From Rabat to Geneva: Strengthening the UPR Process for Transformative Human Rights Impact

Thursday 24 September 2026, 1:00 PM

Room IX, Palais des Nations

Light snacks and refreshments will be served

2026 has marked the 20th anniversary of the Universal Periodic Review.

On this occasion, Morocco, the OHCHR and UPR Info have hosted on 5 and 6 June 2026 an international retreat to take stock of the achievements of the UPR and to reflect on how it can become even more effective in a rapidly evolving international context.

The side event is intended to share the main conclusions of the Rabat Retreat, and to chart pathways towards strengthening the UPR ahead of its fifth cycle

Panelists

Moderator: **H.E. Mr. Omar ZNIBER**, Ambassador Permanent Representative of Morocco

- **H.E. Ambassador Sidharto Reza SURYODIPURO**, President of the Human Rights Council;
- **Mr. Mohamed Lahbib BELKOUCH**, Interministerial Delegate for Human Rights of Morocco;
- **H.E. Mr. Tormod Cappelen ENDRESEN**, Ambassador Permanent Representative of Norway;
- **H.E. Mrs. Salma RASHEED**, Ambassador Permanent Representative of Maldives:
- **H.E. Mrs. Fancy TOO**, Ambassador Permanent Representative of Kenya;
- **Mrs. Juliette DE RIVERO**, Chief, Universal Periodic Review Branch, OHCHR;
- **Mrs. Mona M'BIKAY**, Executive Director of UPR Info.