



**INTERNATIONAL ONLINE CONFERENCE:
"DIGITALIZATION OF THE OMBUDSPERSON'S WORK: INNOVATIVE
MECHANISMS FOR PROMOTING AND PROTECTING HUMAN RIGHTS
AND FREEDOMS"**

**DEDICATED TO THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INSTITUTE OF THE
AUTHORIZED PERSON OF THE OLIY MAJLIS OF THE REPUBLIC OF
UZBEKISTAN FOR HUMAN RIGHTS (OMBUDSPERSON) AND THE
HUMAN RIGHTS DAY**

**Human Rights Day 2020 Theme:
"Recover Better - Stand Up for Human Rights"**

**11 December 2020
10.00-17.30 Tashkent time, location: Tashkent city hotel "Hilton"
Zoom event with Uzbek-Russian-English translation**

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AGENDA

OPENING. WELCOMING REMARKS	
Moderator: Ulugbek Mukhammadiev, Authorized Person of the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan for Human Rights (Ombudsperson)	
10.00-11.30	Michelle Bachelet , the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (video message)
	Tanzila Narbaeva , Chairperson of the Senate of the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan
	Nurdinjon Ismoilov , Speaker of the Legislative Chamber of the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan
	Akmal Saidov , Academician, Director of the National Center of the Republic of Uzbekistan for Human Rights
	Sayyora Rashidova , Academician, Ex-Authorized Person of the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan for Human Rights (Ombudsperson)
	Katarzyna Gardapkhadze , First Deputy Director of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (video message)
	Ryszard Komenda , Regional Representative of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) for Central Asia
	Ambassador John MacGregor , OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Uzbekistan
	Baroness Vivien Stern , Member of the British Parliament's House of Lords, Life Peer of the House of Lords, Honorary Commander of the Order of the British Empire (video message)
	Peter Tyndall , President of the International Ombudsman Institute
	Dr. Josef Siegele , Secretary General of the European Ombudsman Institute
	Olivia Rope , Executive Director of Penal Reform International (video message)
11.30-11.40	<p><i>Ceremony for Signing of a Memorandum of Co-operation between the Authorized Person of the Oliy Mazhlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan for Human Rights (Ombudsperson) and the Project Co-ordinator in Uzbekistan of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe</i></p> <p><i>Ceremony for Signing of a Memorandum of Co-operation between the Authorized Person of the Oliy Mazhlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan for Human Rights (Ombudsperson) and Penal Reform International Office in Central Asia</i></p>
SESSION I	
"THE NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTIONS IN CENTRAL ASIA DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC: THE USE OF CONTEMPORARY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES"	
Moderator: Ambassador John MacGregor, OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Uzbekistan	
11.40-12.30	Elvira Azimova , Authorized Person for Human rights in the Republic of Kazakhstan
	Tokon Mamytov , Akyikatchy (Ombudsperson) of the Kyrgyz Republic
	Umed Bobozoda , Authorized Person for Human Rights in the Republic of Tajikistan
	Yazdursun Gurbannazarova , Authorized Person for Human Rights (Ombudsperson) of Turkmenistan
	Ulugbek Mukhammadiev , Authorized Person of the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan for Human Rights (Ombudsperson)
12.30-12.50	Q&A session, discussion
SESSION II	
"THE NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTIONS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC: EXPERIENCE OF INTERACTING WITH RIGHTS-HOLDERS AND THE PUBLIC"	
Moderator: Ennio Boati, Acting Deputy UN OHCHR Regional Representative for Central Asia	

12.50-13.50	Dr. Mohammed Bin Saif AL-Kuwari , Vice Chairperson of the National Human Rights Committee of the State of Qatar
	Mr. Jerald Joseph , Commissioner, Human Rights Commission of Malaysia (SUHAKAM)
	Mr. Adam Bodnar , Commissioner for Human Rights of Poland
	Mr. Şeref Malkoç , Chief Ombudsperson of the Republic of Turkey
	Mr. Vidhavat Ratchatanan , Ombudsperson of the Kingdom of Thailand (video message)
	Mr. Mikhail Vinogradov , Deputy Head of the Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights of the Russian Federation
13.50-14.10	Q&A session, discussion
14.10-14.40	Break
SESSION III	
"THE WORK OF THE NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTIONS AIMED AT PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF VULNERABLE GROUPS OF POPULATION: THE USE OF INNOVATIVE WORKING METHODS"	
Moderator: Ainura Bekkoenova , Expert on Human Rights and Rule of Law, the UNDP Istanbul Regional Hub	
14.40-15.40	Sabina Aliyeva , Authorized Person for Human Rights (Ombudsperson) of the Republic of Azerbaijan
	"Overview of the NHRIs practices in various countries in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions"
	Natalia Utesheva , Human Rights Expert, PhD Candidate in Human Rights and International Relations, Kingston University, London
	"Experience of the NHRIs in West Asia in protecting and promoting human rights in the COVID-19 context"
	Ameera Al-Hedfa , Head of the Sub-regional Office, the Asia-Pacific Forum of National Human Rights Institutions in Doha
	"The work of national preventive mechanisms in the context of COVID-19 – challenges and solutions"
	George Tugushi , Expert of the UN OHCHR Regional Office for Central Asia, Former Deputy Chairman of the UN Committee against Torture (CAT)
"Human rights monitoring and investigation where there is limited/no access"	
Sonia Mueller-Rappard , Human Rights Officer, Methodology, Education and Training Section, UN OHCHR Geneva	
"National Human Rights Institutions in a Public Emergency"	
Kateřina Šimonova , Human Rights Adviser, OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights	
15.40-16.00	Q&A session, discussion
SESSION IV	
"CO-OPERATION BETWEEN CIVIL SOCIETY AND THE NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTIONS"	
Moderator: Zhanna Nazarova , Director of the Regional Office of the Penal Reform International in Central Asia	
16.00-17.00	Sayyora Khodzhaeva , Director, NGO "Institute for Democracy and Human Rights"
	Shukhrat Ganiev , Director, NGO "Humanitarian Legal Center"
	Oybek Isakov , Chairperson of the Association of Disabled People of Uzbekistan
	Azam Farmonov , Director, NGO "Huquqiy Tayanch" ("Legal Base")
	Kamila Nikolaeva , Civic Activist

	Steve Swerdlow , Human Rights Lawyer, Associate Professor of Human Rights at the University of Southern California, Expert of the US Congressional Commission on International Religious Freedom
17.00-17.15	Q&A session, discussion
CONCLUDING SESSION/CLOSING REMARKS	
17.15-17.30	Helena Fraser , UN Resident Coordinator in Uzbekistan Ambassador John MacGregor , OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Uzbekistan Ulugbek Mukhammadiev , Authorized Person of the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan for Human Rights (Ombudsperson)