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The Oslo Freedom Forum is a transformative annual conference series where the world's most engaging human rights advocates, artists, tech entrepreneurs, and world leaders meet to share their stories and brainstorm ways to expand freedom and unleash human potential across the globe. **OFF's global community is united by a common vision of making the world a more peaceful, prosperous, and free place.**

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The Human Rights Foundation (HRF) is a non-partisan nonprofit organization that promotes and protects human rights globally, with a focus on closed societies. HRF unites people in the common cause of defending human rights and promoting liberal democracy. **Our mission is to ensure that freedom is both preserved and promoted around the world.** We seek, in particular, to sustain the struggle for liberty in those areas where it is most under threat.

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Sunday May 27

12:00-12:45 WORKSHOP

Using Whistler to Expose Human Rights Violations

- **Raphael Mimoun**

Whistler is a mobile app made by activists for activists to safely document and share evidence of abuses, electoral fraud, and corruption. **Learn how to use this powerful tool for safe and effective activism in the face of surveillance, censorship, and repression.**

12:45-13:00 WORKSHOP

Effective Speaking with Ignite

- **Brady Forrest**

Ignite is a global talk series where speakers get only 20 slides that auto-advance every 15 seconds, resulting in a powerful five-minute talk. **Learn the communication techniques and slide creation that every public speaker needs.**

13:00-14:00 PANEL

#NextGen Accountability

- **Noëlla Richard** | Youth Global Program Manager, United Nations Development Program
- **Rode Margrete Hegstad** | President, Norwegian Children and Youth Council
- **Blair Glencorse** | Founder and Executive Director, Accountability Lab
- **Rafael Marques de Morais** | Founder and Director, Maka Angola
- Moderator: **Sarah Lister** | Director, UNDP's Oslo Governance Centre

Join expert panelists for a discussion on **how young people around the world are fighting corruption, building citizen engagement, and improving governments.**

14:00-15:00 PANEL

Activism in Exile

- **Iyad el-Baghdadi** | President, Kawaakibi Foundation
- **Maryam al-Khawaja** | Bahraini human rights defender and founder of Al-Khawaja Consulting

Sunday, May 27

- **Omar Mohammed** | Iraqi historian behind citizen journalist blog Mosul Eye
- Moderator: **Preethi Nallu** | Founding Editor, Refugees Deeply

In an age where technological innovation has aided revolutions, we often overlook the less tangible complements of advocating while in exile. Join a discussion organized by The Kawaakibi Foundation on the challenges faced by exiled activists.

15:00-16:30 FILM SCREENING AND DISCUSSION

The Witness Project

- **Adam Jensen** | Director and Producer, The Witness Project
- **Anastasia Lin** | Chinese-Canadian beauty queen and human rights activist
- **Rosa María Payá** | Cuban pro-democracy advocate and founder of Cuba Decide
- Moderator: **Marion Smith** | Executive Producer, The Witness Project

The Witness Project is a video series featuring powerful stories of the victims of communism. Watch five episodes from the series and then join a discussion with the producers of the film and two featured activists from Cuba and China.

16:30-17:30 PANEL

Her Body is a Battlefield: Discriminatory Laws & Gendered Violence

- **Azadeh Pourzand** | Iranian human rights activist and analyst on women's rights
- **Hana al-Khamri** | Yemeni journalist and author
- Moderator: **Aida Saadat** | Program Manager, Oslo Women's Rights Initiative
- Introduction: **Maryam Nayeb Yazdi** | Founder, Oslo Women's Rights Initiative

Join a discussion presented by the Oslo Women's Rights Initiative on the ways discriminatory laws and practices are affecting the lives of women in the MENA region. Panelists will discuss **common challenges and how women's rights activists are coming together to strengthen their calls for gender equality.**

17:30-18:15 WORKSHOP

Prepping for the Press: How to Tell the Story You Want to Tell Through the Media

- **Jenifer Fenton** | Journalist at Al Jazeera and CNN
- **Bobby Ghosh** | CNN contributor and former managing editor of the Hindustan Times

Join this training to learn **how to tackle difficult questions, adapt your talking points to different audiences,** and ensure that you are able to effectively communicate your message.

Tuesday May 29

9:30-10:45 SESSION 1

Det Norske Teatret

- **Ine Eriksen Søreide**, Norwegian Minister of Foreign Affairs
- **Fred Bauma**, Democratic Republic of the Congo | *The Power of Nonviolence*
- **Fred and Cindy Warmbier**, North Korea | *In Conversation with Thor Halvorssen*
- **Fatemah Qaderyan**, Afghanistan | *The Afghan Dreamers*

11:15-12:30 SESSION 2

Det Norske Teatret

- **Sigve Brekke**, CEO of Telenor
- **Maziar Bahari**, Iran | *The Liberating Power of Storytelling*
- **Farida Nabourema**, Togo | *Faure Must Go*
- **Belquis Al Lahabi**, Yemen | *The Women Calling for Yemen's Spring*
- **Mu Sochua**, Cambodia | *My Fight for a Free Cambodia*

14:00-15:00 SESSION 3

Det Norske Teatret

- Comedic performance by **Tiff Stevenson**
- **Megha Rajagopalan**, Technology and Human Rights | *The Police State of the Future is Already Here*
- **Jose Luis Martin "Chito" Gascon**, The Philippines | *Death and the Democratic Deficits in Duterte's Drug War*
- **Svitlana Zalishchuk**, Ukraine | *The Quest for a Better Ukraine*
- **Antonio Ledezma**, Venezuela | *Venezuela Under Siege*

15:30-17:00 SESSION 4

Det Norske Teatret

- **Nikolai Astrup**, Norwegian Minister of International Development
- **Emmanuel Jal**, South Sudan | *My Life is Art*
- **Rick Doblin**, Alternative Healing | *Psychedelics, Marijuana, and Healing PTSD*
- **Nasako Besingi**, Cameroon | *Freedom to Protect the Environment*
- **Omar Mohammed**, Iraq | *Mosul Eye*

Wednesday

May 30

10:00-11:00 SESSION 5

Det Norske Teatret

- Introduction by **Yeonmi Park**
- **Jason Silva**, The Future Society | *The Future of Freedom*
- **Vanessa Berhe**, Eritrea | *One Day Seyoum*
- **Edipcia Dubón**, Nicaragua | *Unmasking Ortega's Regime*
- **Netiwit Chotiphathaisal**, Thailand | *The Student vs. The Military*
- **Asma Khalifa**, Libya | *What Happened to Libya's Revolution*

11:30-13:00 SESSION 6

Det Norske Teatret

- **Clare Rewcastle Brown**, Malaysia | *The World's Biggest Financial Scandal*
- **Jerry Sesanga**, Uganda | *The Orator of Secrets*

- **Wael Ghonim**, Egypt and Social Media | *Notes to My Activist Self*
- **Leyla Yunus**, Azerbaijan | *My Life for Democracy*
- **Fang Zheng** with introduction by Yang Jianli, China | *The Six Four Incident*
- Performance by **Friederike Krum**

17:00-18:00

A Conversation with **Jerry Sesanga**,
Presented by PLAN Norway
Spikersuppa Square

Join Ugandan activist and writer Jerry Sesanga for a conversation on his **use of film and literature to advocate for gender equality, fight child marriage, and demand political freedom for Ugandans.**

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