

## **Community Forum on Responsibility - MYANMAR**

### **What is the Campaign for Universal Human Responsibilities?**

In May 2019 at the OECD Forum, during which 4.500 citizens from 135 countries were gathered, 70 participants joined a workshop to draft a first version of a Universal Declaration of Human Responsibilities. From that moment onward, a group of international volunteers decided to continue to bring this dialogue to the world in ways that can make a lasting difference, therefore creating the Campaign for Universal Human Responsibilities.

The Campaign's mission is to promote the concept of Universal Human Responsibilities in support of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals. Organizations like the OECD support our work precisely because it is grounded in citizens; it is original, fresh, raw, and historic while outside, around and within the nation-state system.

To learn more about our initiative, please make sure to visit our website (<https://www.universalhumanresponsibilities.org/>).

### **What am I being invited to?**

Community Forums on Responsibility are a new series of events proposed by the Campaign for Universal Human Responsibilities in 2021. These open-talk events are intended to deepen the connection between a specific community and the discussion on human responsibilities, especially in how they relate to the values embedded in the Universal Declaration of Human Responsibilities, an ever-evolving document written by a community of global citizens starting in 2019.

Participants will have an open floor to discuss about:

- how they understand the Declaration in their own context, including any examples they may want to share;
- the specific challenges to responsible citizenship in their community;
- the core responsibilities they believe should be undertaken by their community;
- how they would like fellow global citizens to embrace their responsibilities in light of the challenges experienced by this group.

We hope that through our Community Forums, we will not only raise relevant and important issues of our time in the context of universal human responsibilities, but we will also foster an environment of trust, networking, and cooperation within and among various communities.

## Why is it important to have this discussion with citizens from Myanmar?

On February 1, 2021, Tatmadaw, Myanmar's military, detained elected leader Aung San Suu Kyi along with other members of her National League for Democracy (NLD). Ever since the military took control of the government, civilian protests have been taking place. They are filling the streets and demanding for the release of their elected leaders and a return to civilian rule. However, as protesters remain determined in their pursuit for freedom, tensions between the two sides also escalate. The military has been accused of violating human rights by responding with violence and killing civilians, including children.

As members of the international community have repeatedly condemned the violence perpetrated by the Military and imposed sanctions on them, there has also been an outpouring of support from citizens all over the world to the citizens of Myanmar. The Campaign stands in solidarity with the people of Myanmar, and we see the importance of highlighting the people's struggle for freedom and democracy in the context of human responsibility. Thus, through this event, we not only hope to provide citizens of the world with a deeper understanding of the crisis that is unfolding in Myanmar, but also to assess ways through which this community can be supported.

## Event Duration and Agenda

The event will last for 1 hour and 30 minutes. It will consist of two discussion sessions. The first part will be especially dedicated to a discussion amongst Community Members\*, and the second part will be open to a wider interaction between all participants\*\*.

Duration	Agenda
10 minutes	Opening & Introduction to the Event Guidelines
50 minutes	Discussion I: Universal Human Responsibilities and the Case of Myanmar <i>(the floor will be open only to Community Members; Guest Participants will act as listeners)</i>
30 minutes	Discussion II: In Conversation - Myanmar and the World <i>(the floor will be open to everyone; Guest Participants can share reactions to the previous discussions and raise questions!)</i>  Closing

Notes:

\*Community Members are participants who belong to this specific community (Myanmar for this event).

\*\*General audience will include Community Members and Guest Participants, who are not necessarily members of this specific community but have a connection or interest in the issues affecting this group.

### **What are the event details?**

We will meet online on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 from 2PM - 3.30PM CEST (7PM - 8.30PM WIB). For the purpose of preserving the quality of the discussions, we kindly ask you to be on time as to not disrupt the flow of the discussions.

The Campaign for Universal Human Responsibilities will use Zoom as its platform for online discussions. If you have not had the chance to use it yet, when clicking on the meeting link there will be a step-by-step description on how to download it. Should you have any technical problems or doubts, you can contact us by email ([universalhumanresponsibilities@gmail.com](mailto:universalhumanresponsibilities@gmail.com)) and we will answer promptly.

### **How can I register?**

All participants must register by filling out the following form: <https://forms.gle/YazQvbi8PW4VJ8Mf9>. Apart from personal information, you will be asked to accept a data consent term and you will be given the option to declare your interest in getting involved with the Campaign and receiving communications from us. After registration, you will be sent a confirmation email that includes the link to access the Zoom call. Please note that seats will be limited, so register as soon as you can!

### **How do I need to prepare for the event?**

We ask you to take some time prior to the event to read the current version of our Declaration, as it will be the basis for the first part of the discussions. We'll ask you to share your impressions on the document and how you relate to it. You can access the summary of the latest version of the Declaration here: [Universal Declaration of Human Responsibilities \(version 0.3\)](#). You can also go directly to our website (<https://www.universalhumanresponsibilities.org/>) where you can find both the short and the long versions of the Declaration.

All in all, the most important attribute for participating in this Community Forum on Responsibility is to be open-minded, to openly share your views and respect other participants' contributions. We are looking forward to welcoming you in this event!

Should you have any questions about this event, don't hesitate to contact us via [universalhumanresponsibilities@gmail.com](mailto:universalhumanresponsibilities@gmail.com).