

**SIDE EVENT**

*Supporting States, Realizing Rights: the 4th cycle of the UPR and 15th Anniversary of the Voluntary Fund for Financial and Technical Assistance in the implementation of the universal periodic review*

The side event will focus on progress in the implementation of UPR recommendations by States, available UPR tools to support States and other stakeholders, access to and achievements of the Voluntary Fund.

**Date and venue:** Thursday, 3 November 2022, UN Headquarters – Conference Room 11

**Time:** 13h15 – 14h45

**Programme**

**Chair/Moderator:**

- H.E. Ambassador Omar Hilale  
  *Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Kingdom of Morocco*

**Opening statements:**

- H.E. Mr. Federico Villegas  
  *President of the Human Rights Council*

- Ms. Ilze Brands Kehris  
  *Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights, OHCHR*

- Ms. Asako Okai  
  *Assistant Secretary-General and Director, UNDP Crisis Bureau*

- Mr. Oscar Fernandez-Taranco  
  *Acting Assistant Secretary-General for Development Coordination, DCO*

**Panel Discussions:**

- H.E. Mr. José Alfonso Blanco Conde  
  *Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Dominican Republic, Chair of Third Committee*

- H.E. Mr. Antonio Manuel Revilla Lagdameo  
  *Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Philippines - tbc*

- H.E. Ms. Mathu Joyini  
  *Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of South Africa -tbc*

**Interventions from the floor**