



## **Confidentiality of communications and privacy of data in the digital age**

**Side event at the Human Rights Council 39<sup>th</sup> ordinary session**

**Tuesday, 25 September 2018, 13.00 – 14.00, Room XXII, Palais des Nations**

Privacy International and the International Network of Civil Liberties Organizations, with the support of the governments of Austria, Brazil, Liechtenstein, Mexico and Germany, invite you to a side event to discuss recent trends on the right to privacy in the digital age.

Recent examples of misuse of user data by social media and internet platforms have put in sharp light the need to protect individuals' data from abuses by public and private actors. The current lack of transparency into how different actors are using people's data needs addressing. There is an entire hidden ecosystem of companies harvesting and sharing personal data. From credit scoring and insurance quotations to targeted political communication, this data is being used for far-reaching purposes. As companies continue to exploit individuals' data, so do governments, which increasingly rely on the wealth of data collected and on new technologies to profile individuals and predict their behaviours on and off line.

Panellists will present recent developments at national and international level as they relate to the protection of the confidentiality of communications and of personal data. It will be an opportunity to discuss the content of the UN High Commissioner [report](#) on the right to privacy in the digital age and identify ways forward for the UN and other stakeholders in this fast-evolving topic. During the side event, Privacy International will also present its recent [guide on data protection](#).

Please join us to discuss these topics.

Opening remarks: Permanent Mission of Brazil to the United Nations and Permanent Mission of Germany to the United Nations

Panellists: Nathalie Prouvez, Chief, Rule of Law and Democracy Section, OHCHR  
Ailidh Callander, Privacy International  
Martin Ray Taban Mavunjina, Kenya Human Rights Commission  
Leandro Ucciferri, Asociación por los Derechos Civiles  
Elonnai Hickok, Centre for Internet and Society

Moderator: Elizabeth Farries, International Network of Civil Liberties Organizations