

BREAKOUT SESSION

**How can ombuds institutes
contribute to peaceful, just
and inclusive societies?**

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As part of the UN's 2030 Agenda, Sustainable Development Goal 16 (SDG 16) calls on states to promote peaceful, just and inclusive societies in which 'no one is left behind'. What is the contribution of ombuds institutes to achieving this goal? During this breakout session, speakers will reflect on different strategies and tools for aligning the work of ombuds institutes with SDG 16, and what advantages this can bring. Representatives of ombuds institutes from The Gambia, Georgia and Kenya will also share experiences of how they contributed to SDG 16 by working with vulnerable and marginalized groups to address security and justice challenges. These insights have been brought together by DCAF – Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance, in two recent publications:

- ["Leaving no one behind, leaving no one unaccountable: ombuds institutions, good \(security sector\) governance and Sustainable Development Goal 16"](#)
- ["The Contribution of Ombuds Institutes to Sustainable Development Goal 16 Through Security Sector"](#)

Panel 1. Linking Theory and Practice: How does SDG 16 help practitioners?

Speakers

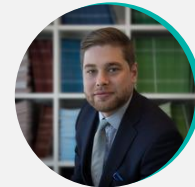


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Panel 2. Practicing inclusiveness and outreach with vulnerable and marginalized groups: Examples of ombuds work to achieve SDG16

Speakers



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