

# Asia-Pacific Regional Forum on Hate Speech, Social Media and Minorities

ONLINE EVENT:  
OCTOBER 19–20, 2020



## Programme of Work

### Day 1                    **19 October 2020**

**07:00-08:00 (UTC/GMT+02:00 - Geneva)**

#### Opening Session

10:00-11:00 (UTC/GMT+05:00 - Islamabad)

13:00-14:00 (UTC/GMT+08:00 - Kuala Lumpur)

17:00-18:00 (UTC/GMT+12:00 - Wellington)

*Welcoming remarks (5 minutes)*

**Anna-Mária Bíró**, Director of the Tom Lantos Institute

*Opening Remarks (50 minutes)*

**Cynthia Veliko**, OHCHR Regional Representative for South-East Asia

**Shigeru Aoyagi**, Director of UNESCO Bangkok

**El Habib Bourane**, Director of Muslim Communities and Minorities, Organisation of Islamic Cooperation

**Minseo Kangmun**, Director-General, Anti-Discrimination Bureau, National Human Rights Commission of Korea

**Amara Pongsapich**, Commissioner, ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights

**Fernand de Varennes**, UN Special Rapporteur on minority issues

Chair: **Anna-Mária Bíró**, Director of the Tom Lantos Institute

*Rules and Guide to Proceedings (5 minutes)*

**Anna-Mária Bíró**, Director of the Tom Lantos Institute, will set-out the process and explain the rules of proceedings for the forthcoming sessions.

**08:00-08:30 (UTC/GMT+02:00 - Geneva)**

**Break**

**08:30-10:15 (UTC/GMT+02:00 - Geneva)**

11:30-13:15 (UTC/GMT+05:00 - Islamabad)

14:30-16:15 (UTC/GMT+08:00 - Kuala Lumpur)

18:30-20:15 (UTC/GMT+12:00 - Wellington)

**Thematic Session 1: Causes, scale and impact of hate speech targeting minorities in social media**

*Moderator:* **Jerald Joseph**, Commissioner, Human Rights Commission of Malaysia (SUHAKAM)

*Experts:* **Myungkoo Kang**, Dean, College of Liberal Studies, Seoul National University

**Matthew Bugher**, Head of Asia Programme, ARTICLE 19

**Manjula Pradeep**, Director of Campaigns, Dalit Human Rights Defenders Network Project

**Arjun Narayan Bettadapur Manjunath**, Director, Trust and Safety at TikTok

*Interactive dialogue*

**10:15-10:30 (UTC/GMT+02:00 - Geneva)**

**Break**

**10:30-12:00 (UTC/GMT+02:00 - Geneva)**

13:30-15:00 (UTC/GMT+05:00 - Islamabad)

16:30-18:00 (UTC/GMT+08:00 - Kuala Lumpur)

20:30-22:00 (UTC/GMT+12:00 - Wellington)

**Thematic Session 2: International legal and institutional framework**

*Moderator:* **Meena Varma**, Executive Director, International Dalit Solidarity Network

*Experts:* **Puja Kapai**, Associate Professor, Faculty of Law and Convenor of the Women's Studies Research Centre at the University of Hong Kong

**Naumana Suleman**, Pakistan Programme Lead, Minority Rights Group International

**Sangyun Kim**, Professor of law, Graduate School of Ryukoku University

*Interactive dialogue*

**Day 2**      **20 October 2020**

**07:00-08:30 (UTC/GMT+02:00 - Geneva)**

10:00-11:30 (UTC/GMT+05:00 - Islamabad)

13:00-14:30 (UTC/GMT+08:00 - Kuala Lumpur)

17:00-18:30 (UTC/GMT+12:00 - Wellington)

**Thematic Session 3: Regulation of online hate speech: The role and responsibility of intergovernmental organizations, States, internet companies and social media platforms**

*Moderator:*      **Sriprapha Petcharamesree**, Senior Lecturer, Human Rights and Peace Studies at Mahidol University

*Experts:*        **Sajjad Hassan**, Convener, South Asia Collective

**Alex Warofka**, Product Policy Manager, Human Rights for Asia-Pacific, Facebook

**Wai Wai Nu**, Founder and Executive Director, Women's Peace Network

*Interactive dialogue*

**08:30-09:00 (UTC+02:00 – Geneva)**

**Break**

**09:00-10:45 (UTC/GMT+02:00 - Geneva)**

12:00-13:30 (UTC/GMT+05:00 - Islamabad)

15:00-16:30 (UTC/GMT+08:00 - Kuala Lumpur)

19:00-20:30 (UTC/GMT+12:00 - Wellington)

**Thematic Session 4: Towards a safer space for minorities: positive initiatives to address online hate speech: The role of NHRIs, human rights organizations, civil society and other stakeholders**

*Moderator:*      **Taisuke Komatsu**, Under-Secretary General, the International Movement Against All Forms of Discrimination and Racism (IMADR)

*Experts:*        **Andre Oboler**, CEO and Managing Director, Online Hate Prevention Institute

**Mariya Salim**, Independent activist, writer and researcher. Former Mentor and Fellow, Minority Fellowship Program OHCHR

**James Gomez**, Regional Director, Asia Centre

**Kathleen Reen**, Senior Director, Public Policy for Asia-Pacific, Twitter

*Interactive dialogue*

**10:45-12:00 (UTC/GMT+02:00 - Geneva)**

**Break**

**12:00-13:00 (UTC/GMT+02:00 - Geneva)**

**Presentation of Recommendations**

15:00-16:00 (UTC/GMT+05:00 - Islamabad)

18:00-19:00 (UTC/GMT+08:00 - Kuala Lumpur)

22:00-23:00 (UTC/GMT+12:00 - Wellington)

In this session, the proposed recommendations developed during the four thematic sessions will be made available to participants to consider.

The session will be introduced by **Fernand de Vareennes**, UN Special Rapporteur on minority issues, following which **Marcus Oda**, Programme Manager at the Tom Lantos Institute, will present the list of recommendations.

Participants can make any final comments on specific recommendations using the Zoom chat function.

*Moderator:* **Anna-Mária Bíró**, Director of the Tom Lantos Institute

**13:00-13:30 (UTC/GMT+02:00 - Geneva)**

**Concluding remarks**

16:00-16:30 (UTC/GMT+05:00 - Islamabad)

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**Fernand de Vareennes**, UN Special Rapporteur on minority issues

*Working language is English.*