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SIDE EVENT

19th Session of the UN Forum on Minority Issues

United Nations Forum on Minority Issues

One Forum, Many Regions

Connecting Minority Voices, Building Networks and Mobilising for Change

DATE
Thursday, 26 November 2026

TIME
9:00–10:00

VENUE
Room III, Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland

ABOUT THE EVENT

Organised by the **Federal Union of European Nationalities (FUEN)**, the **Minority Rights Group (MRG)**, the **Tom Lantos Institute (TLI)**, the **International Dalit Solidarity Network (IDSN)**, the **Unrepresented Nations and Peoples Organization (UNPO)**, **Eurac Research**, the **Institute on Race, Equality and Human Rights (Race and Equality)** and the **International Movement Against All Forms of Discrimination and Racism (IMADR)**, this side event will showcase good practices and experiences from Europe, the Americas, Asia and Africa, highlighting the value of cross-regional networks in strengthening minority advocacy and ultimately delivering minority rights fulfilment. The event will also highlight good practices in addressing barriers to minority participation in regional and international advocacy, while considering existing and emerging challenges.

Building on experiences of eighteen previous Forums on Minority Issues, surfacing how advocacy at past Forums has interacted with regional interventions and efforts, the event will also highlight the unique added value of this established global space for bringing diverse minority voices together, fostering cross-regional networks and translating shared experiences into international advocacy and policy change.

The event will place an emphasis on the Forum on Minority Issues as a vital global platform where minorities' civil society connects, gains inspiration, mobilises and brings their perspectives directly into international human rights discussion.

PANELISTS

Marcus Oda
Programme Manager, Human Rights of Minorities, Tom Lantos Institute (TLI)

Luciana Viegas
Executive Director, Vidas Negras com Deficiência Importam (VNDI) (Black Disabled Lives Matter)

Dolkun Isa
President of the Uyghur Center for Democracy and Human Rights; Former President and Co-Founder of the World Uyghur Congress and Former UNPO Vice President

Ghofrane Binous
Advocacy Officer, Adala for All

Manisha Rani
National Programme Coordinator, AIDMAM-NCDHR, 2026 OHCHR Minorities Fellow

MODERATOR

Balázs Tárnok
FUEN Vice President

Q&A session following the panel

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