



## SAVE THE DATE: AORC WEBINAR

### Strengthening the Mandate of the Ombudsman Tuesday, 21 September 2021 (10AM SA) GMT+2

The existence of the institution of the Ombudsman ensures a certain access to administrative justice that is not possible without it. Globally the Ombudsman institution is increasingly understood (along with other Constitutionally established independent oversight institutions such as Auditors General and Electoral Commissions) to be the fourth – integrity - branch of government. The mandate of Ombudsman is to be an effective voice for the voiceless and change agent for good governance, human rights and the rule of law.

In celebration of Ombudsman Month which is normally held in October each year and to raise awareness of the Ombudsman institution, AORC is hosting a facilitated discussion, in collaboration with the IOI, dealing with effective tools to strengthen the mandate of the Ombudsman institution. This topic builds on the discussion held last October entitled “*Ombudsman under threat.*”

This facilitated discussion will focus on practical and effective ways the mandate of the Ombudsman can be strengthened to enhance good governance and accountability in the context of formidable challenges and rapid developments in issues such as human rights, health, communications, conflict and the environment.

The discussion will explore the following:

- Why there is a need to strengthen the mandate of the Ombudsman,
- The most practical and effective tools to empower the Ombudsman to execute their mandate optimally, and
- Venice Principles and the UN Resolution as international standards informing strong, independent offices.

**Language:** Simultaneous interpretation will be available in English, French, Arabic, Portuguese.

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