

**Special Event of the Group of Friends of Human Security**  
**“Human Security Awards 2026” Ceremony**

Monday 22 June 2026, 4:30 - 6:00 pm

*CR6, UNHQ, New York*

*\*The event will be moderated by **Mr. Maher Nasser**, Director of the Outreach Division, Department of Global Communications, United Nations.*

**1. Welcome and Keynote remarks** by:

- **H.E. Ms. Catherine Russell**, Executive Director, UNICEF
- **H.E. Mr. Alexander De Croo**, Administrator, UNDP
- **High level representatives of Japan, Costa Rica and Senegal**

**Awardees from UN Agencies in Ecuador, Ghana, Nepal, Pacific Islands, Senegal, Syria**

2. Guest remarks by **H.E. Ms. Arfiya Eri**, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan

3. **Awarding ceremony** for “*Human Security Awards 2026*”

- Introduction by **Mr. Roberto Avendaño Sancho**, Chargé d’Affaires ad interim, Permanent Mission of Costa Rica to the United Nations, Co-Chair of the Group
- Announcement of awardees and handover of trophies by the Co-Chairs of the Group to the awardees and presentations of their programmes

4. **Roundtable discussion** on the awarded programmes by the representatives of their implementing agencies, followed by interactive dialogue with Member States

5. Closing remarks by **Mr. Mohamet Ladiane**, First Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Senegal to the United Nations, Co-Chair of the Group