Dear Colleagues,

As 2018 marks the 20th anniversary of the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement (GP20), the GANHRI 2018 Annual Conference represents an important opportunity to bring visibility to the issue of internal displacement and to encourage National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) to use the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement in their work in order to promote and protect the human rights of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs). We therefore have the pleasure of inviting you to the side-event “Protection of the Human Rights of IDPs and the Role of NHRIs in the Implementation of the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement”. The event is co-sponsored by the Austrian Permanent Mission to the United Nations and the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons in collaboration with GANHRI, OHCHR and UNHCR.

Specifically, this event aims at bringing greater visibility to the issue of the human rights of IDPs and the Guiding Principles, by emphasizing the role of NHRIs across all regions in their implementation. The meeting aims to discuss and share good practices of how the scope of the NHRIs work could be strengthened to advance the rights of people who were forced to flee within their countries due to conflict, violence, human rights violations and disasters.

Programme:
- Welcome remarks by Ambassador Elisabeth Tichy-Fisslberger, Permanent Representative of Austria to the UN
- Opening statement by Ms. Cecilia Jimenez-Damary, Special Rapporteur on the human rights of IDPs
- Opening statement by Ms. Sima Samar, Afghan Independent Human Rights Commission, on behalf of GANHRI
- Presentation by Ms. Kagwiria Mbogori, Kenya National Commission on Human Rights
- Presentation by Mr. Roberto Eugenio Cadiz, Commission on Human Rights of the Philippines
- Presentation by UNHCR Representative

We hope you will be able to join us for this event and look forward to an interesting discussion.