

How to make best use of the UPR 2nd cycle: Perspectives & Experiences from NHRIs

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UN Secretary General:

« Effective NHRIs are
the cornerstone of a **strong human rights protection system at the national level,**
and an important **relay mechanism** at
country level to ensure the application of
international human rights norms »

NHRI roles with UPR 2nd cycle

- Unique role owing to unique status and functions under the Paris Principles
- Recognized role by GA and HRC resolutions
- Strengthened visibility of contributions: 1) separate section; 2) speaking slot immediately after the State under review; 3) video statements
- Expectations

Preparing for the 2nd cycle

- Raise awareness about UPR outcomes and status of implementation of recommendations
- Synchronize internal work plans and reporting with UPR recommendations
- Organize post UPR discussions with government and civil society
- Monitor and report on the implementation of UPR outcomes

Raise awareness: Australian Human Rights Commission

- UPR outcome: tabling of UN recommendations in Parliament
- AHRC briefing on UPR outcomes
- AHRC regular reports, including in annual reports
- Parliamentary awareness, public debate and engagement of stakeholders

NHRI internal work plans and reporting: South African Human Rights Commission

- Mainstreaming UPR recommendations in the overall NHRI work
- UPR recommendations inform strategic planning and priority setting
- Allocation of UPR recommendations/monitoring with Commissioner or Committees
- SAHRC strategic plan provides that UPR recommendations will be tracked

Post UPR discussions: Kenya National Commission on Human Rights

- Kenya NHRI and NGO coalition
- Kenya UPR Outcomes Charter with key expectations, indicators, actions and actors
- Objectives: 1) Record the understandings; 2) Propose a road-map; 3) Identify indicator-driven actions; 4) Establish monitoring framework

Monitor and report on implementation: Malaysia Human Rights Commission

- Mid-term follow up report to HRC 18
- UPR recommendations clustered in 8 broad areas: 1) Ratification; 2) Legislative reforms; 3) Vulnerable groups; 4) ESC rights; 5) Trafficking in persons; 6) Education; 7) National strategies and policies; 8) Engagement with stakeholders
- Highlights advancements
- Stresses concerns, challenges and provides recommendations
- Discussed with State, UN SP & TB, NGOs, media

Content of 2nd cycle report

- Identify key priorities
- Update on progress made
- Highlight challenges and formulate recommendations
- Tools and mechanisms; role of NHRI
- Include capacity assistance needs: ICC/OHCHR cooperation with UNCT and UNDP
- Non accepted recommendations?

Further information

- Secretary General reports to HRC
- <http://nhri.ohchr.org>
- OHCHR NIRMS
- ICC Chair, ICC regional bodies, ICC Geneva Representative

Thank you.