

TRAINING COURSE FOR NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTIONS ON THE INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS SYSTEM Geneva, 6-10 May 2019

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Monday, May 6, 2019

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

Venue: OHCHR, Palais Wilson, 52, rue des Pâquis, Room 1-016

	Breakfast
8:45	<p>Meeting at the Lobby of Hotel Eden / transfer to Palais Wilson <i>Hotel Eden, 135, Rue de Lausanne, (Tel.: +41 22 716 37 00)</i></p> <p><i>Palais Wilson, 52, rue des Pâquis, Room 1-016</i></p>
9:00 – 9:30	Accreditation at Palais Wilson, OHCHR
9:15 – 9:30	Welcome Coffee
9:30 – 10:30	<p>Welcome to the training course <i>Hubert René Schillinger, FES / Katharina Rose, GANHRI / Vladlen Stefanov, OHCHR / Tissione Parmar, UNITAR</i></p> <p>Self-Introduction of the course-participants</p> <p>Objectives and proceedings of the training course Chair: <i>Ira Gibson, FES</i></p>
10:30 – 11:00	<p>The international human rights system and national human rights institutions: Introduction to the course <i>Katharina Rose, GANHRI / Vladlen Stefanov, OHCHR / Chair: Ira Gibson, FES</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The international human rights system • NHRIs and the international human rights system • Work of OHCHR Section on National Institutions and Regional Mechanisms • Questions & discussion
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break

11:30 – 12:30	<p>Cooperation among NHRIs: GANHRI</p> <p><i>Katharina Rose, GANHRI Geneva Representative</i></p> <p><i>Vladlen Stefanov, Chief, National Institutions & Regional Mechanisms Section, OHCHR</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GANHRI: Mandate and functions • Paris Principles and GANHRI accreditation • Fellowship programme of NIRMS • Questions & discussion
12:30 – 14:00	<p style="text-align: center;">Sharing of experiences by NIRMS fellows over lunch</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Cafeteria Palais Wilson</p>
14:00 – 15:30	<p>The treaty body system: Overview</p> <p><i>Felix Kirchmeier, Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ten 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
15:30 – 16:00	<p style="text-align: center;">Coffee Break</p>
16:00 – 17:30	<p>The treaty body system: The example of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights</p> <p><i>Lucy McKernan, Global Initiative for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specificities of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights • NHRI contribution opportunities • Questions & discussion

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

Topic of the Day: Workshop on UN Treaty Bodies / Attendance of UPR Session

Venue:

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

Afternoon: Palais des Nations, Room XX

Breakfast	
8:00	Meeting at the Lobby of Hotel / Transfer to APT
8:30 – 9:00	Recapitulation of the previous day by the participants Chair: <i>Ira Gibson, FES</i>
9:00 – 13:00	The treaty body system: Activity session on torture prevention <i>Ben Buckland, APT; Isabelle Heyer, APT; Alexis Comninos, APT</i> <i>Tissione Parmar, UNITAR</i> <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
13:00 – 14:00	Sandwich Lunch Break – meeting with APT staff members Transfer to Palais des Nations
14:30 – 18:00	Participation at the UPR of Cote d'Ivoire Room XX Palais des Nations
19:00 – 21:30	Dinner with Members of Treaty Bodies Restaurant Café 9 (Place de Chambésy 9, 1292 Pregny-Chambésy) <i>Invited Experts: Rita Izsák, Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination; Abdelwahab Hani, Member of Committee against Torture</i>

Wednesday, May 8, 2019

Topic of the Day: Introduction to Charter-based bodies

Venue:

Morning: OHCHR, Palais Wilson, 52, rue des Pâquis, Room 1-016

Afternoon: OHCHR, Palais Wilson, 52, rue des Pâquis, 1st floor conference room

Breakfast	
8:30	Meeting at the Lobby of Hotel Eden / Transfer to Palais Wilson
9:00 – 9:30	Recapitulation of the previous day by the participants <i>Chair: Katharina Rose, GANHRI</i>
9:30 – 11:00	Charter-based bodies: The Human Rights Council <i>Adrien-Claude Zoller, Geneva for Human Rights</i> <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
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break
11:30 – 13:00	Charter-based bodies: The Universal Periodic Review <i>Mona M'Bikay, UPR Info</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mandate and objectives • The UPR cycle Questions & discussion
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch Break
15:00 – 18:00	Attendance of treaty body session: Committee against Torture Replies of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Thursday, May 9, 2019

Topic of the Day: The Universal Periodic Review

Venue: Palais des Nations, Room IV (break out rooms : C.310, C.312, C.314)

Breakfast	
8:15	Meeting at Lobby of Hotel Eden / transfer to Palais des Nations (Appia gate)
9:00 – 9:30	Recapitulation of the previous day by the participants Chair: <i>Katharina Rose, GANHRI</i>
9:30 – 11:00	Charter-based bodies: Case study & activity <i>Mona M'Bikay, UPR Info</i> <i>Tissione Parmar, UNITAR</i> <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 - analysing outcome, combining with other UN recommendations, supporting the development of an implementation framework; monitoring and reporting
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break
11:30 – 13:00	Continued - Charter-based bodies: Case study & activity
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch break
14:30 – 16:00	Charter-based bodies: Case study & activity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuation • Evaluation of group work • Questions & discussion
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee Break
16:30 – 18:00	Continued - Charter-based bodies: Case study & activity

Friday, May 10, 2019

Topic of the Day: UN HRC Special Procedures

Venue : OHCHR, Palais Wilson, 52, rue des Pâquis, Room 1-016

	Breakfast
8:30	Meeting at Lobby of Hotel Eden / Transfer to Palais Wilson
9:00 – 9:30	Recapitulation of the previous day by the participants Chair: <i>Ira Gibson, FES</i>
9:30 – 11:00	Charter-based bodies: Special Procedures – An Overview <i>Graham Fox, Special Procedures Branch, OHCHR</i> <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 mandate Questions & discussion
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break
11:30 – 12:30	Sharing of experiences among participants
12:30 – 14:00	Closing lunch Restaurant Little India (Rue du Prieuré 20, 1202 Geneva)
14:15 – 15:00	Conclusion and Evaluation of the course
15:00 – 15:30	Distribution of Certificates