



The Council at the Crossroads

Side event during the 12th session of the Human Rights Council

Wednesday, 23 September 2009, 13:00 - 15:00, Palais de Nations, Room 21 (XXI)



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The Human Rights Council (the Council) has just finished its third year, and started its fourth. With the institution-building process completed, and the UPR entirely operational, the year gone by has been the first year devoted entirely to the Council's main task, the promotion and protection of human rights. As the Council enters its fourth cycle, it is a timely moment to take stock and highlight both the Council's achievements and the challenges that lie ahead.



Brief presentations by panellists will be followed by interventions from the floor.



Panellists

Ambassador Martin Ihoeghian Uhomobhi of Nigeria, former President of the Human Rights Council



Ambassador Carlos Portales of Chile



Rachel Brett, Quakers UN Office who has recently published an analysis of the Council's 3rd cycle entitled «A Curate's Egg», available at <http://tr.im/yRef>

Julie de Rivero, Human Rights Watch

Giyoun Kim, Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development (FORUM-ASIA)



Facilitation

Katrine Thomsen, International Service for Human Rights (ISHR)

Sandwiches and refreshments will be provided



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