

**Civil society towards the United Nations Human Rights Council 35th session of the
Universal Periodic Review of Armenia**

Draft Agenda

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DoubleTree by Hilton Yerevan, Milano Hall
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13:45 – 14:00 **Registration of participants**
Refreshment

14:00 – 14:20 **Opening remarks**

The situation of human rights in Armenia in the course of the three cycles of Universal Periodic Review

Marta Ayzvazyan, Advisor to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia
Artyom Sedrakyan, Deputy of the Human Rights Defender of the Republic of Armenia
Shombi Sharp, United Nations Resident Coordinator in Armenia
Ms. Larisa Minasyan, Open Society Foundations – Armenia, Executive Director

14:20 – 15:00 **Part I Justice reform and fight against discrimination in Armenia**

Moderator: *Tatevik Khachatryan*, Open Society Foundations-Armenia

Tigran Grigoryan, Head of the Department of International Legal Cooperation of the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia
Artur Sakunts, Helsinki Citizen's Assembly – Vanadzor, Chairman
Genya Petrosyan, Law Development and Protection Foundation, Director
Lara Aharonian, Women's Resource Center Armenia, Co-Director
Representative of the Human Rights Defender Office of the Republic of Armenia (tbc)

15:00 – 15:10 Break

15:10 – 15:50 **Part II Freedom of speech, media, protection of human rights defenders and freedom of peaceful assembly and association in Armenia**

Moderator: *Lilit Hovhannisyan*, Public Journalism Club

Representative of the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia (tbc)
Levon Barseghyan, Journalists' Club "Asparez", Chairman
Daniel Ioannisyan, Union of Informed Citizens, Programs Director
Vardine Grigoryan, Helsinki Citizens' Assembly – Vanadzor, Democracy Monitoring and Reporting Coordinator
Rafael Ishkhanyan, Helsinki Committee of Armenia, Lawyer
Representative of the Human Rights Defender Office of the Republic of Armenia (tbc)

15:50 – 16:00 Break

16:00 – 17:40 **Part III Social justice in Armenia**

Moderator: *Christine Barseghyan*, Hetq Investigative Journalists

Zhanna Andreasyan, Deputy Minister of the Labor and Social Affairs of the Republic of Armenia
Anahit Avanesyan, Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Armenia
David Amiryan, Open Society Foundations-Armenia, Deputy Director for Programming
Violeta Zopunyan, Center for Rights Development, Director
Hovhannes Madoyan, Real World, Real People, Expert
Tatevik Tokhyan, Head of the Protection of Civil, Social-Economical and Cultural Rights of the Human Rights Defender Office of the Republic of Armenia

17:40 – 18:00 **Conclusion**

Representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia (tbc)
"Partnership for Open Society" Initiative representative