**10th Session - Forum on Minority Issues**

**“Minority youth: towards inclusive and diverse societies”**

**30 November- 01 December 2017**

**Room XX- Palais des Nations, Geneva**

We are pleased to invite you to the tenth session of the Forum on Minority Issues, which will focus on **“Minority youth: towards inclusive and diverse societies”**. Registration and accreditation for this year’s session is now open and will remain so until 22nd November at the following link: <https://reg.unog.ch/event/15567/> .

The Forum will seek to propose concrete measures and recommendations aimed at ensuring that minority youth are empowered to be agents of change and promote inclusive, diverse and peaceful societies. Discussions will focus on education, participation of minority youth in public life, minority youth and the media in the digital age, and minority youth, peace and stability. Minority youth have a vital role to play in this regard and should be supported and enabled accordingly.

The Secretariat of the Forum particularly welcomes participation by young civil society representatives working on minority rights, including representatives of minority groups from all regions and strongly invites them to share their experience and expertise and to discuss effective measures to enable minority youth to become engaged actors in all areas that affect them and the society at large.

On **29 November**, the Special Rapporteur will host a consultation prior to the Forum with representatives of civil society organisations who wish to meet with him and share pressing concerns that need to be brought to the attention of his mandate. Organisations wishing to attend this consultation are urged to register with the Forum Secretariat and provide the Special Rapporteur with any relevant material in advance of the meeting.

A **provisional agenda** for the Forum will be available in 6 languages on the webpage of the 10th session of the Forum <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/Minority/Pages/Session10.aspx>

We would like to bring to your attention that the President of the Human Rights Council has invited member States to nominate **candidates to chair the 10th session** of the Forum on Minority Issues, with **8 September 2017** as a deadline. Candidates for the role of chairperson can get more information at the following link: <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/Minority/Pages/Session10.aspx>

If you are not able to attend the 10th session of the Forum on Minority Issues, you are welcome to submit written proposals to be included in the final recommendations of the Forum, which will be presented by the Special Rapporteur on minority issues to the 37th session of the Human Council in March 2018. You can do so by email before 1 December 2017 to minorityforum@ohchr.org with the subject line “DR –[name of your organisation]”.

Please share this invitation with your wider networks of international and local partners in order to bring attention to this important event.

If your organisation wishes to organise a **side event**, contact minorityforum@ohchr.org with a concept note before **27 October**.