

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

Geneva, 4-8 May 2015

Monday, May 4, 2015

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

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

12:00 – 13:30	Lunch Break
13:30 – 15:00	<p>The treaty body system: Overview</p> <p><i>Nazar Abdelgadir, Geneva Institute for Human Rights</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The nine core treaties and the supplementary treaties • Mandate and functions of United Nations human rights treaty bodies • Development of international human rights treaties • NHRI contribution opportunities • Questions & discussion
15:00 – 15:30	Coffee Break
15:30 – 17:30	<p>Activity Session: The treaty body system: Monitoring compliance. The example of the Human Rights Committee / Committee on the Rights of the Child</p> <p>Introduction: <i>Kate Fox, Secretary, Human Rights Committee, OHCHR</i> Facilitation: <i>N.N., Child Rights Connect; N.N., UNITAR</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The monitoring process consist of : reporting, examination, recommendations, follow up: the practical exercise will relate to the NHRI contribution opportunities: state and parallel reporting; briefings with experts; participation in the state examination; proposal of recommendations; monitoring implementation and follow-up

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Tuesday, May 5, 2015

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

	Breakfast
8:00	Meeting at the Lobby of Hotel Ibis / Transfer to APT
8:30 – 9:30	Recapitulation of the previous day by the participants
9:30 – 12:30	<p>The treaty body system. Activity session on torture prevention</p> <p><i>Barbara Bernath, Ben Buckland and Matthew Sands, APT Claudia Croci, UNITAR</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engagement with treaty bodies on torture prevention, particularly the Committee Against Torture (CAT) and the Subcommittee on the Prevention of Torture (SPT) • Strategic engagement in torture prevention through a combination of domestic actions supported by engagement with treaty bodies
12:30 – 13:00	Distribution of Exercises for the attendance of the following Treaty Body session
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch Break – meeting with APT staff members and Fellows of NIRMS Transfer to Palais Wilson
15:00 – 18:00	Attendance of treaty body session: Committee against Torture
19:00 – 21:30	Dinner with Members of Treaty Bodies and Working Groups

Wednesday, May 6, 2015

Topic of the Day:

Attendance of UPR session / Interpretation of Treaties / Introduction to Charter-based bodies

	Breakfast
9:00 – 12:30	OPTIONAL: participation at the UPR of Panama Room XX Palais des Nations
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch break
13:30 – 14:00	Recapitulation of the previous day by the participants
14:00 – 15:30	The treaty body system: Interpreting treaties. The Example of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treaty bodies: authoritative interpreters of human rights treaties • Interpretation tools: General Comments and Recommendations; Concluding Observations; Jurisprudence • Contribution opportunities for NHRIs • Questions & discussion
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee Break
16:00 – 17:00	Charter-based bodies: The Human Rights Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of the three pillars of the United Nations and its bodies: peace (Security Council); development (ECOSOC); human rights (Human Rights Council) • The Human Rights Council: Mechanisms, sessions, agenda and program of work, decision-making • The system of Special Procedures of the Human Rights Council • NHRI contribution opportunities and information technology • Questions & discussion

Thursday, May 7, 2015

Topic of the Day: The Universal Periodic Review

Breakfast	
8:30	Meeting at Lobby of Hotel Ibis / Transfer to Palais Nations
9:00 – 9:30	Recapitulation of the previous day by the participants
9:30 – 10:30	Charter-based bodies: the Universal Periodic Review <i>N.N.</i> , OHCHR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mandate and objectives • The UPR cycle • Questions & discussion
10:30 – 12:30	Charter-based bodies: Case study & activity - including Coffee Break <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitation of UPR consultations - within government, with other stakeholders, including parliamentarians • 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
12:30 – 14:30	Lunch Break / FES-Side Event on UPR (on Panama and Honduras)
15:00 – 18:00	Charter-based bodies: Case study & activity - including Coffee Break <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuation • Evaluation of group work • Questions & discussion

Friday, May 8, 2015

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

7:30 – 8:30	Breakfast
8:30 – 9:00	Recapitulation of the previous day by the participants
9:00 – 10:30	<p>Charter-based bodies: the Special Procedures</p> <p><i>N.N., OHCHR</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special Procedures: independent experts appointed by the Human Rights Council • Thematic and country mandates and functions: research, country visits, studies, consultations, urgent appeals • Cooperation with NHRIs • Video screening on cooperation with SP • Questions & discussion
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 – 13:00	<p>Beyond the UN – Regional Mechanisms and NHRI regional bodies</p> <p><i>Vladlen Stefanov / Katharina Rose</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The role of the Regional Mechanisms in the protection and promotion of Human Rights • The NHRI regional structure • Possibilities for engagement of NHRIs with the regional mechanisms • Questions & discussion
13:00 – 14:30	Closing Lunch – Restaurant / return to Palais Wilson
14:30 – 15:30	Conclusion and Evaluation of the course
15:30 – 16:00	Distribution of Certificates

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

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