

“Journalists at Risk: How diplomatic missions can effectively protect journalists and safeguard media freedoms”

Side-event on the margins of the 54th session of the UN Human Rights Council

October 3, 2023, 17:00-18:00 Room XXV, Palais des Nations, Geneva

Agenda

- 5:00- 5:10 p.m.** **Welcome Remarks** by CoD Secretary General Thomas E. Garrett
- Opening Remarks** by H.E. Patricia McCullagh, Deputy Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations in Geneva
- 5:10 – 5:45 pm** **Panel discussion** –Media freedoms as a key pillar of democracy, how can States and diplomatic missions contribute to ensuring a safe and secure working environment for journalists.
- Moderator: Mr. Renaud Gaudin de Villaine**, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
- Speaker Interventions**
- **H.E. Riia Salsa-Audiffren**, Permanent Representative of Estonia to the United Nations Office in Geneva
 - **H.E. Michèle Taylor**, U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations Human Rights Council
 - **Mr. Abdoul Aziz Thioye**, Chief a.i. of the Rule of Law, Equality and Non-Discrimination Branch, OHCHR
 - **Ms. Silvia Chocarro**, Head of Protection, Article 19, member of the Civil Society Pillar of the Community of Democracies
 - **Ms. Pia Flores**, journalist and anthropologist
- 5:45-6:00 p.m.** **Q&A**
- Closing by the Moderator