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# Annual Holocaust Commemoration

VIRTUAL EVENT

Wednesday, 27 January

11 a.m. EST | 5 p.m. CET

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF COMMEMORATION IN  
MEMORY OF THE VICTIMS OF THE HOLOCAUST

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*Glasses of those murdered at Auschwitz Birkenau Nazi German concentration and death camp (1941-1945). Credit: Pawel Sawicki, Auschwitz Memorial*

This year the United Nations and UNESCO, in cooperation with the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance, host the first joint virtual Holocaust commemoration programme to mark the **International Day of Commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust**.

## HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL CEREMONY

**Ms. Melissa Fleming, Under-Secretary-General for Global Communications, will serve as Master of Ceremonies.**

- **Mr. António Guterres**, United Nations Secretary-General
- **H.E. Mr. Volkan Bozkir**, President of the Seventy-fifth Session of the United Nations General Assembly
- **Ms. Audrey Azoulay**, UNESCO Director-General
- **KEYNOTE SPEAKER: H.E. Ms. Angela Merkel**, Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany
- **Dr. Irene Butter**, Holocaust survivor and Professor Emerita of the University of Michigan
- **H.E. Mr. Irwin Cotler**, Special Envoy on Preserving Holocaust Remembrance and Combatting Antisemitism, Canada
- **H.E. Mr. Gilad Menashe Erdan**, Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations
- **Representative of the Government of the United States**
- **Ms. Clarissa Ward**, CNN's Chief International Correspondent
- **Ms. Shireen Nassar**, Granddaughter of Irene Butter
- **Ms. Sarah Nemtanu** and **Ms. Deborah Nemtanu**, violinists, **Mr. Renaud Capuçon**, violinist, UNESCO Artist for Peace accompanied by **Mr. Guillaume Bellom**, pianist
- **Cantor Julia Cadrain**, Central Synagogue, New York

## PANEL DISCUSSION "HOLOCAUST DENIAL AND DISTORTION"

**Ms. Hala Gorani, CNN International Journalist, will moderate the event.**

- **Ms. Michaela Kuechler**, Chair of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance
- **Mr. Serge Klarsfeld**, UNESCO Special Envoy for Education about the Holocaust and the Prevention of Genocide
- **Ms. Alice Wairimu Nderitu**, United Nations Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide
- **Professor Deborah E. Lipstadt**, Historian, Emory University
- **Ms. Hella Pick**, Journalist and Kindertransport refugee
- **Mr. Marian Turcki**, Holocaust survivor, Vice President of the International Auschwitz Committee
- **Mr. Philippe Sands**, Author
- **Dr. Robert Williams**, Chair of the IHRA Committee on Antisemitism and Holocaust Denial



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Outreach Programme  
on the Holocaust



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