

# AHRI Conference 2023

Human Rights Defenders Under Siege

September 7-9, 2023 | University of Deusto - Bilbao, España



## Thursday 7

**15:00 Encounter of Human Rights Defenders**

 Sala Mensajero and Sala Kortabarria

**17:00 Registration**

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**18:00 Opening ceremony**

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- Institutional Opening Keynote
- Keynote Speakers:
  - Wangui Kimari. Mathare Social Justice Centre. Nairobi
  - Tania Reneaum Panszi. Executive Secretary of the CIDH.

 Simultaneous translation: Spanish / English / Basque

**19:30 Welcome cocktail**

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## Friday 8

**9:00 PANEL 1**

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**Who is afraid of Human Rights Defenders?**

- Keynote Speakers:
  - Lourdes Castro. Somos Defensores. Colombia.
  - Dolores Morondo. Human Rights Institute. University of Deusto
- Moderator: Felipe Gómez Isa (University of Deusto)

 Simultaneous translation: Spanish / English

**10:30 Coffee break**

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**11:00 PANEL 2**

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**Shrinking Space for Civil Society: barriers and drivers for the defense of human rights**

- Keynote Speakers:
  - Antoine Buyse. Netherlands Human Rights Institute. SIM Utrecht University
  - José Aylwin. Observatorio Ciudadano. Chile.
- Moderator: Kasey McCall-Smith (University of Edimburgo and AHRI President)

 Simultaneous translation: Spanish / English

**12:00 Breakout Sessions** [\(+info\)](#)

**14:00 Lunch**

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**PANEL 3**

**15:00**  Auditorio

**The Role of Academia in the support to HRDs**

- Keynote Speakers:
  - Alice Nah. Durham University
  - Manfred Nowak. Secretary General of the Global Campus of Human Rights. Venice.
- Moderator: Jon Mirena Landa (University of the Basque Country)

 Simultaneous translation: Spanish / English

**16:00 Breakout Sessions** [\(+info\)](#)

**18:00 Sightseeing tour and Conference dinner**

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## Saturday 9

**9:00 PANEL 4**

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**Public policies for the protection of Human Rights Defenders**

- Keynote Speaker:
  - Mario Hurtado. Espacio OSC. Mexico
- Moderator: Magnus Killander (University of Pretoria, South Africa)

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**9:30 Breakout Sessions** [\(+info\)](#)

**11:00 Coffee break**

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**11:30 Closing ceremony**

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- Keynote Speaker:
  - Michel Forst. Special Rapporteur on Environmental Defenders under the Aarhus Convention
- Final conclusions

**12:30 General Assembly of AHRI (members only)**

**14:30 Lunch**

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