DEFENDERS' VOICES ON REFORMING THE DIRECTION RIGHTS SYSTEM

## Monday 16 June 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM CET

Room XXV, Palais des Nations, Geneva

## **IN PERSON**

This event will explore the crisis facing the UN human rights system amid global environmental collapse, conflict, authoritarianism, and shrinking civic space. Human rights defenders will share why a strong and responsive system is vital to their work, and how it needs to grow, evolve, adapt, and reform itself to address the crisis of credibility and legitimacy it is currently facing.

## **Moderation:**

 Pooja Patel, Deputy Director, International Service for Human Rights

## **Speakers:**

- Laura Restrepo, Committee for Solidarity with Political Prisoners (CSPP) & FDSS, Colombia
- Mariama Jumie Bah, Human Rights Defenders Network Sierra Leone
- Elena Petrovska, LGBTI Equal Rights Association (ERA), Western Balkans/Turkey
- Douglas Juárez, American Friends Service Committee (AFSC), Guatemala
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