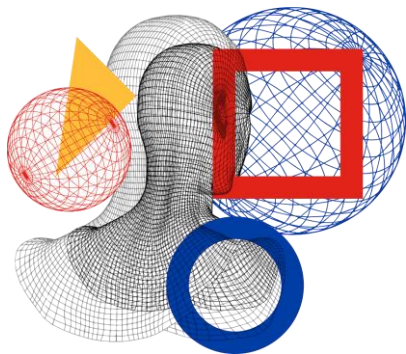




Informal ASEM Seminar on Human Rights

THE FUTURE OF HUMAN RIGHTS FROM LOCAL TO GLOBAL

Call for Nominations

24th Informal ASEM Seminar on Human Rights

"The Future of Human Rights – From Local to Global"

13 July 2026

On behalf of the Co-organisers and the Host, we are pleased to invite your organisation to nominate participants for the 24th Informal ASEM Seminar on Human Rights, which will focus on the theme of [*"The Future of Human Rights – From Local to Global."*](#)

Co-hosted by the National Human Rights Commission of Mongolia and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mongolia, the Seminar will take place from 12 to 14 October 2026 in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, and will be followed by a Capacity-Building Training Programme on 15–16 October 2026.

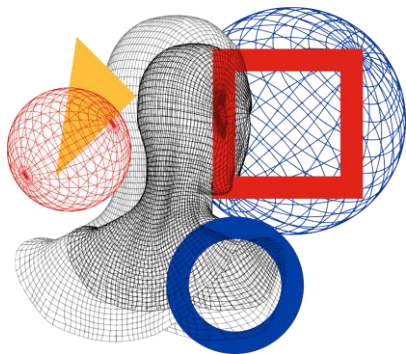
This long-standing Seminar series is co-organised by the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF), the Department of Foreign Affairs of the Philippines, the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China, with financial support from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark, and in partnership with the Raoul Wallenberg Institute, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia, and the European Union.

Launched in 1997, the Informal ASEM Seminar on Human Rights provides a unique platform for balanced, non-confrontational dialogue among civil society and government representatives from ASEM Partner countries. The 24th edition will examine how human rights frameworks can be strengthened and renewed at the local, regional, and global levels, translating dialogue into concrete, actionable recommendations.

We warmly invite each ASEM Partner to nominate one (1) official representative for the Seminar. Relevant government bodies for nominations may include:

- Ministries of Foreign Affairs (human rights divisions)
- Ministries of Justice, Home Affairs, or Law
- Ministries of Women, Gender, or Social Affairs
- National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) and Ombudsman offices
- Parliamentary committees on human rights or foreign affairs
- UPR focal points and national treaty body coordination units
- Anti-discrimination, migration, and minority rights bodies
- Local government officials and municipal human rights focal points

Should you wish your nominee to also be considered for the Capacity-Building Training Programme (15–16 October), which follows immediately after the Seminar, we would specifically invite **nominees involved in human rights implementation, oversight, or follow-up work at the national**



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level. Please note that places on the Training Programme are limited; selection will be based on nominees' applications and made by the co-organisers.

More details on the Seminar theme, structure, and working groups can be found on our [website](#). Further information on the training programme will be shared with the selected candidates.

Practical Information

Seminar (12–14 October)

- Accommodation and meals for the selected government nominee will be provided for 3 nights (check-in on 11 October; check-out 14 October) in accordance with the Seminar programme.
- Travel expenses (e.g. airfare, local transport, per diem) are to be covered by the nominating government.
- Any additional participants beyond the official nominee will be registered as observers, and the organisers will not cover their participation costs.

Capacity-Building Training Programme (15–16 October)

- Accommodation (additional 3 nights) and meals will be provided for selected Training Programme participants in accordance with the programme schedule.
- Please note that places are limited and selection will be made by the co-organisers on the basis of applications received.

Submission of Nominations /Applications

Applications for the Seminar and Training Programme are open until **by Monday, 31 August 2026**. Nominees are invited to apply via our **online form** [here](#) and we kindly request you to confirm your nomination by email to the address below. For nominations requiring **visa** support, we kindly ask that you submit the nomination by **Monday, 17 August 2026**

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We thank you for your continued support and cooperation and look forward to your participation in this important dialogue.

On behalf of the Co-organisers of the 24th Informal ASEM Seminar on Human Rights.