

#HRC58 Side Event

PROTECTION OF DEFENDERS AGAINST NEW AND EMERGING FORMS OF TECHNOLOGY-FACILITATED RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

7 March 2025

1:00pm-2:00pm

Room XXV, Palais des Nations

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This event will foster discussion on the reality and challenges that defenders face in the context of new and emerging technologies. It will also be an opportunity to hear directly from those who work with defenders in the field of digital rights while highlighting their specific protection needs. Finally, it will also help remind States about the obligations that can inform the consultations on the HRC58 resolution on human rights defenders.

Speakers:

- Opening remarks: Ambassador Tormod C. Endresen, Permanent Representative of Norway
- Carla Vitoria, Association for Progressive Communications
- Lucía Gómez Vicente, Human Rights Information and Documentation Systems
- Nancy Awad, Front Line Defenders
- Gerald Kankya, Business and Human Rights Resource Centre

Moderator: [Ulises Quero](#), Programme Manager, Land, Environment and Business & Human Rights (ISHR)

