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HUMAN RIGHTS AND EQUALITY INSTITUTION OF TÜRKİYE

INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM  
**VULNERABLE GROUPS IN  
DISASTER TIMES FROM THE POINT OF  
HUMAN RIGHTS LAW**

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**Venue** : The Ankara Otel

**Address** : Maltepe, Eti Mah., Celal Bayar Blv. No:78/A,  
06930 Çankaya/ANKARA

**Date** : 3 May 2023

- **09:00-09:30**

Registration

- **09:30-10:15**

**Opening Remarks**

Prof. Dr. Muharrem KILIÇ - *Chairman of Human Rights and Equality Institution of Türkiye*

Lousia VINTON - *UNDP Türkiye Resident Representative (Online)*

Mr. William MASSOLIN - *Head of Office, Council of Europe Programme Office in Ankara*

- **10:15-10:30**

Family Photo - Coffee Break

## I. SESSION (10:30-11:30)

### OLDER PERSONS IN DISASTER TIMES

#### Moderator

**Prof. Dr. Ayşe CANATAN**

*Ankara Hacı Bayram Veli University*

*Aging Studies Application and Research Center Director*

- **10:30-10:45**

**Rights of Older Persons in Disaster Times**

Dr. Nurgül KARAKOÇ - *Aegean Geriatrics Foundation*

- **10:45-11:00**

**The Psychological and Social Effects of Disaster Times on Older Persons**

Prof. Dr. Murat VARLI - *Ankara University Faculty of Medicine*

- **11:00-11:15**

**Approach to Chronic Diseases in Disaster Times**

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Pınar TOSUN YAŞAR - *Atatürk University Faculty of Medicine*

- **11:15-11:30**

Q&A

- **11:30-11:45**

*Coffee break*

## II. SESSION (11:45-13:45) WOMEN IN DISASTER TIMES

**Moderator**

**Prof. Dr. Esra Gül DARDAĞAN KİBAR**  
*Dean of Atılım University Faculty of Law*

▪ **11:45-12:00**

**Women's Access to Justice in Disaster Times**

Meral GÖKKAYA - *Ministry of Justice, Head of Judicial Support and Victim Services Department*

▪ **12:00-12:15**

**Needs of Women in Disaster Times**

Dr. Lecturer Zeynep TEMİZER ATALAR - *The Board Member of The Women and Democracy Association (KADEM)*

▪ **12:15-12:30**

**Problems Experienced by Women in Disaster Processes and Suggestions for Solutions**

Esat AKGÜL - *CARE International Türkiye Representation Director of External Affairs and Public Relations*

▪ **12:30-12:45**

Q&A

▪ **12:45-13:45**

**Lunch**



III. SESSION (13:45-14:45)  
CHILDREN IN DISASTER TIMES

**Moderator**

**Prof. Dr. Handan YOKUS SEVÜK**

*Dicle University Faculty of Law*

▪ **13:45-14:00**

**Ensuring the Effective Use of Children's Rights in Emergency and Disaster Times**

Dr. Lecturer Aslihan ÖZTEZEL - *Beykent University Faculty of Law*

▪ **14:00-14:15**

**Monitoring of Children's Rights, Reporting of Rights Holders and The Role of Human Rights Institutions**

Ekin BOZKURT - *UNICEF Türkiye Child Protection Officer*

▪ **14:15-14:30**

**Protection of Children in Disaster Times and The Foster Family Model**

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nesibe KURT KONCA - *Ankara Medipol University Faculty Of Law*

▪ **14:30-14:45**

Q&A

▪ **14:45-15:00**

*Coffee break*





IV. SESSION (15:00-16:15)  
PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES IN DISASTER TIMES

Moderator

Prof. Dr. Esra SİVEREKLI

*Dean of Gaziantep University Faculty of Law*

▪ **15:00-15:15 (Online)**

**The role of NHRIs on Disability-inclusion in Emergency Context**

Facundo Chavez PENILLAS - *OHCHR Human Rights and Disability Adviser, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights*

