALTSEAN Burma
- Yasmine Ullah, Nobel peace Prize laureate 2022
- Natalia Morozova, Human Rights Center Memorial, Russia
- Shawan Jabarin, Director of Al-Haq, Palestine
- FIDH Consultant, Mali
- Drissa Traoré, Liberties, Ukraine and 2022 Nobel Peace Prize laureate
- Executive Director, Centre for Civil
- Oleksandra Maatviichuk, Europe and Foreign Affairs, France
- Béatrice le Fraper du Hellen, Director for United Nations,
- U.N. Special Rapporteur on human rights defenders
- Mary Lawlor, U.N. Special Rapporteur on human rights and human rights
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MARY LAWLOR
Ms. Lawlor took up the mandate of Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders on 3 May 2020, following the Human Rights Council decision 43/115. Ms. Lawlor currently works at Dublin City University as a Professor of Law and Gender Studies. She is a member of the Advisory Board of the School of Business at Trinity College Dublin. She has worked extensively with and on the situation of human rights defenders. In 2001 she founded Front Line Defenders - the International Foundation for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders - the International Foundation for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders. In 2003, she was the first woman to be appointed as Human Rights Rapporteur by the European Parliament. In 2016, Ms. Lawlor represented Front Line Defenders and had a key role in its development. In 2017, she was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for her work on human rights. She is a member of the Advisory Board of the School of Business at Trinity College Dublin. She has worked extensively with and on the situation of human rights defenders. In 2001 she founded Front Line Defenders - the International Foundation for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders to concentrate on human rights defenders at risk. As Executive Director from 2001-2016, Ms. Lawlor represented Front Line Defenders and had a key role in its development.

NATALIA MOROZOVA
Natalia Morozova worked as a journalist and editor in Moscow for 18 years. In 2012, her journalistic work led her to a trial of protesters against electoral fraud in the 2012 presidential elections. Appalled by the deplorable state of Russian jurisprudence and stunned by the courage of the lawyers involved in defending the protesters, Natalia decided to study law and became a human rights lawyer. In 2015, she joined the Human Rights Centre Memorial where she defends the rights of protesters, journalists and opposition politicians in domestic courts and European courts. She had a profound experience in organizing human rights activities against attacks on rights and freedoms, as well as a multi-year practice of documenting violations during an armed conflict. She is the author of a number of alternative reports to various UN bodies, Council of Europe, European Union, OSCE and International Criminal Court. Her organisation is co-winner of the Human Rights Prize of the French Republic, alongside the Israeli organisation B’Tselem.

YASMIN ULLAH
Yasmin Ullah is a Rohingya feminist, author, poet, and a social justice activist. She was born in the Northern Rakhine state of Myanmar. Her family fled to Thailand in 1995 when she was a child and she remained a refugee until moving to Canada in 2011. She currently serves as the board chair of ALTESEAN, and a board member of US Campaign for Burma. Yasmin is also working on Bridges MM Youth Dialogue project by ALTESEAN as part of the Steering Committee.

OLEKSANDRA MATVIICHUK
Oleksandra Matviichuk is a human rights defender who works in Ukraine and the OSCE region. She is the Director of the Human Rights Centre “Euromaidan SOS”. She is a member of the Advisory Board of the School of Business at Trinity College Dublin. She has worked extensively with and on the situation of human rights defenders. In 2001 she founded Front Line Defenders - the International Foundation for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders. In 2003, she was the first woman to be appointed as Human Rights Rapporteur by the European Parliament. In 2016, Ms. Lawlor represented Front Line Defenders and had a key role in its development. In 2017, she was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for her work on human rights. She is a member of the Advisory Board of the School of Business at Trinity College Dublin. She has worked extensively with and on the situation of human rights defenders. In 2001 she founded Front Line Defenders - the International Foundation for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders to concentrate on human rights defenders at risk. As Executive Director from 2001-2016, Ms. Lawlor represented Front Line Defenders and had a key role in its development.

