



# THE BUSINESS CASE FOR CIVIC SPACE

**SIDE EVENT AT 35TH  
SESSION OF THE  
HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL**

**WEDNESDAY, 14TH JUNE  
13:30–15:00  
PALAIS DES NATIONS  
ROOM XXIV**

**This side event aims to bring together civil society, members of the business community and UN representatives to discuss their intersecting role in promoting human rights. The event will focus on lessons learnt on how to ensure the effective realisation of these commitments and identify strategies for effective multi-stakeholder participation in the development of norms on business and human rights. On this occasion CIVICUS and partners will also launch its annual State of Civil Society Report.**

**Panelists:**

- **Peggy Hicks, OHCHR, Director, Thematic Engagement, Special Procedures, and Right to Development Division**
- **Raquel Gonzales, ITUC, Director of Geneva Office**
- **Inna Michaeli, AWID, Women Human Rights Defenders Coordinator**
- **Jean-Yves Art, Microsoft, Senior Director of Partnerships**
- **Michael Ineichen, ISHR, Human Rights Council Advocacy Director**

**Moderator: Danny Sriskandarajah, CIVICUS, Secretary General**

**Opening Remarks: Kate Gilmore, OHCHR, Deputy High Commissioner**

**Translations in English-French and light refreshments will be provided**



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