

The role of judges, prosecutors and lawyers in safeguarding democracies

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The rise of an authoritarian political culture that affects the independence of legal professionals and their ability to play their role in democratic systems is a common phenomenon in various countries. Such trend is highlighted in “*Safeguarding judicial Independence in the face of contemporary challenges to Democracy*”, the latest thematic report by the UN Special Rapporteur on the Independence of Judges and Lawyers, Margaret Satterthwaite.

After presenting her report at the 56th session of the Human Rights Council, SR Satterthwaite will comment on it during this side event. Panelists will then discuss challenges and strategies identified from concrete national or regional situations, illustrating patterns and trends, as well as opportunities for action.

Panelists

Margaret Satterthwaite

UN Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers

Mark Ellis

Executive Director of the International Bar Association

Pierre Zappelli

UN Representative, International Association of Judges

Vice-President of the Association of Tunisian Magistrates

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