**Intersessional Seminar on Youth and Human Rights**

12 April 2021 | 10AM – 12PM & 3PM – 5PM (CEST)

**Programme**

(*as of 30 March 2021*)

# 10:00-10:15 Session 1 | Opening remarks

* Michelle Bachelet, High Commissioner for Human Rights
* Jayathma Wickramanayake, Secretary-General’s Envoy on Youth
* Mr. Joaquín Alexander Maza Martelli, Permanent Representative of El Salvador to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva

# 10:15-12:00 Session 2 | Challenges and discrimination faced by young people in the realization of their rights

Moderator: Imma Guerras-Delgado, Team Leader, Child & Youth Rights, OHCHR

* Nerima Wako-Ojiwa, Executive Director, Siasa Place
* Niall O’Higgins, Senior Economist, International Labour Organization
* Poppy Stanbury, Advocacy Coordinator, CHOICE for Youth and Sexuality
* Tania Rosas, Founder, Fundación El Origen (Origin Learning Fund) and SDG Young Leader
* Tahere Siisiialafia, Chair, Pacific Youth Council
* Gift Dzorai, National Director, Zimbabwe Care Leavers Network

Objective: To highlight discrimination and challenges that young people face in the realization of their human rights, by virtue of their age.

# 12:00-15:00 Break

# 15:00-16:55 Session 3 | Youth mainstreaming in human rights mechanisms and next steps on youth and human rights at the international level

* Message from Akmal Saidov, Director of the National Center for Human Rights of Uzbekistan

Moderator: Imma Guerras-Delgado, Team Leader, Child & Youth Rights, OHCHR

* Alfonso Barragues, Deputy Director, United Nations Population Fund Liaison Office in Geneva
* Paulina Jalaksova, Board Member, European Youth Forum
* Anya Gass, Youth Advocacy Officer, Plan International
* Rita Izsák-Ndiaye, Member of the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
* Balal Manzour, Content Committee, World Youth Forum

Objectives:

* To explore how youth is mainstreamed across different human rights mechanisms and consider possibilities to further enhance youth mainstreaming;
* To discuss possible next steps on youth and human rights at international level;
* To identify potential recommendations for the Human Rights Council.

# 16:55-17:00 Session 4 | Closing remarks

* Mr. Rui Macieira, Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva