

Webinar 2: The critical challenges of tackling hate speech, xenophobic rhetoric and incitement to hatred against minorities

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Hate speech, xenophobic rhetoric and incitement to hatred against minorities, including on social media, is one of the thematic priorities chosen by the Special Rapporteur on minority issues. This also reflects initiatives on hate speech spearheaded by the UN Secretary General. At the 2020 regional forums and UN Forum on Minority Issues, this significant and timely topic will be discussed to highlight the significance of the promotion and protection of the human rights of minorities in combatting these practices. This webinar will identify the issues, patterns, and impacts of 'hate speech' and explore appropriate responses.

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