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8.30-9.45 am CET

HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL SIDE EVENT

## Place

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DE LA GENÈVE  
INTERNATIONALE

### RSVP

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# Digitalisation and the child's right to identity

## A TOOL FOR INCLUSION OR EXCLUSION?

Digitalisation is one key accelerator for universal birth registration and ensuring that every child has a nationality.

International human rights law provides a framework for using and regulating digital technologies in these contexts including the need to uphold the rights to privacy, non-discrimination, participation, freedom of expression, access to information, and accountability.

This framework is essential for ensuring safe and inclusive use of digital technologies.

Digitalisation alone is, however, not the solution for achieving the child's right to identity. 2025, was a year of increased attention to these issues with various reports, learnings and recommendations for a sustainable human rights-based approach to digitalisation. This side event considers these reports to demonstrate and help understand:

- What is digitalisation for inclusive identity within the wider digital public infrastructure?
- How may digitalisation lead to exclusion of certain groups of children?
- What digitalisation practices are promising and human rights based?

### OPENING REMARKS

**Ambassador Francisca Méndez**  
Permanent Representative of Mexico  
to the UN Office in Geneva

### PANEL

**Professor Philip Jaffé**  
Vice-chairperson, United Nations  
Committee on the Rights of the Child  
(moderator)

### Hon. Sabrina Gahar

Chairperson, African Committee  
of Experts on Rights and Welfare  
of the Child

### Ms. Helen Griffiths

Human Rights Officer, Office of the  
United Nations High Commissioner for  
Human Rights

### Mr. Bhaskar Mishra

Child protection specialist, UNICEF

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