

Participation and contributing to the 2019 Forum

The Forum is open to all relevant stakeholder groups, including States, the wider UN system, intergovernmental and regional organizations, businesses, trade unions, national human rights institutions, non-governmental organizations, and affected stakeholders, among others.

Since the first Forum in 2012 participation has grown every year, reaching more than 2,700 registrations in 2018. <u>Due to ongoing building works at the Palais des Nations in Geneva and limits of venue capacity</u>, <u>participation will be capped at around 2,000 participants for the 2019 event</u>.

<u>All participants must register online. The registration form will be made available on this web page in</u> <u>due course</u>.

The Forum organizers will strive to achieve balanced participation between women and men and between relevant stakeholder groups and geographic regions. Parties interested in participating when registering must indicate their organizational affiliation, job title, nationality, place of work, and clearly state how participation in the Forum may benefit their work.

Due to the space limitations, only a very limited number of externally-organized (non-UN) parallel sessions or side events can be accommodated. The same applies to space available for the "snapshot" presentation tracks organized at the 2017 and 2018 Forums.

Beyond the proposals for sessions, the Forum organizers welcome any other suggestions for the programme. Ideas and suggestions can be sent to <u>forumbhr@ohchr.org</u>.