Refreshments will be served at 13:00

Moderator
Prof. Alan Miller,
Special Envoy, Global Alliance of NHRIs

Welcoming remarks
Dr. Beate Rudolf,
GANHRI Chairperson

Views of Central Asian NHRIs on regional cooperation

- Mr. Askar Shakirov,
  Ombudsman and Human Rights Commissioner of Kazakhstan
- Mr. Kubat Otorbaev,
  Aktykatchy (Ombudsman) of the Kyrgyz Republic
- Ms. Rajabmo Habibulozoda,
  Deputy Ombudswoman of Tajikistan and Ombudswoman for Children’s Rights of Tajikistan
- Ms. Yazdursun Gurbannazarova,
  Ombudswoman of Turkmenistan
- Mr. Ulugbek Mukhammadiev,
  Ombudsman of Uzbekistan

Reflections of the members of the Strategic Tripartite Partnership

- Ms. Rosslyn Noonan,
  Senior Envoy, Asia-Pacific Forum
- Mr. Ryzsard Komenda,
  Regional Representative of OHCHR in Central Asia
- Ms. Isabelle Tschan,
  Rule of Law and Human Rights Adviser, UNDP Istanbul Regional Hub

Discussion
Key items of discussion

- Role of NHRIs in Central Asia countries;
- Challenges and opportunities for regional cooperation among the Central Asian NHRIs and how it can improve their independence, effectiveness and capacity to address pressing issues in the field of human rights in the countries of Central Asia;
- Central Asian NHRIs’ alignment with Paris and Belgrade Principles for their further capacity strengthening and towards reaching Status A with GANHRI’s Sub-Committee on Accreditation;
- Central Asia Support Initiative for National Human Rights Institutions as regional implementation of OHCHR-UNDP-GANHRI Tripartite Partnership on NHRIs.
- Effective cooperation with Asia Pacific Forum (APF) and European Network of NHRIs (ENNHRI).

ABOUT THE CENTRAL ASIA SUPPORT INITIATIVE FOR NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTIONS (CASI-NHRI)

This initiative promoted by OHCHR Regional Office in Central Asia, UNDP Istanbul Regional Hub, GANHRI and APF aims at fostering effective, independent and interconnected National Human Rights Institutions in Central Asia, through stronger mutual cooperation and technical support in their capacity development. The initiative supports the establishment of a Regional Platform agreed by the five NHRIs from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan to enhance their cooperation for promoting and protecting human rights in Central Asia, striving towards compliance with Paris Principles and working towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. The regional platform will enable NHRIs to undertake joint actions, conduct regular consultations and arrange professional networks to exchange their lessons learnt and best practices.

To achieve this ambitious objective, CASI-NHRI follows a three-pronged mutually interlinked approach to fostering strong, independent and interconnected NHRIIs in the region. It works from a regional perspective towards better opportunities for exchange and integration of NHRIIs across and beyond the region. Paired to national-level interventions, the regional project supports NHRIIs in the region through specific, tailored and targeted capacity development interventions.

The initiative is also part of the Joint Programme in Support to National Human Rights Institutions launched by UNDP, OHCHR, GANHRI.

CASI-NHRI was designed as a project of three years (2018-2020) with the total budget of USD 3.7 million.