The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights is pleased to invite you to the side-event on

NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTIONS IN FEDERAL STATES

An estimated 40 percent of the world’s population live in a Federal State. About 20 percent of the National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) accredited to the International Coordinating Committee of National Institutions for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights (ICC) operate in federal states.¹ The particularities of these states (including decentralization and local self-governance), led to the need of an OHCHR in-depth study on the strength and challenges of NHRIs in these states and on ways and means to improve NHRIs’ structure and operations in order to ensure the protection of human rights at the national and local levels.

At the margins of the 24th Annual Meeting of the ICC, OHCHR organizes this side-event aimed at presenting the framework for the above-mentioned study. The event will start with a presentation from OHCHR Consultant, Mr. Lyal Sunga, followed with an interactive session where participants will have a chance to share views on the strengths and challenges that NHRIs in federal countries face, and look towards developing best practices to enhance human rights protection and promotion at the federal and local levels.

For further information about the study, kindly visit: http://nhri.ohchr.org/EN/WhoWeAre/News/Pages/News.aspx

PROGRAM

Mr. Lyal Sunga
Presentation of the Outline of the Study on National Human Rights Institutions in Federal States
OHCHR Consultant

Followed by a question and answer session

Delegates of NHRIs from Federal States are strongly encouraged to attend this side event.
For further information, please contact: Citlalin Castañeda (ccastaneda@ohchr.org)
This event will take place in English.

¹ The following Federal States have an ICC-accredited NHRI: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Canada, India, Malaysia, Mexico, Nigeria, Russian Federation, Spain, Switzerland and Venezuela.
Other Federal States without ICC-accredited NHRI include Brazil, Comoros, Ethiopia, Micronesia, Pakistan, St. Kitts and Nevis, the United States of America and the United Arab Emirates.