

SUPPORT – EMPOWER – PROTECT HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS

**United Nations Human Rights Council resolution 22/6 of 21 March 2013
establishes principles and standards for states to create an enabling
environment for human rights defenders**

20 YEARS OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMAN WRONGS IN THE BALKANS, CAUCASUS AND EASTERN EUROPE

Monday 17 March 2014 – 10:00-11:30

Palais des Nations, Room XXI

In many parts of the Balkans, Caucasus and Eastern Europe human rights defenders face threats and violence, slander and intimidations, and are the targets of new laws restricting their rights to freedom of expression, association and assembly, and simply to work to defend human rights. 5 women human rights defenders will share their experience and present the **new Human Rights House Network infographic on the protection of human rights defenders**:

Lara Aharonian

Women's Resource Center Armenia – Human Rights House Yerevan, Armenia

Anna Dobrovolskaya

Youth Human Rights Movement – Human Rights House Voronezh, Russian Federation

Shahla Ismayil

Women's Association for Rational Development – Human Rights House Azerbaijan, Baku

Sanja Sarnavka

Be active. Be emancipated (BaBe) – Human Rights House Zagreb, Croatia

Maria Dahle

Human Rights House Foundation – Human Rights House Oslo, Norway

Refreshments will be served following the event, at 11:30

20 years of joining forces for human rights – 20 years of Human Rights House Network

Established 20 years ago, the Human Rights House Network (HRHN) unites 90 human rights NGOs joining forces in 18 independent Human Rights Houses in 13 countries in Western Balkans, Eastern Europe and South Caucasus, East and Horn of Africa, and Western Europe. HRHN's aim is to protect, empower and support human rights defenders and their organisations locally and unite them in an international network of Human Rights Houses.



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**DO NOT CRIMINALISE
WORK OF DEFENDERS**



**EXPRESS PUBLIC
SUPPORT TO HUMAN
RIGHTS DEFENDERS**



**AVOID LEGAL
RESTRICTIONS**



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PEACEFUL PROTESTS**