

**TRAINING COURSE  
FOR NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTIONS  
ON THE INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS SYSTEM  
Geneva, 04-08 May 2020**

**Draft Programme**

**Monday, May 4, 2020**

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

Session 1	<p><b>The international human rights system and national human rights institutions: Introduction to the course</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The international human rights system</li> <li>• NHRIs and the international human rights system</li> <li>• Work of OHCHR Section on National Institutions and Regional Mechanisms</li> </ul>
Session 2	<p><b>Cooperation among NHRIs: GANHRI</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GANHRI: Mandate and functions</li> <li>• Paris Principles and GANHRI accreditation</li> <li>• Fellowship programme of NIRMS</li> </ul>
Session 3	<p><b>The treaty body system: Overview</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The ten 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> </ul>
Session 4	<p><b>The treaty body system: The example of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Specificities of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights</li> <li>• NHRI contribution opportunities</li> </ul>

**Tuesday, May 5, 2020**

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

Session 1	<p><b>The treaty body system: Activity session on torture prevention</b></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>
Session 2	<p><b>Participation at the UPR Session</b></p>

## Wednesday, May 6, 2020

Topic of the Day: Introduction to Charter-based bodies

Session 1	<p><b>Charter-based bodies: The Human Rights Council</b></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> </ul>
Session 2	<p><b>Charter-based bodies: The Universal Periodic Review</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mandate and objectives</li> <li>• The UPR cycle</li> </ul>
Session 3	<p><b>Attendance of treaty body session: Committee against Torture</b></p>

## Thursday, May 7, 2020

Topic of the Day: The Universal Periodic Review

Session 1	<p><b>Charter-based bodies: Case study &amp; activity</b></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 - analysing outcome, combining with other UN recommendations, supporting the development of an implementation framework; monitoring and reporting</li> </ul>
Session 2	<p><b>Charter-based bodies: Case study &amp; activity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continuation</li> <li>• Evaluation of group work</li> </ul>

## Friday, May 08, 2020

Topic of the Day: UN HRC Special Procedures

Session 1	<p><b>Charter-based bodies: Special Procedures – An Overview</b></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>• Video screening on cooperation with SP mandate</li> </ul>
Session 2	<p><b>Sharing of experiences among participants: Experience Sharing Café</b></p>
Session 3	<p><b>Conclusion and Evaluation &amp; Distribution of Certificates</b></p>