SHAWAN JABARIN
Shawan Jabarin is a Palestinian national and the General Director of Al-Haq, the first human rights organisation in the Arab region. Mr. Jabarin started his career at Al-Haq in 1987 as a field researcher, documenting human rights abuses by the Israeli occupying authorities throughout the occupied Palestinian territory. He then shifted to legal research and accepted a leadership position in international advocacy. Currently coordinating Palestine’s case with the Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court, Mr Jabarin has previously served as Vice President and Secretary General of FIDH. Over the years, Jabarin served various sentences under administrative detention (arrest without charge or trial). He is a recipient of the Reebok Human Rights Award for his defence of human rights, and his organisation is co-winner of the Human Rights Prize of the French Republic, alongside the Israeli organisation B’Tselem.

BÉATRICE LE FRAPER DU HELLEN
Béatrice le Fraper du Hellen is Director for the United Nations, International Organisations, Human Rights and Francophonie at the French Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs. A former French Ambassador to Libya and Malta, Ms. le Fraper has also served as Legal Advisor to the Permanent Representation of France to the United Nations Security Council, as well as Advisor to the Chief Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court.

FRANCOIS SERGENT (moderator)
François Sergent is a journalist. He spent most of his professional life at Liberation from 1981 to 2015. He was in turn a reporter, correspondent in Washington and London, head of the world service, editorialist and deputy managing editor of the daily newspaper. He was then editor-in-chief of justicierinfo.net, a website dedicated to international justice (2015-2018). He is a member of the board of the Geneva Film and Human Rights Festival (FIDFH).

How can the effectiveness of international human rights mechanisms be strengthened?
OLIVIER DE SCHUTTER
A Professor of Law at UCLouvain and at SciencesPo (Paris), Mr. De Schutter was a member of the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights between 2015 and 2020, and is since 2020 the UN Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights. An expert on social and economic rights and on economic globalization and human rights, Mr. De Schutter previously served as Secretary General of FIDH and United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food. In 2013, he was awarded the Francqui Prize for his contribution to international human rights law and to the theory of governance.

ELEANOR THOMPSON
Eleanor Thompson is a public interest lawyer and policy advocate. She currently works with Namati Sierra Leone, alongside paralegals and other lawyers, to help communities know, use and shape laws to protect their land rights and environment. She is also a private legal practitioner with GPKLegal. She has worked extensively on human rights, international justice, and justice sector reform for over 15 years. Prior to Namati, she worked with the Open Society Foundations on the development and promotion of international justice, regional human rights and rule of law mechanisms in Africa.

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Anti-rights movements: an offensive against the universality of human rights

KARIMA BENNOUNE
Karima Bennoune is a Professor of Law at the University of Michigan Law School, where she teaches international law and human rights. Professor Bennoune served as the United Nations Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights from 2015 to 2021. She also was appointed as an expert for the International Criminal Court in 2017 during the reparations phase of the groundbreaking case The Prosecutor v. Ahmad Al Fai Al Mahdi concerning the intentional destruction of cultural heritage sites in Mali. A former legal advisor for Amnesty International, she has carried out human rights missions in most regions of the world.

CAMILA MAIA
Camila Barretto Maia holds a degree in international relations from the University of Brasilia and a master’s degree in public policy from the Getulio Vargas Foundation. Based in Argentina since 2010, she is a member of the Centro de Estudios Legales y Sociales, where she currently coordinates international work. She has participated in numerous regional and international advocacy processes on human rights issues, including migration policy, right to protest, housing, land rights, fiscal policy, debt and human rights.

NEIL DATTA
Neil Datta founded the European Parliamentary Forum for Sexual and Reproductive Rights in 2000 with a select group of parliamentarians and with the support of IPPF. He has been responsible for its growth to its current membership of over 30 all-party parliamentary groups on population and development issues. Neil has over fifteen years of experience in the field of political involvement in population and development. Throughout this period, he has conducted in-depth research on anti-choice activity in Europe, publishing a report in 2018 that continues to receive worldwide media attention.

