



**Press release**  
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## **THE 16<sup>TH</sup> EDITION OF THE FIFDH OPENS THIS FRIDAY IN GENEVA**

The 16<sup>th</sup> edition of the **International Film Festival and Forum on Human Rights (FIFDH)** officially opens tomorrow night, with the President of the Swiss Confederation **Alain Berset** in attendance, and will take place until March 18<sup>th</sup>.

Through film screenings followed by high-level debates, the Festival Forum offers a broad view on global issues. It takes measure of the dark forces facing fundamental human rights today and suggests new forms of resistance.

On Friday, March 9th, the first evening of the Forum will revolve around a special keynote by UN High Commissioner for Human Rights **Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein**, followed by a discussion with the audience.

*"The Forum is not a series of events, but a coherent assembling of diverse perspectives that complement and respond to each other. As the old equilibrium of powers shakes, our period is not one of naïve optimism but rather one of coming together",* states Philippe Mottaz, Editorial producer. *"Whether we're talking about global warming, justice, gender or artificial intelligence, the objective is always the same: interrogate our certainties, explore new fields of reflection and action, open the floor to new voices, re-enchant the future even when the world seems incomprehensible."*

Among the international personalities attending the Forum this year are the Mexican actor **Gael García Bernal**, the former Prosecutor General of Venezuela **Luisa Ortega Diaz**, the essayist **Evgeny Morozov**, **Stephen Goose**, founder of the campaign "Stop Killer Robots", feminist activists **Caroline de Haas** and **Marai Larasi**, as well as **Abdul Rasheed**, Founder of the Rohingya Foundation Community, **Barbet Schroeder**, director of the film *Venerable W*, French politician **Benoît Hamon** and Spanish activist **José María "Chato" Galante**.

Find out about the issues covered and other invited guests on the FIFDH Forum website:

<https://www.fifdh.org/site/fr/programme#!/forums>

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