



The programme

THEME OF THE 2026 NHRI ACADEMY:
EMPOWERING HUMAN RIGHTS NARRATIVES: THE ROLE OF NHRIS

Day 1 **MONDAY 1 JUNE**

09:00–9:30	Registration and welcome coffee
09:30–9:50	Opening of the Academy
9:50–10:30	Introductions of the organisers
10:30–10:45	Coffee break
10:45–12:00	Introductions of the participants Facilitators: Priska Babuin and Sophie Hale
12:00–12:15	Explanation of programme, house rules, action plans Facilitators: Priska Babuin and Sophie Hale
12:15–13:15	Group photo, then lunch
13:15–14:00	Mainstreaming the UN Paris Principles: what are they and why do they matter? Facilitator: Richard Adams
14:00–14:30	Mainstreaming gender in NHRI's work Facilitators: Priska Babuin and Sophie Hale
14:30–14:50	Coffee break
14:50–17:00	SESSION 1 Anti-human rights narratives: Overview of trends & international and regional frameworks Facilitators: Ben Warwick and Anna Alboth
19:00	Welcome dinner

Day 2 TUESDAY 2 JUNE

09:00–09:15	Summary of Day 1
09:15–10:45	SESSION 2 Strategic Communication Approaches: Communicating with sceptical audiences Facilitator: Anna Alboth
10:45–11:00	Coffee break
11:00–12:30	SESSION 3 Disinformation and anti-rights narratives used to deepen polarisation Facilitator: Deniz Wagner
12:30–13:30	Lunch
13:30–14:45	SESSION 4 Impact of AI and algorithms on rights-related information and narratives plus using technology to counter negative online narratives Facilitator: Julia Haas
14:45–15:30	Coffee break & mid-term evaluation & energiser
15:30–17:00	SESSION 5 Group exercise (Use your mandate and what you have learned so far to address relevant challenges in empowering human rights narratives) Facilitators: Ben Warwick and Anna Alboth, with support of ODIHR and ENNHRI

Day 3 WEDNESDAY 3 JUNE

09:00–09:15	Summary of Day 2
09:15–10:45	SESSION 6 Effective human rights advocacy in the context of backlash and backsliding Facilitator: Ben Warwick
10:45–11:00	Coffee break
11:00–12:30	SESSION 7 Reaching new audiences: Young people, creators, educators, local communities and others Facilitators: Ben Warwick and Anna Alboth
12:30–13:30	Lunch
13:30	Social programme Facilitators: Priska Babuin and Sophie Hale

Day 4 THURSDAY 4 JUNE

09:00–09:15	Summary of Day 3
09:15–10:45	SESSION 8 Economic insecurity, polarisation, economic & social rights and trust Facilitator: Ben Warwick
10:45–11:00	Coffee break
11:00–12:30	SESSION 9 Relationship between disinformation, discrimination, and hate crimes Facilitator: Ruth Burns
12:30–13:30	Lunch
13:30–15:00	SESSION 10 Case study: Countering anti-migrant narratives and disinformation harmful to the protection of migrants' human rights Facilitator: Anna Alboth
15:00–15:15	Coffee break
15:15–16:45	SESSION 11 Final group exercise (Use your mandate and what you have learned so far to address relevant challenges in empowering human rights narratives) Facilitators: Ben Warwick and Anna Alboth, with support of ODIHR and ENNHRI
19:00	Networking dinner

Day 5 FRIDAY 5 JUNE

9:00–9:10	Summary of Day 4 and introduction to Day 5
9:10–9:20	Key messages of the NHRI Academy Facilitators: Priska Babuin and Sophie Hale
9:20–10:30	Finalisation of the action plans Facilitators: Priska Babuin and Sophie Hale
10:30–11:00	Coffee break
11:00–11:20	Presentation of the action plans Facilitators: Priska Babuin and Sophie Hale
11:20–12:00	Evaluation and closing of the 2026 NHRI Academy Facilitators: Priska Babuin and Sophie Hale
12:00–13:00	Lunch



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