

# 70 YEARS

# UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

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A DISCUSSION ON THE RELEVANCE OF THE UNIVERSAL  
DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS TO TODAY'S CUTTING-EDGE  
HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES OF INEQUALITY, CLIMATE CHANGE  
AND NEW TECHNOLOGIES

Human Rights Day, 10 December 2018  
ECOSOC Chamber, UNHQ, New York  
3:00 – 4:30pm

### PROGRAM

#### WELCOME

**Andrew Gilmour**, Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights

#### VIDEO MESSAGES

**António Guterres**, Secretary-General of the United Nations

**Michelle Bachelet**, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

#### MODERATOR

Sherine Tadros, Amnesty International

A human rights advocate and award-winning former Middle East television correspondent and anchor for Sky News and Al Jazeera English, Sherine Tadros has reported from the front lines. She was one of only two foreign journalists inside Gaza during the conflict in 2008-09 and in 2011 she was honored with a Peabody Award for her reporting on the uprisings in Egypt, Yemen and Libya. She later reported regularly from Iraq, Tunisia and Southern Turkey. She is now the Representative and Head of the New York (UN) Office of Amnesty International.

#### VIDEO

Add Your Voice, produced by the UN Department of Public Information

## PANELISTS

### “TECHNOLOGY DISRUPTION: RIGHTS, RULES AND RISKS”

**Brett Solomon**, Access Now

What does our right to privacy mean in an era of ubiquitous data collection? How do we enjoy freedom of expression on privatized tech platforms? What does access to information mean for those trapped behind a firewall? What of our right to non-discrimination in the age of the algorithm? New technologies offer many benefits but are upending long-held rules which have protected our ability to exercise our rights. Technology is introducing new risks which threaten to replicate, and even exacerbate, existing risks to human rights. Often it is human rights defenders who are at the front lines, unprotected. Brett Solomon leads Access Now, a global international organization that defends and extends the digital rights of users at risk around the world. By combining direct technical support, comprehensive policy engagement, global advocacy, grassroots grantmaking, and their annual convening RightsCon, Access Now fights for human rights in the digital age. Brett will provide insight into how we can turn technology into enablers of rights, reinforcing the rules and reducing risk.

### “YOUTH HAVE A RIGHT TO A STABLE CLIMATE SYSTEM”

**Alex Loznak**, student

Alex Loznak is part of a generation that may inherit a world already ravaged by climate change. Like many young people, he feels that climate change threatens his most basic rights. According to a recent United Nations panel report, climate chaos threatens to make much of the planet uninhabitable within his generation's lifetime. Alex grew up on a farm in Oregon that has been in his family for seven generations. He saw how drought conditions, unusually hot temperatures and abnormally large wildfires nearby are harming his home. In high school he started a Climate Change Club to raise awareness about the issue and later lobbied his state legislators to pass comprehensive climate legislation. Alex is one of 21 young people, ages 11 to 22, who in 2015 filed a lawsuit against the US federal government to secure the legal right to a stable climate and healthy atmosphere. For reasons of geography or occupation, all 21 plaintiffs live in areas in the USA where climate change has already begun to make their lives untenable.

### “WHO HAS THE RIGHT TO A DECENT LIFE?”

**Nadia Daar**, Oxfam International

Last year, 82% of all new wealth created was captured by the 1% at the top while the bottom 50% got nothing. Although incomes of poor people have risen world-wide, the gap between the rich and the poor has been growing for the past 30 years. Economic inequality is now stark and looks to be getting worse. Using insights and statistics garnered by Oxfam, Nadia Daar, an advocate for social and economic justice, says poverty and extreme inequality are not inevitable by-products of society but unsustainable choices that are made by policy. As the head of Oxfam International's Washington DC Office, she works to influence international financial institutions to adopt policies and practices which promote inclusive, accountable and sustainable development.

## QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

from social media and the audience