

Independent Expert on foreign debt, other international financial obligations and human rights to visit Sri Lanka 3-11 September

CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS AND INFORMATION

[The Independent Expert on foreign debt and human rights](#), Juan Pablo Bohoslavsky, will conduct an official country visit to Sri Lanka, 3-11 September 2018 at the invitation of the Government. His visit aims to assess the human rights situation from the standpoint of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations.

He would like to invite academics, non-governmental organizations, community-based organizations, individuals and all other relevant stakeholders to provide inputs and information for the preparation of the visit.

Contributions should be concise and address the specific issues of the mandate of the Independent Expert, such as:

- Effects of public debt and economic reform policies on the realization of human rights, including in relation to fiscal consolidation.
- Specific impacts of economic reform policies in the most marginalized individuals and groups, in particular in the enjoyment of their economic, social and cultural rights. These groups may include women, people living in poverty, unemployed, youth, minorities and others.
- Issues related to debt sustainability, debt restructuring and debt relief.
- Role and impact of international development assistance and cooperation
- Integration of human rights in the public and private financial sector of Sri Lanka
- Issues related to Illicit financial flows and corruption
- Issues related to taxation and the use of the maximum of available resources for the realization of human rights.
- Issues related to economic inequalities among groups and/or regions in relation to economic and fiscal policy

Please send your contributions, ideally **of no more than 2,000 words**, in English and when possible provide links to studies, legislation, or other documents that may be of relevance.

Submissions should be sent to: ieforeigndebt@ohchr.org. All submissions and contributions will be acknowledged, and will be kept confidential. **Deadline: 20 August 2018**

Please note that the Independent Expert will make use, to the extent possible, of the contributions in his preparation, in his end-of-visit statements or in his final report. All contributions are most welcome and much appreciated.

Juan Pablo Bohoslavsky (Argentina) was appointed as [Independent Expert on the effects of foreign debt and human rights](#) by the United Nations Human Rights Council on 8 May 2014. He has previously worked as a Sovereign Debt Expert for the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) where he coordinated an Expert Group on Responsible Sovereign Lending and Borrowing. He is independent of any government or organization and serves in his individual capacity.

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