

# CONFERENCE PROGRAM

November 13th, 2018



## 12:00-12:30 Registration

### 12:30 Human Rights Defense - past, present, future

*30 years of support in the frontline for human rights and human rights defenders*

Introduction by Executive Director of the Norwegian Human Rights Fund – Sandra Petersen

*Anniversary reflections and the way forward supporting human rights work*

State Secretary of Foreign Affairs (Norway) – Audun Halvorsen

*Global and international work for the promotion and protection of human rights defenders – past, present, future*

#### Key speakers:

- UN Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights – Andrew Gilmour
- UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders – Michel Forst

#### Questions and answers:

Moderator: Founder of Frontline Defenders and member of the NHRF advisory board – Mary Lawlor

### 14:10-15:15 Ground realities and strategies

– opportunities and challenges for local, national and international actors in the human rights movement

#### Panel:

- Executive director of Human Rights Defenders Fund, Israel – Alma Biblash
- NHRF's local consultant in Colombia – Mildrey Corrales Charry
- Co-founder of Iran Human Rights – Mahmood Amiry-Moghaddam
- Founder of Safety and Risk Mitigation Organization, Afghanistan – Horia Mosadiq

#### Moderator:

Director of Amnesty International Norway – John Peder Egenæs

### 15:15-15:30 BREAK

### 15:30-16:25 Solidarity and human rights work across sectors

Across academia, workers movement, the church and the interest group of people with disabilities, the Norwegian Human Rights Fund is a unique example of long-lasting cooperation across sectors and layers of society. In this session, we invite the owner organizations of the Norwegian Human Rights Fund to a conversation of different actors' role in the human rights movement and the fruits of intersectional work.

#### Panel conversation:

- General Secretary of the Church of Norway Council on Ecumenical and International Relations – Berit Hagen Agøy
- Second Vice President of the Norwegian Confederation of Trade Unions (LO) – Roger Haga Heimli
- CEO of the Atlas Alliance – Morten Eriksen
- Head of Department of the Norwegian Center for Human Rights – Gentian Zyberi

#### Moderator:

Secretary General of the Norwegian Refugee Council and co-founder of the Norwegian Human Rights Fund – Jan Egeland

### 16:30-17:30 New tools and strategies

Looking at new tools and new strategies for the human rights movement to support defenders on the ground

- Executive director of Equality Labs – Thenmozhi Soundararajan
- CEO of Memria and co-founder of I Defend Rights – Louis Bickford
- Project manager of the Malmö Rescue Archives – Emelie Wieslander

#### Moderator:

Director of the Nobel Peace Center – Liv Tørres

### Reception from 17:30

Open and informal reception to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Norwegian Human Rights Fund at the Nobel Peace Center, immediately after the program.