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# SIDE EVENT ON CORRUPTION AND HUMAN RIGHTS LAUNCH OF A PRACTITIONERS' GUIDE ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND COUNTERING CORRUPTION

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Corruption is one of the major impediments causing individuals to be denied the full enjoyment of their rights as enshrined in the United Nations (UN) human rights instruments. There has been long consideration given to the impact of corruption on the enjoyment of human rights and acknowledgement that corruption 'both drives human rights abuses and hinders the effective discharge of human rights obligations'.

The UN Convention Against Corruption has proven to be an important instrument governing the international fight against corruption. However, there have been discussions amongst stakeholders on the need to address corruption-related human rights issues.

In order to encourage anti-corruption groups and movements to use the UN human rights framework at their disposal, the CCPR Centre, the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and the Geneva Academy developed a **Practitioners' Guide on Human Rights and Countering Corruption** which focuses notably on how UN human rights mechanisms can be better used to report on corruption issues.

On the occasion of the launch of the Guide, this panel will explore innovative practical ideas on how best to address corruption-related human rights issues within the UN human rights framework.

## KEY CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE DISCUSSION

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- Understanding the impact of corruption on the enjoyment of human rights
- How can the UN human rights framework account for corruption-related human rights issues?
- Do we need to establish a separate human rights pathway/framework to account for the impact of corruption on the enjoyment of human rights?

## OPENING REMARKS

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- **Valentin Zellweger**, Ambassador, Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the UN in Geneva

## MODERATION

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- **Felix Kirchmeier**, Executive Director, Geneva Human Rights Platform and Coordinator of Policy Studies, Geneva Academy

## PANELISTS

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- **Ayuush Bat-Erdene**, OHCHR
- **Lazarie Eeckeloo**, CCPR Centre
- **Fatima Kanji**, International State Crime Initiative
- **Ergun Cakal**, Danish Institute Against Torture