GANHRI Annual Meeting

Side event

The role of national human rights institutions in promoting, tracking and reporting on domestic compliance with international human rights norms

23 February 2018, 13h00 to 14h00
Room XXII - Palais des Nations

Draft Programme

Welcome and introduction
Ms Manuela Teixeira Pinto, Deputy Permanent Representative of Portugal

Panel discussion followed by an interactive dialogue with NHRI representatives and other participants
Chair: Mr Kevin Playford, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Australia

Panelists:
Mr Gianni Magazzeni, Chief of UPR Branch, OHCHR
Prof. Bongani Majola, Chairperson, South African Human Rights Commission
Ms Rosalind Croucher, President, Australian Human Rights Commission

Concluding remarks
Prof. Dr Beate Rudolf, Chairperson, GANHRI
Background

This side event organised by the Permanent Missions of Australia and Portugal, in cooperation with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI) and the Universal Rights Group (URG), will look to introduce the overall ‘Implementation Agenda’ to NHRI representatives (including the interconnected roles of governments, parliaments, NGOs, NHRIs and development partners in that regard), underscore the crucial role of NHRIs, and showcase different good practice examples of how NHRIs are currently engaging, and/or are planning to engage, with domestic implementation processes.

The side event will thereby allow for an initial collation of good practice examples, identify common threads, and thereafter disseminate and propagate those good practices and principles among NHRIs – to support their unique role in helping turn universal norms into local realities for the people on the ground.