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*Provisional Programme*

**EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATION OF MINORITIES IN ECONOMIC LIFE AS A  
STRATEGY FOR CONFLICT PREVENTION**

*12 November 2021, **Room XIX**, Palais des Nations, Geneva and online*

09:00 – 09:30      Registration

Welcome remarks: Ms. Tatiana Valovaya, Director-General of UN Geneva  
(Video Message)

09:30 – 11:00      ***Panel I*** *Enhancing multilateral efforts on conflict prevention and participation  
of minorities in public life, including in the economic sphere*

*Speakers :*

- Ms. Michelle Bachelet, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
- Ambassador Kairat Abdrakhmanov, OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities
- Dr. Fernand de Varennes, UN Special Rapporteur on minority issues

*Moderator:*      Ms. Anastasia Crickley, Chairperson of the UN Committee on the Elimination  
of Racial Discrimination from 2016 to 2018

*Q&A Session*

11:00 – 12:30      ***Panel II*** *Effective policies and strategies regarding the participation of  
minorities in economic issues, including amid the COVID-19 pandemic*

*Speakers:*

- Mr. Joshua Castellino, Director, Minority Rights Group International
- Dr Jennifer Jackson-Preece, Associate Professor in Nationalism  
European Institute of the London School of Economics and Political  
Science (LSE)
- Mr. Patrick Eba, Deputy Director, Division of International  
Protection (DIP) for Policy and Law, UNHCR

*Moderator:*      Mr. Paulo David, Chief, Indigenous Peoples and Minorities Section, OHCHR

*Q&A Session*

12:30– 12:45      Concluding remarks and formulation of recommendations  
(presented by the moderators)