



Protecting human rights defenders: Reflections on the 20th Anniversary of the Declaration

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Twenty years ago, in the 'Declaration on Human Rights Defenders', the world acknowledged the importance of the work of defenders and committed to respecting their rights. How have defenders fared since?

The Special Rapporteur on Human Rights Defenders has surveyed the implementation of the Declaration in 140 States. Come to hear him share his findings. Joining him on the panel, defenders with direct experience at national level, who will reflect on what political shifts globally mean for the future of those defending rights.

Speakers:

Opening remarks delivered by Deputy Permanent Representative Mari Skare

- Michel Forst, UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights Defenders
- Julia Cruz, Conectas Human Rights, Brazil

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