



DATE AND TIME

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2016
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM CET

LOCATION

ROOM 23
PALAIS DES NATIONS
1202 GENEVE

Join us on the margins of the first United Nations Forum on Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law - “Widening the Democratic Space: The Role of Youth in Public Decision-Making” - for the launch of the global campaign **Not Too Young To Run** and an interactive discussion on the right of young people to run for public office.

The launch event will hear from some of the key partners in the Not Too Young To Run campaign, as well as young legislators themselves, on the current state of young public office holders and the barriers to full participation for young people in running for public office.

The format will be an interactive panel discussion on some of the existing barriers to full participation for young people, including age-restrictive legislation, political party structures, financing and cultural norms, among others. The event will also see the unveiling of the Not Too Young To Run campaign platform and include a demonstration of how the platform can be a useful tool for those looking to advocate for young candidates running for public office.

Speakers will include:

- **Ahmad Alhendawi** - UN Secretary-General’s Envoy and Youth
- **Mona Rishmawi** - Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
- **Zeina Hilal** - Inter-Parliamentary Union
- **Anne Lambelin** - Senator, Parliament of Belgium
- **Raphael Igbokwe**, Member of the Parliament of Nigeria
- **Samson Itodo** - Youth Initiative for Advocacy Growth & Advancement (YIAGA)
- **Johanna Nyman** - President, European Youth Forum

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