

Combatting racism and discrimination at the local level: experiences, strategies and lessons learnt

Hybrid panel at III Foro Mundial de Derechos Humanos

Buenos Aires, Argentina

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The hybrid panel "*Combatting racism and discrimination at the local level: experiences, strategies and lessons learnt*" aims to bring key international actors together to share perspectives and exchange strategies, policies, and success stories related to combating racism and xenophobia at the local level. The local level will be highlighted as an important arena for combating racism and discrimination. The panel will show how International Organisations and their city coalitions support developing Attainable sustainable solutions for cities.

Panelists will discuss their practical experiences as well as present concrete frameworks and outputs from the UNESCO Roadmap against Racism, the ICCAR Global Policy Dialogues, the ECCAR Toolkit for Equality, the Toolkit for Urban Inclusion, and others. The panel is aimed at local level human rights actors, particularly local authorities and their representatives, but it is relevant to all human rights actors working on racism and discrimination.

The panel will last 90 minutes and take place in English.

Register here:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZllcuyuqDspG9XbYlVnautsH7SHdlLJe8DI>

Speakers:

Windi **Arini**, Programme Officer at Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, based in Jakarta, Indonesia

Livia **Perschy**, Project Officer at the International Centre for the Promotion of Human Rights at the Local and Regional Levels, based in Graz, Austria

Gyonggu **Shin**, Director of Gwangju International Center based in Gwangju, South Korea

Benedetto **Zacchiroli**, President of the European Coalition of Cities Against Racism (ECCAR), based in Rome, Italy

Abdelaziz **Zaki**, National Programme Officer at UNESCO Regional Bureau for Sciences in the Arab States, based in Cairo, Egypt

Moderation:

Wanda **Tiefenbacher**, Senior researcher at the International Centre for the Promotion of Human Rights at the Local and Regional Levels, hosting from Buenos Aires, Argentina



Objectives of the panel discussion:

- Establish the **local level** as key area and **cities** as key actors to combat racism and discrimination
- Introduction of **international actors and networks** active in the field
- Presentation of select **frameworks, experiences** and **tools** beneficial to local level actors

Agenda

09:00	Opening and thematic introduction by Wanda Tiefenbacher, International Centre for the Promotion of Human Rights at the Local and Regional Levels
09:05	Presentation of panelists by Wanda Tiefenbacher
09:10	Brief presentation of organisation and activities of the International Centre for the Promotion of Human Rights at the Local and Regional Levels, Category 2 sister organization of CIPDH-UNESCO
09:15	Benedetto Zacchioli , President of the European Coalition of Cities Against Racism (ECCAR), based in Rome, Italy Key topic: City action plans as useful tool at local level
09:25	Windi Arini , Programme Officer at Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, based in Jakarta, Indonesia Key topic: discrimination as broader topic, role of city administration
09:35	Gyonggu Shin , Director of Gwangju International Center based in Gwangju, South Korea Key topic: Human Rights as crucial framework, Human Rights Cities helpful to commitment
09:45	Abdel Aziz Zaki , National Programme Officer at UNESCO Regional Bureau for Sciences in the Arab States, based in Cairo, Egypt Key topic: experiences and needs from the Arab Region
09:55	Livia Perschy , Project Officer at the International Centre for the Promotion of Human Rights at the Local and Regional Levels, based in Graz, Austria Key topic: best practice example of Toolkit use and capacity-building example
10:05	Audience Q&A online and in-person from Buenos Aires
10:20	Closing and summary

