

# Transition Workshop for the Office of the 78<sup>th</sup> President of the General Assembly

Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs Team

1 September 2023

UNHQ, New York

# Main Responsibilities of the HRH Team

Mandated meetings

Intergovernmental Processes

Third Committee

Humanitarian issues

Gender issues

Civil Society, Youth



## Key Partners

OHCHR

UN  
Women

OCHA

DESA

DGC

UNODC



# Organization of Mandated Meetings and Other Events

## Annual meetings:

- International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
- International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade
- High-level debate on crime prevention (theme varies every year)
- Nelson Mandela Day

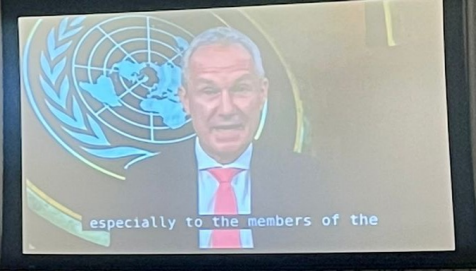
## Specific mandates:

- High-level meeting on tuberculosis
- High-level meeting on UHC
- Launch of the Decade of Indigenous Languages

## Briefings mandated by GA

- SG Envoy on Myanmar
- Support to Pakistan in the wake of the floods

## PGA initiatives



UNwithCivilSociety





Intergovernmental  
Processes

HLM on Universal Health  
Coverage

HLM on Tuberculosis

Declaration on Future  
Generations

# Third Committee

PGA participation

Bureau meetings


Action in plenary

New mandates for PGA





# Gender Equality

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- Advisory Board
  - Gender parity in appointment of co-facilitators
  - Gender balance in OPGA
  - PGA speeches
  - PGA as Gender Champion
  - Special Envoy on Gender



# Advisory Board on Gender Equality

- 12-15 members appointed by PGA (for the duration of Presidency)
- PRs, UN system leaders, stakeholders
- Serve in personal capacity
- 4 meetings per session
- Informal mechanism
- Outputs





# Engagement with civil society and youth

Townhalls

Visits at universities, schools

Stakeholder participation in GA  
meetings

Official trips

# Other Key Topics

Humanitarian issues

Persons with disabilities, accessibility

- Workshop on disability awareness
- Easy-to-understand communication



# Human Rights Council

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HRC Report in GA plenary

PGA participation in March session of HRC

President of the Human Rights Council

# Looking ahead...

- High-level week:
  - Platform of Women Leaders (20 Sept)
  - HLM on UHC (21 Sept)
  - HLM on Tuberculosis (22 Sept)
- Human Rights Prize ceremony (*15 Dec*)
- 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Universal Declaration of Human Rights (*11-12 Dec*)
- High-level panel on the role of Ombudsman in the promotion and protection of human rights (A/Res/77/224)





*"Success is best when it's shared." – Howard Schultz*

*"Talent wins games, but teamwork ... wins championships" – Michael Jordan*

*"A group becomes a team when each member is sure enough of ~~himself~~ themselves and ~~his~~ their contribution to praise the skills of others." – Norman Shidle*

