



High-level panel on the theme

“The importance of complying with the Venice Principles for Ombudsman institutions to strengthen the institutions’ independence and autonomy and create an enabling environment to perform their mandate nationally and internationally”

Monday, 18 May 2026, 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Economic and Social Council Chamber, United Nations Headquarters, New York

PROGRAMME

3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.	OPENING SEGMENT <ul style="list-style-type: none">- H. E. Ms. Annalena Barbock, President of the General Assembly- Ms. Ilze Brands Kehris, Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights
3:15 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	INTERACTIVE PANEL DISCUSSION MODERATOR: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ms. Ann Syauta, Chief of the Intergovernmental Affairs, Communications and Outreach Section, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights PANELISTS: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ms. Nadine Mailloux, President of the International Ombudsman Institute, Ombudsman de Montréal- Ms. Angie Cruickshank Lambert, Defensora de los Habitantes de la República de Costa Rica- Mr. Rafael Bustos Gisbert, Member of the Venice Commission of the Council of Europe <p>To be followed by interventions from the floor by Member States and Observers of the General Assembly.</p> <p>NGOs in consultative status with ECOSOC will have the opportunity to intervene, time permitting.</p>