

HUMAN RIGHTS CITY



Vienna Human Rights Conference

From the Universal Declaration 1948 to the Human Rights Cities of Today

December 10th to 11th, 2023

VIENNA CITY HALL – Entrance Lichtenfelsgasse 2

December 10th 2023

Vienna City Hall, City Senate Meeting Room

Moderation: Corinna Milborn

Language: German and English with simultaneous translation

16:00 Opening

Video-Statement

Volker Türk

UN High Commissioner for Human Rights

Keynote

Melissa Fleming

UN Under-Secretary-General for Global Communications

16:45

Panel

Vienna Conference 1993: Civil Society as the Guardians of Success?

Alda Facio

Women's Human Rights Education Institute

Rosa Logar

Activist for Women Rights and Peace

Manfred Nowak

Vienna Forum for Democracy and Human Rights

Christian Strohal

Ambassador and Special Envoy for the International Human Rights Year 2023, BMEIA

Indai Sajor

IASC Gender Humanitarianism Advisor

Shoura Zehetner-Hashemi

Director Amnesty International Austria

17:45

Talk

This Human World – 16 Years of the Human Rights Film Festival in Vienna

Lisa & Johannes Wegenstein

This Human World

Veronica Kaup-Hasler

Executive City Councillor for Culture and Science

18:15

Music

Closing

Sagada Quartett

Music and Art University of the City of Vienna (MUK)

18:30

Reception

Invitation of the Mayor of Vienna, Michael Ludwig

December 11th 2023

Vienna City Hall, Festival Hall

Moderation: Shams Asadi & Johannes Lutter

Language: German and English with simultaneous translation

Human Rights Fair on site

08:30 Arrival

09:00 Opening

Christoph Wiederkehr

Deputy Mayor of Vienna

Michael O'Flaherty

Director, EU Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA)

09:45

Panel

Human Rights Cities – Political Commitment and Challenges

Morten Kjaerum (Moderation)

Director, Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law

Sandra Frauenberger

Director of the Association of Viennese Social Service Providers and Initiator of the Human Rights City in Vienna

Andreas Wolter

Mayor, Cologne

Karolina Zdrodowska

Deputy Mayor, Warsaw

Gabriella De Francesco

Alderwoman for Diversity and Equal Opportunities, Mechelen

Ulrike Taberhofer

Local Councillor and Member of the Human Rights Advisory Council of Graz

11:00

Coffee Break

11:30

Panel

Human Rights in Practice – Implementing the Human Rights-Based Approach

Manfred Nowak (Moderation)

Vienna Forum for Democracy and Human Rights

Dietmar Griebler

Chief Executive Director, City of Vienna

Peter Kirchschräger

Institute for Social Ethics, University of Lucerne

Francoise Schein

Artist of the Human Rights

Martin Schenk

Deputy Director Diakonie Austria

Nicole Romain

Head of Communication and Events Unit, EU Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA)

12:30

Talk

Global Campaign: „10, 100, 1.000 Human Rights Cities and Territories by 2030“

Amanda Flety Martinez (Moderation)

United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG)

13:00

Lunch

14:00

Panel

Human Rights & the Economy – A Complicated Affair?

Eric Frey (Moderation)

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Alexandra Strickner

Competence Center for Infrastructure Economics, Public Services & Social Provisioning

Pradeep Wagle

UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights

Barbara Blaha

Director Momentum Institut

Alpaslan Deliloglu

CEO IKEA Austria

15:30

Coffee Break

16:00

Panel

Human Rights & the Environment – A Growing Challenge

Camilla Haake (Moderation)

Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human and Fundamental Rights

Ernest Aigner

Competence Center for Climate and Health, Austrian National Public Health Institut

Sithara Pathirana

Program Director, Klima Biennale Wien

Michaela Krömer

Lawyer for Climate, Environmental and Constitutional Law

Hans Sackers

Program Manager „Localising Human Rights“, City of Utrecht

Lena Schilling

Climate Activist and Author

17:30

In Memoriam Felix Ermacora

Manfred Nowak (Moderation)

Vienna Forum for Democracy and Human Rights

Christian Strohal

Ambassador and Special Envoy for the International Human Rights Year 2023, BMEIA

Inez Bucher-Ermacora

Daughter of Felix Ermacora, Federal Chancellery of Austria

Christiane Druml

UNESCO Chair of Bioethics, MedUni Vienna, Chair of the Bioethics Commission

Hannes Tretter

Vienna Forum for Democracy and Human Rights

18:30

Closing and Act by Kid Pex & Kian

19:00

Reception

Information & Registration



On occasion of the International Human Rights Day on December 10th, entry to the House of Austrian History in the Hofburg on Heldenplatz will be free from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. A focus tour on fundamental and human rights will take place at 2 p.m.

The event is organized by the Human Rights Office of the City of Vienna in cooperation with UIV Urban Innovation Vienna GmbH and supported by funds from the Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs (BMEIA).

Note: Visitors agree that photos and film recordings made of them during the event may be used by the City of Vienna for media purposes without restriction.