ANTHEA TADERERA
Anthea Taderera is a registered lawyer specialising in feminist legal and political theory and its application in movement building and feminist leadership. She has expertise in sexual rights and currently works as Advocacy Advisor for Sexual Rights Initiative on rights relating to gender and sexuality in the international human rights system, particularly through the Universal Periodic Review and the Human Rights Council.

AUDREY LEBEL (moderator)
Audrey Lebel is a freelance journalist specialising in women’s rights issues and the countries of the former Soviet bloc, particularly Ukraine, where she has lived and returns regularly. She has carried out an investigation on right-wing anti-gender lobbyists in Europe.
**DAVID BOYD**

David R. Boyd is an associate professor of law, policy, and sustainability at the University of British Columbia. His career has included serving as the executive director of Ecojustice, appearing before the Supreme Court of Canada, and working as a special advisor on sustainability for Canadian Prime Minister Paul Martin. He has advised many governments on environmental, constitutional, and human rights policy and co-chaired Vancouver’s effort to become the world’s greenest city by 2020. He is a member of the World Commission on Environmental Law, an expert advisor for the UN’s Harmony with Nature Initiative, and a member of ELAW, the Environmental Law Alliance Worldwide.

**IVONNE YÁNEZ**

Ivonne Yánez is an ecologist and feminist, and the co-founder of the renowned Ecuadorian organisation Acción Ecológica, where she has been defending the rights of nature and the people affected by extractivism for more than 35 years. For more than two decades, she has been following the issue of climate change and denouncing false solutions, as well as making visible proposals from the communities to confront the climate crises. Recently, she has been working with her organisation on transition initiatives from the global South.

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VALERIE GRUBER
Österreichische Liga Für Menschenrechte

Valerie Gruber is a member of the Board of the Austrian League for Human Rights and is entrusted with the League’s international agendas. She holds degrees in Law and International Development from the University of Vienna and in International Relations from the University of Edinburgh. Ms Gruber has gathered experience in the field of “Combating Trafficking in Human Beings” while working at the Austrian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and is currently working in advocacy in Brussels at the Österreichische Liga Für Menschenrechte, a FIDH member organisation.

FRANÇOIS CROQUETTE
City of Paris

François Croquette is a career diplomat and has been working for 30 years with the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He took part in the reform of the French international development program as chief of staff (2000-2002) and private secretary (2013-2014) to the French Minister for international development. He also served as diplomatic adviser to the President of the French Senate (2011-2013). In 2017, he was appointed as the French Ambassador at large for Human Rights. In 2020, he was asked by Mayor Anne Hidalgo to create a new Ecology and climate department within the City of Paris.

LUCÍA CHAVEZ
Comisión Mexicana de Defensa y Promoción de los Derechos Humanos

Lucía Chavez has a law degree from the National Autonomous University of Mexico and a Master in Human Rights, Rule of Law and Democracy in Ibero-America from the University of Alcalá de Henares. She has been working in the field of human rights since 2008 and is the author and co-author of books and academic journal articles. Currently, Ms Chavez is a professor at the Latin American Technological University and Executive Director of the Mexican Commission for the Defense and Promotion of Human Rights.

ILYA NUZOV
FIDH

Ilya Nuzov is the Head of Eastern Europe and Central Asia Desk at the International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH). He is also a Lecturer in international law at SciencesPo university. Previously, he was Legal Advisor at the International Center for Transitional Justice and before that, Teaching Assistant and Researcher at the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights Law, where he also earned his LLM. He is a lawyer admitted to the New York bar.

LIONEL BRUN-VALICON
Ligue des Droits de l’Homme

Lionel Brun-Valicon is a member of the central committee and head of the environment group of the French Ligue des Droits de l’Homme.

