Programme of Side Events

18th session of the Forum on Minority Issues

27-28 November 2025

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THURSDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2025			
Room III	09:00 - 10:00	**Federal Defenders' Office of Brazil (DPU)**	The Brazilian Federal Public Defender's Office as an Institutional Guardian of Minority Rights and Democracy
Room V	09:00 - 10:00	**Unrepresented Nations and Peoples Organization (UNPO)**	Centering the Rights of Peoples in Peacebuilding and Transitional Justice
Room III	13:00 - 14:00	**Minority Rights Group (MRG) and the Permanent Mission of Austria to the UN in Geneva**	Building trust and social cohesion: addressing drivers of mistrust, exclusion and conflict
Room V	13:00 - 14:00	**Peace Organisation for the Supporting Iraqi Minorities**	The Fate of the Yazidis in Decision-Making
Room III	14:00 - 15:00	**Minority Rights Solidarity Network**	The UN human rights mechanisms and minority issues: treaty bodies efforts to mainstream human rights
Room V	14:00 - 15:00	**European Language Equality Network (ELEN)**	How minoritized and indigenous languages contribute to peace building, social cohesion, and resilient societies, and how we develop better protection for them

FRIDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2025			
Room III	9:00 – 10:00	**World Uyghur Congress (WUC)**	Resilience in Repression: Uyghur Cultural Survival and the Role of Minorities in Building Peaceful Societies
Room V	9:00 – 10:00	**OHCHR Minorities Fellowship Programme**	The Minority Fellowship Programme at 20: Impact & Innovation
Room III	13:00 - 14:00	**Ambedkar International Mission, Shri Guru Ravidass Sabha, and Dignity Initiative**	Descent-Based Discrimination Across Borders: Caste and Equality from South Asia to the Diaspora

Room V	13:00 - 14:00	**Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the UN and other international organizations in Geneva**	Nationality, Ethnicity, and Cultural Diversity in Iran: the journey so far and the path ahead
Room III	14:00 - 15:00	**Eurac Research**	Academic Network for Minority Issues: Student Minority Projects Challenge 2025 Edition Presentation and Award Ceremony
Room V	14:00 - 15:00	**Global Forum of Communities Discriminated on Work and Descent**	A Step Forward at the UN to Address Hierarchical Oppression – Strengthening International Standards to Protect Communities Discriminated on the Basis of Work and Descent (CDWDs) – Unlocking the Contributions at the Global Level of CDWDs