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Protecting lawyers to ensure access to justice

The New Council of Europe Convention for the Protection of the Profession of Lawyer

Lawyers are essential to uphold the rule of law and ensure access to justice, including by defending individuals who may be victims of human rights violations. Under the Convention, states must ensure that lawyers can carry out their professional duties without being the target of any form of physical attack, threat, harassment, intimidation or any improper hindrance or interference.

Distinguished panelists will share insights on the current challenges lawyers face, good practices to protect them, and the crucial role of bar associations in defending the legal profession.

Speakers

- **Ernstine Kornelis**, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg to UNOG
- **Margaret Satterthwaite**, UN Special Rapporteur on the Independence of Judges and Lawyers
- **Christoph Henrichs**, Council of Europe Chair of the Committee of Experts on the Protection of Lawyers (CJ-AV)
- **Roman Zavrsek**, CCBE first Vice-President
- **Sophie de Graaf**, Lawyers for Lawyers Executive Director

Moderator

- **Mark Stephens**, IBAHRI Co-Chair

A light lunch will be served at the beginning of the event

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