Monday, May 4, 2015
Topic of the Day: Opening of the Course / the UN Treaty Body System

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<td>Welcome to the training course</td>
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<td>Hubert Schillinger, FES / Katharina Rose, ICC / Vladlen Stefanov, OHCHR</td>
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<td>The international human rights system and national human rights institutions: Introduction to the course</td>
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<td>• The Vienna World Conference of 1993</td>
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<td>• NHRIss and the international human rights system</td>
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<td>• Role and functions of OHCHR</td>
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<td>Cooperation among NHRIss: The ICC</td>
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<td>Katharina Rose, ICC Geneva Representative</td>
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<td>Vladlen Stefanov, Chief, National Institutions and Regional Mechanisms Section, OHCHR</td>
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<td>• ICC: Mandate and functions</td>
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<td><strong>The treaty body system: Overview</strong></td>
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<td><em>Nazar Abdelgadir, Geneva Institute for Human Rights</em></td>
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<td>- The nine core treaties and the supplementary treaties</td>
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<td>- Mandate and functions of United Nations human rights treaty bodies</td>
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<td>- Development of international human rights treaties</td>
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<td>- NHRI contribution opportunities</td>
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<td><strong>Activity Session: The treaty body system: Monitoring compliance.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>The example of the Human Rights Committee / Committee on the Rights of the Child</strong></td>
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<td><em>Introduction: Kate Fox, Secretary, Human Rights Committee, OHCHR</em></td>
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<td><em>Facilitation: N.N., Child Rights Connect; N.N., UNITAR</em></td>
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<td>- The monitoring process consist of: reporting, examination, recommendations, follow up: the practical exercise will relate to the NHRI contribution opportunities: <strong>state and parallel reporting</strong>; briefings with experts; participation in the state examination; proposal of recommendations; <strong>monitoring implementation and follow-up</strong></td>
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Tuesday, May 5, 2015

Topic of the Day: Workshop on UN Treaty Bodies / Attendance of TB session

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<td><strong>The treaty body system. Activity session on torture prevention</strong></td>
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<td><em>Barbara Bernath, Ben Buckland and Matthew Sands, APT</em></td>
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<td><em>Claudia Croci, UNITAR</em></td>
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<td>• Engagement with treaty bodies on torture prevention, particularly the</td>
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<td>Committee Against Torture (CAT) and the Subcommittee on the Prevention of</td>
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<td>• Strategic engagement in torture prevention through a combination of</td>
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<td>domestic actions supported by engagement with treaty bodies</td>
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<td><strong>Distribution of Exercises for the attendance of the following Treaty Body session</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Lunch Break – meeting with APT staff members and Fellows of NIRMS</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Transfer to Palais Wilson</strong></td>
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<td>15:00 – 18:00</td>
<td><strong>Attendance of treaty body session: Committee against Torture</strong></td>
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<td>19:00 – 21:30</td>
<td><strong>Dinner with Members of Treaty Bodies and Working Groups</strong></td>
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<td><strong>OPTIONAL: participation at the UPR of Panama</strong></td>
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<td><strong>The treaty body system: Interpreting treaties. The Example of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights</strong></td>
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<td>• Treaty bodies: authoritative interpreters of human rights treaties</td>
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<td>• Interpretation tools: General Comments and Recommendations; Concluding Observations; Jurisprudence</td>
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<td>• Contribution opportunities for NHRIIs</td>
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<td><strong>Charter-based bodies: The Human Rights Council</strong></td>
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<td>• Overview of the three pillars of the United Nations and its bodies: peace (Security Council); development (ECOSOC); human rights (Human Rights Council)</td>
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<td>• The Human Rights Council: Mechanisms, sessions, agenda and program of work, decision-making</td>
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<td>• The system of Special Procedures of the Human Rights Council</td>
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<td>• NHRI contribution opportunities and information technology</td>
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## Topic of the Day: The Universal Periodic Review

**Thursday, May 7, 2015**

**Breakfast**

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<td><em>N.N., OHCHR</em></td>
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<td>• Mandate and objectives</td>
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<td>• The UPR cycle</td>
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<td><strong>Charter-based bodies: Case study &amp; activity</strong> - including Coffee Break</td>
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<td>• Facilitation of UPR consultations - within government, with other</td>
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<td>• Process of implementation of the outcome at the national level -</td>
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<td>analyzing outcome, combining with other UN recommendations, supporting</td>
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<td>the development of an implementation framework; monitoring and</td>
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<td><strong>Lunch Break / FES-Side Event on UPR</strong> (on Panama and Honduras)</td>
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<td><strong>Charter-based bodies: Case study &amp; activity</strong> - including Coffee Break</td>
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**Friday, May 8, 2015**

**Topic of the Day: UN HRC Special Procedures / The Regional Mechanisms**

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<td>• Special Procedures: independent experts appointed by the Human Rights</td>
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<td>• Thematic and country mandates and functions: research, country visits,</td>
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<td>studies, consultations, urgent appeals</td>
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<td>• Cooperation with NHRI</td>
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<td><strong>Beyond the UN – Regional Mechanisms and NHRI regional bodies</strong></td>
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<td><em>Vladlen Stefanov / Katharina Rose</em></td>
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<td>• The role of the Regional Mechanisms in the protection and promotion of</td>
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<td>• The NHRI regional structure</td>
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<td>• Possibilities for engagement of NHRI with the regional mechanisms</td>
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<td>Closing Lunch – Restaurant / return to Palais Wilson</td>
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<td><strong>Conclusion and Evaluation</strong> of the course</td>
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Additionally, informal meetings with Geneva-based UN experts, NGO representatives and diplomats will be organized throughout the week.

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