

## TRAINING COURSE FOR NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTIONS ON THE INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS SYSTEM

**Geneva, 5-9 May 2014**

### **Monday, May 5, 2014**

Topic of the Day: Opening of the Course / the UN Treaty Body System

OHCHR, Palais Wilson, 52, rue des Pâquis, room 1-016

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|               | Breakfast  |
| <b>8:15</b>   | <b>Meeting at the Lobby of Hotel Drake / walk to Palais Wilson</b>   |
| 8:30 – 9:00   | <b>Accreditation at Palais Wilson, OHCHR</b>   |
| 9:00 – 9:30   | <b>Welcome</b> to the training course<br><i>Matthes Buhbe, FES / Katharina Rose, ICC / Vladlen Stefanov OHCHR</i><br><b>Self-Introduction of the course-participants</b>   |
| 9:30 – 10:30  | <b>The international human rights system and national human rights institutions: Introduction to the course</b><br><i>FES/ICC/OHCHR</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Vienna World Conference of 1993</li> <li>• NHRIs and the international human rights system</li> <li>• Objectives and proceedings of the training course</li> </ul>  |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | Coffee Break   |
| 11:00 – 12:30 | <b>Cooperation among NHRIs: The ICC and NHRI regional bodies</b><br><i>Katharina Rose, ICC Geneva Representative</i><br><i>Vladlen Stefanov, Chief, National Institutions and Regional Mechanisms Section, OHCHR</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ICC: Mandate and functions</li> <li>• Paris Principles and ICC accreditation</li> <li>• NHRI regional groups</li> <li>• Recognition by the international human rights system</li> <li>• ICC webpage</li> <li>• Questions &amp; discussion</li> </ul> |

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| 12:30 – 13:30 | Lunch Break  |
| 13:30 – 15:30 | <p><b>The treaty body system: Overview</b></p> <p><i>Nazar Abdelgadir, Geneva Institute for Human Rights</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The nine core treaties and the supplementary treaties</li> <li>• Mandate and functions of United Nations human rights treaty bodies</li> <li>• Development of international human rights treaties</li> <li>• NHRI contribution opportunities</li> <li>• Questions &amp; discussion</li> </ul>  |
| 15:30 – 16:00 | Coffee Break   |
| 16:00 – 17:30 | <p><b>The treaty body system: Monitoring compliance. The example of the Human Rights Committee</b></p> <p><i>Kate Fox, Secretary, Human Rights Committee, OHCHR</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The monitoring process: reporting, examination, recommendations, follow up</li> <li>• Individual Complaints</li> <li>• NHRI contribution opportunities: state and parallel reporting; briefings with experts; participation in the state examination; proposal of recommendations; monitoring implementation and follow up</li> <li>• Treaty body working methods and papers on cooperation with NHRIs</li> <li>• Treaty body recommendations regarding the establishment and strengthening of NHRIs</li> <li>• Questions &amp; discussion</li> </ul> |

**Tuesday, May 6, 2014**

Topic of the Day: Workshop on UN Treaty Bodies / Presentation of OHCHR

Morning: Office of the NGO Association for the Prevention of Torture (APT), 10, route de Ferney

Afternoon: Palais Wilson

| Breakfast     |   |
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| 8:00          | <b>Meeting at the Lobby of Hotel Drake / Transfer to APT</b>  |
| 8:30 – 9:00   | <b>Recapitulation</b> of the previous day by the participants   |
| 9:00 – 12:00  | <p><b>The treaty body system. Activity session on torture prevention</b></p> <p><i>Barbara Bernath, Veronica Filippeschi and Matthew Sands, APT<br/>Claudia Croci, UNITAR</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engagement with treaty bodies on torture prevention, particularly the Committee Against Torture (CAT) and the Subcommittee on the Prevention of Torture (SPT)</li> <li>• Strategic engagement in torture prevention through a combination of domestic actions supported by engagement with treaty bodies</li> </ul>  |
| 12:00 – 13:00 | <p><b>The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights</b></p> <p><i>Gianni Magazzeni, Chief of Branch, Americas, Europe and Central Asia Branch, OHCHR &amp; Vladlen Stefanov, Chief, National Institutions and Regional Mechanisms Section, OHCHR</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mandate</li> <li>• Office, headquarters and regional presences</li> <li>• OHCHR relationship with NHRIs - NIRMS</li> <li>• NHRI cooperation opportunities</li> <li>• Questions &amp; discussion</li> </ul>                             |
| 13:00 – 14:30 | Lunch Break – meeting with fellows of NIRMS / Transfer to Palais Wilson   |
| 15:00 – 18:00 | <b>Attendance of treaty body session: Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights</b> – Report of Lithuania / Questions by the Committee  |
| 19:00 – 21:30 | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Dinner with Members of Treaty Bodies and Working Groups</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Restaurant <b>Café 9</b> (Place de Chambésy 9, 1292 Pregny-Chambésy)</p> <p>Invited Experts: <i>Maria-Virginia Bras Gomes (CESCR), Heisso Shin (CESCR), Saadia Belmir (CAT), Felice Gaer (CAT) tbc, George Tugushi (CAT), tbd (WG Business and Human Rights), Kamala Chandrakirana (WG Discrimination against Women), Olivier de Frouville (WG on Enforced Disappearance), Christophe Peschoux (OHCHR)</i></p> |

