

HRC 37
SIDE EVENT



Protecting the Human Rights of Migrants

Friday 2 March, 12:00 - 13:30, Room XXIII, Palais des Nations

In the context of an increasingly restrictive environment which tends to consider migration as a security issue that takes precedence over rights' protection, this side event aims to discuss how to enhance the rights of migrants and of those defending their rights.

Opening remarks by:

- **Sabrina Dallafior**, Ambassador, Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the UN in Geneva

Panelists

- **Nils Melzer**, Special Rapporteur on Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment
- **Laurel Townhead**, Representative, Human Rights and Refugees, Quaker United Nations Office
- **Michel Forst**, Special Rapporteur on the situation of Human Rights Defenders
- **Pia Oberoi**, Advisor on Migration and Human Rights, Thematic Engagement, Special Procedures and Right to Development Division, OHCHR

Moderated by:

- **Barbara Bernath**, Chief of Operations, Association for the Prevention of Torture



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