CLÉMENCE BECTARTE
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Clémence Bectarte, is a barrister at the Paris Bar specialising in international criminal law, international human rights law and international humanitarian law. Since 2008, she has been coordinating the litigation activities of FIDH Judicial Action Group, whose mandate is to accompany victims of the most serious crimes before national and international courts. She also acts as a legal representative for FIDH and its member organisations, as well as for victims of crimes against humanity, torture and other serious human rights violations before the French, Guinean, Ivorian and Malian courts.
SPEAKERS

TAL STEINER
PCATI - Public Committee Against Torture in Israel

Adv. Tal Steiner is the Executive Director of the Public Committee against Torture in Israel (PCATI), a FIDH member organisation. A lawyer in training, Ms Steiner has previously represented asylum seekers and victims of human trafficking in Israel as the head of the legal department at the Hotline for Refugees and Migrants, as well as in private practice. She has also served as an associate human rights officer at the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR); and as a lawyer in Hamoked: Center for the Defense of the Individual, where she was working to protect the human rights of Palestinians under Israeli occupation.

AAGE BORCHGREVINK
Norwegian Helsinki Committee

Aage Borchgrevink is a Norwegian human rights activist and writer. He works at the Norwegian Helsinki Committee, where he focuses on the human rights situation in Russia, Chechnya and Georgia. Aage has published several books, including two travelogues based on his work for the Norwegian Helsinki Committee in the Balkans, Belarus and the Caucasus. He won the Norwegian Critics’ award for A Norwegian Tragedy: Anders Behring Breivik and the Massacre at Utøya (2012).

VINCE WARREN
Center for Constitutional Rights

Vincent Warren is a leading expert on racial injustice and discriminatory policing and is the executive director of the Center for Constitutional Rights - a member organisation of FIDH. He oversees CCR’s groundbreaking litigation and advocacy work, successfully challenging racial, gender and LGBT injustice, including, unlawful Stop-and-Frisk practices, profiling of Muslims, long-term solitary confinement, abuse of immigrants and the criminalization of transgender people. Vince provides legal and policy support to Black, Brown and Native organizers across the country.

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WHO ARE WE?

The International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH) was founded in the aftermath of the First World War. It is the first international non-governmental organisation (NGO) dedicated to the defence of human rights. Composed of 192 organisations in 117 countries, FIDH has, since 1922, investigated and documented human rights violations around the world and advocated for states to adopt policies that respect the human rights set out in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Over the past decade, FIDH has carried out more than 450 fact-finding, judicial observation, solidarity and advocacy missions in 80 countries. FIDH’s work focuses on three areas:

- Defending freedoms: supporting human rights defenders and fostering an environment conducive to democracy and freedom;
- Fighting discrimination and promoting equality: promoting women’s rights, fighting discrimination and violence based on sexual orientation and gender identity, and promoting the rights of migrants;
- Pursuing accountability: fighting impunity and protecting people from the most serious crimes and promoting respect for human rights by economic actors.

The International Secretariat, based in Paris, supports the capacity of the Federation’s member organisations to defend human rights in their own countries and amplifies their voice at the international level.

In addition to its Paris headquarters, FIDH has

- regional offices in Asia and the Middle East
- delegations to the UN in Geneva, the European Union in Brussels and the ICC in The Hague
- a representation to the African Union and to the African Commission on Human and People’s Rights.

The LDH (ligue des droits de l’Homme) is a generalist and independent association, recognised as being of general interest, for the promotion and defence of fundamental rights.

It has been fighting for freedoms, justice, civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights, the defence of freedoms against security intrusions in private life, against racism and anti-Semitism and the different forms of discrimination for more than 120 years. It calls on the public authorities to guarantee our fundamental rights when measures go against rights and freedoms, it observes police practices in order to ensure that democracy functions properly and to denounce abusive and liberticidal practices, it intervenes in schools and with the general public in order to inform and raise awareness, it goes to court alongside the victims of injustice or discrimination and provides access to the law. It is active throughout France and its overseas territories, through nearly 300 local sections.

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