

# LIBYA:

## Advancing Accountability

## for Human Rights Violations & Abuses

**United Nations - 42nd session of the Human Rights Council**

**Date & Time:** 20<sup>th</sup> September 2019, 15:00 – 16:30

**Venue:** Room XXIII

With the onset of armed conflicts in Tripoli and surroundings on April 4, 2019, human rights violations and abuses have become more entrenched in Libya. There is now an urgency to discuss appropriate means to strengthen the rule of law in Libya and break the cycle of impunity prevailing in the country. The United Nations Human Rights Council can play a vital role in this process by establishing an independent international investigation into violations and abuses of human rights in Libya with a view to future accountability.

### Speakers

- Opening Remarks: Geoffrey van Leeuwen, Director for Middle East of the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Ghassan Salamé, Special Representative of the Secretary-General & Head of the United Nations Support Mission in Libya - via video link
- Francesco Motta, Chief of OHCHR Asia, Pacific, Middle East & North Africa Branch
- Said Benarbia, Director of the Middle East & North Africa program, International Commission of Jurists
- Salah Al Marghani, Lawyer, human rights activist & former Minister of Justice for Libya
- Elham Saudi, Director - Lawyers for Justice in Libya
- Bruno Stagno Ugarte, Deputy Executive Director for Advocacy - Human Rights Watch
- Chair: Bahey Eldin Hassan, Director - Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies