

THE ERITREAN HUMAN RIGHTS CAUSE AT A CRITICAL JUNCTURE: REFLECTIONS ON PROGRESS, PITFALLS AND PROSPECTS

**SIDE EVENT AT 38TH
SESSION OF THE
HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL**

**MONDAY, 25 JUNE
9:00-10:00
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ROOM XXVI**

This year, the UN Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Eritrea (Ms. Sheila B. Keetharuth) will conclude her term. This is a watershed moment to reflect on the achievements of the Special Rapporteur's mandate and assess the ongoing obstacles in bringing an end to gross human rights violations in Eritrea. This side event will review the progress and pitfalls of protecting human rights in the country since the establishment of the UN Special Rapporteur; call for the renewal of the mandate and appointment of a successor; assess the prospects of the application of the principle of universal jurisdiction for crimes against humanity committed in Eritrea; and hear the views and insights from victims' families.

SPEAKERS:

- Family Member of the Late Haji Musa Mohammed Nur (a prominent Eritrean figure who died while in detention without trial in March 2018)
- Dr. Philippe Currat, Member of the Human Rights Committee of the Geneva Bar Association and former Secretary-General of the International Criminal Bar
- Mr. Björn Tunbäck, Member of the Board of Reporters Without Borders, Swedish Section

Moderator: Dr. Daniel Mekonnen, Director of the Eritrean Law Society

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