**Wednesday, May 7, 2014**

Topic of the Day: Interpretation of Treaties / Introduction to Charter-based bodies

OHCHR building, 48, Avenue Guiseppe Motta, Room RI-01

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|               | Breakfast   |
| 8:30 – 9:00   | <b>Recapitulation</b> of the previous day by the participants   |
| 9:00 – 11:00  | <p><b>The treaty body system: Interpreting treaties. The Example of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights</b></p> <p><i>Christophe Golay, ESCR Project, Geneva Academy</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Treaty bodies: authoritative interpreters of human rights treaties</li> <li>• Interpretation tools: General Comments and Recommendations; Concluding Observations; Jurisprudence</li> <li>• Contribution opportunities for NHRIs</li> <li>• Questions &amp; discussion</li> </ul>   |
| 11:00 – 11:30 | Coffee Break  |
| 11:30 – 13:00 | <p><b>Charter-based bodies: The Human Rights Council</b></p> <p><i>Adrien-Claude Zoller, Director, Geneva For Human Rights</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of the three pillars of the United Nations and its bodies: peace (Security Council); development (ECOSOC); human rights (Human Rights Council)</li> <li>• The Human Rights Council: Mechanisms, sessions, agenda and program of work, decision-making</li> <li>• The system of Special Procedures of the Human Rights Council</li> <li>• NHRI contribution opportunities and information technology</li> <li>• Questions &amp; discussion</li> </ul> |
| 13:00 -       | Lunch and free afternoon  |
| afternoon     | <p>Possibility to organize a visit of UN Palais des Nations or participation at the UPR session: 14:30 – 17:30 Review of Nicaragua</p> <p>Additional registration required! Please inscribe to corresponding list</p>   |

## Thursday, May 8, 2014

Topic of the Day: The Universal Periodic Review

Palais des Nations room IV

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|               | Breakfast  |
| 8:30          | <b>Meeting at Lobby of Hotel Drake / Transfer to Palais Nations</b>  |
| 9:00 – 9:30   | <b>Recapitulation</b> of the previous day by the participants  |
| 9:30 – 10:30  | <p><b>Charter-based bodies: the Universal Periodic Review</b></p> <p><i>Ljiljana Stancic, UPR Branch, OHCHR</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mandate and objectives</li> <li>• The UPR cycle</li> <li>• Roles of and opportunities for NHRIs</li> <li>• Questions &amp; discussion</li> </ul>  |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | Walk to German Mission   |
| 11:00 – 12:30 | <p><b>Discussion with diplomats on the Human Rights Council</b></p> <p>upon invitation of and introduced by <i>H.E. Ambassador Schumacher</i>, Permanent Representative of Germany to the UN in Geneva</p> <p>With the participation of <i>Mario Vega (Costa Rica)</i>, <i>Emmanuel Bichet (Switzerland)</i> and <i>Omar Rabi (Morocco)</i></p>  |
| 12:30 – 14:00 | Lunch Break at the German Mission  |
| 14:00 – 14:30 | Walk to Palais des Nations   |
| 15:00 – 18:00 | <p><b>Charter-based bodies: Case study &amp; activity</b></p> <p><i>Marianne Lilliebjerg, Amnesty International</i><br/><i>Cynthia Gervais, Delegation of the Commonwealth</i><br/><i>Claudia Croci, UNITAR</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilitation of UPR consultations -- within government, with other stakeholders, including parliamentarians</li> <li>• Process of implementation of the outcome at the national level - analyzing outcome, combining with other UN recommendations, supporting the development of an implementation framework; monitoring and reporting</li> <li>• Develop a statement to the Human Rights Council and relate with Special Procedure mandate holders</li> <li>• Questions &amp; discussion</li> </ul> |

## Friday, May 9, 2014

Topic of the Day: UN HRC Special Procedures / The protection system of the ILO

Palais Wilson, room 1-016 / ILO headquarters, route des Morillons 4, room III on level R3

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| 7:30 – 8:30   | Breakfast  |
| 8:30 – 9:00   | <b>Recapitulation</b> of the previous day by the participants  |
| 9:00 – 11:00  | <p><b>Charter-based bodies: the Special Procedures</b></p> <p><i>Jane Connors, Chief, Special Procedures Branch</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Special Procedures: independent experts appointed by the Human Rights Council</li> <li>• Thematic and country mandates and functions: research, country visits, studies, consultations, urgent appeals</li> <li>• Cooperation with NHRIs</li> <li>• Questions &amp; discussion</li> </ul> |
| 11:00 – 11:30 | Transfer to the ILO / Coffee Break   |
| 11:30 – 13:00 | <p><b>The International Labour Organisation</b></p> <p><i>Karen Curtis, Chief, Freedom of Association Branch, ILO</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The role of the International Labour Organization in the protection and promotion of Human Rights</li> <li>• Possibilities for engagement of NHRIs with the supervisory system of the ILO</li> <li>• Questions &amp; discussion</li> </ul>  |
| 13:00 – 14:30 | Closing Lunch – ILO Restaurant / return to Palais Wilson   |
| 14:30 – 15:30 | <b>Conclusion and Evaluation</b> of the course   |
| 15:30 – 16:00 | <b>Distribution of Certificates</b>  |

Additionally, informal meetings with Geneva-based UN experts, NGO representatives and diplomats will be organized throughout the week.

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