▪ **15:15-15:30**

**Disability Inclusive Services and Interventions in Disaster and Humanitarian Emergency Situations**

Banu ERGÜL - *Head of Department - Ministry of Family and Social Services, General Directorate of Disabled and Elderly Services*

▪ **15:30-15:45 (Online)**

**Fundamental Rights of Persons with Disabilities in Disasters, Epidemics and Similar Extraordinary Processes**

Prof. Dr. Selda ÇAĞLAR - *Trakya University Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences*

▪ **15:45-16:00**

Q&A

▪ **16:00-16:15**

*Coffee break*



V. SESSION (16:15-17:30)  
THE ROLE OF NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS  
INSTITUTIONS IN DISASTER TIMES

Moderator

Leyla KESER

*Istanbul Bilgi University Faculty of Law*

▪ **16:15-16:30 (Online)**

**The Role Undertaken By New Zealand Human Rights Commission in Disaster Times**

David RUTHERFORD - *The former Chief Human Rights Commissioner of The New Zealand Human Rights Commission & The Principal of Tuhana Business and Human Rights*

▪ **16:30-16:45 (Online)**

**Nepal Human Rights Institution's Experience in Disaster Times**

Top Bahadur MAGAR - *The Chairperson of the National Human Rights Commission of Nepal*

▪ **16:45-17:00 (Online)**

**Public Defender (Ombudsman) of Georgia's Experience in Disaster Times**

Tamar GVARAMADZE - *First Deputy Public Defender of Georgia*

▪ **17:00-17:15 (Online)**

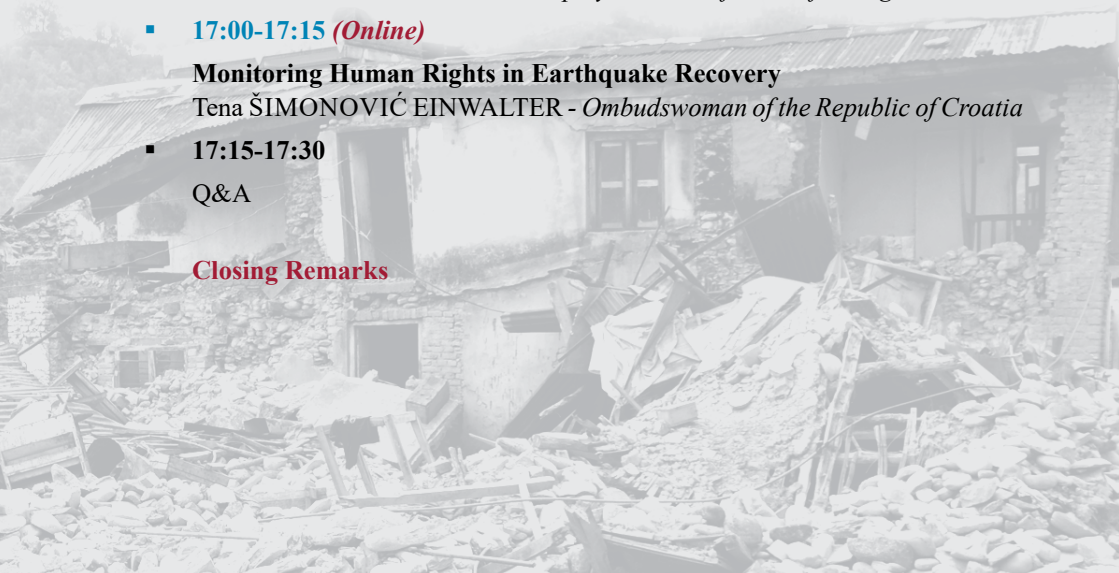
**Monitoring Human Rights in Earthquake Recovery**

Tena ŠIMONVIĆ EINWALTER - *Ombudswoman of the Republic of Croatia*

▪ **17:15-17:30**

Q&A

**Closing Remarks**





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