



## 2023 Annual Review Meeting: TriPartite Partnership to Support National Human Rights Institutions

**24-25 May 2023**  
**UNDP, FF Building, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor, Doha Room**  
**304 East 45<sup>th</sup> Street, Manhattan, New York**

### **Annotated Draft Agenda @11 May 2023**

<b>DAY 1 Wednesday, 24 May 2023</b> (EST – Eastern Standard Time)	
830-900	<b>Breakfast</b> (provided) FF Building 11 <sup>th</sup> Floor
0900-0920	<p><b>1 High-level opening</b></p> <p>Moderator: <i>Katy Thompson</i>, Head, Rule of Law, Security, and Human Rights, Crisis Bureau, UNDP</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Asako Okai</i>, Assistant Secretary-General and Director of the Crisis Bureau, UNDP</li> <li>- <i>Maryam Abdullah Al Attiyah</i>, Chairperson, GANHRI (via video)</li> <li>- <i>Ilze Brands-Kehris</i>, Assistant Secretary-General, OHCHR</li> </ul> <p><b>Objective:</b> Through the engagement of senior leadership, Session 1 aims to: highlight TPP progress achieved and opportunities for the future within the current global development and human rights landscape.</p>
0920-0950	<p><b>2 Welcome &amp; global updates</b></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Amina Bouayach</i>, GANHRI Secretary &amp; Katharina Rose, GANHRI Geneva Representative (7 min)</li> <li>- <i>Vladlen Stefanov</i>, Director of the National Institutions and Regional Mechanisms section, OHCHR</li> <li>- <i>Sarah Rattray</i>, Senior Advisor on Human Rights, UNDP</li> </ul> <p><i>See draft speaking points attached</i></p> <p><b>Objective:</b> Session 2 aims to: preview the agenda of the TPP Annual Review Meeting and update TPP partners on relevant items at the global level including on the TPP-Norwegian agreement (2022-2024), UN system developments, as well as entity-specific developments, including GANHRI's, UNDP's, and OHCHR's Strategic Plans.</p>

0950-1050	3	<p><b>Perspectives from the regions</b></p> <p>Facilitator/Organizer: Amina Bouayach, GANHRI Secretary</p> <p><i>Welcome again everyone both in the room and remotely (remote participation by UN colleagues in regions)</i></p> <p><i>State that GANHRI members are organized into four regions: Asia Pacific, Africa, Americas, Europe, working in close cooperation in support of NHRIs worldwide</i></p> <p><i>Confirm objective of session: to gather regional reflections on trends affecting the work of NHRIs, priorities and identify good practices, opportunities for partnership, and needs for support. Highlight for the TPP it is critical to be responsive to NHRI needs and priorities</i></p> <p><i>Advise that we will hear from each regional network, and then have an open discussion after the break</i></p> <p><i>Give the floor to the Regional Chairs/ coordinators for 10 min presentation each:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Song Doo-hwan, Regional Chairperson APF / GANHRI (in Korean); Kieren Fitzpatrick, Director, APF</li> <li>- Sirpa Rautio, Regional Chairperson ENNHRI /GANHRI; Debbie Kohner, Secretary General, ENNHRI</li> <li>- Elasto Mugwadi, Regional Chairperson NANHRI /GANHRI; Gilbert Sebihogo, Ex. Director, NANHRI</li> <li>- Pedro Callisaya, Regional Chairperson RINDHCA /GANHRI; Consuelo Olvera, Secretary, RINDHCA</li> </ul> <p>*Remote participation possible</p>
<p><b>Objective:</b> Session 3 aims to: gather regional reflections on trends affecting the work of NHRIs and forward looking priorities and identify good practices, opportunities for partnership, and needs for support.</p>		
1050-1100	<p><b>Coffee Break</b> FF Building, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor</p>	
1100-1130	3	<p><b>Continued: Perspectives from the regions</b></p> <p>Facilitator/Organizer: GANHRI</p> <p><i>Facilitate open discussion, including with contributions / questions from remote</i></p> <p><i>Given back the floor to the regions</i></p> <p><i>Close at 11.30 sharp, with brief concluding remarks</i></p> <p>*Remote participation possible</p>
<p><b>Objective:</b> Session 3 (Continued) aims to: gather regional reflections on trends affecting the work of NHRIs and forward looking priorities and identify good practices, opportunities for partnership, and needs for support.</p>		
1130-1230	4	<p><b>Capacity Assessments of NHRIs: Current practice and innovation</b></p> <p>Facilitator/Organizer: <i>Vladlen Stefanov</i>, Chief, National Institutions and Regional Mechanisms Section, OHCHR</p> <p>Speakers:</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Regional network experiences – APF, ENNHRI, NANHRI, RINDHCA</li> <li>- <i>NHRI (TBD) (remote)</i></li> <li>- Cynthia Radert, Deputy Chief, National Institutions and Regional Mechanisms Section, OHCHR</li> <li>- <i>Ainura Bekkoenova</i>, Policy Specialist, Rule of Law, Human Rights and Security, UNDP (TBD) (remote)</li> <li>- <i>Rosslyn Noonan</i>, Consultant (in person)</li> </ul> <p>Open discussion</p> <p><i>Intervene in open discussion if you like / not required. If you do wish to speak, suggested highlights:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Need to understand CA as exercise requested and led by the NHRI</i></li> <li>- <i>Importance of follow-up to the recommendations, and ensuring allocation of resources by UN in support of the NHRI</i></li> </ul> <p><i>Note: ENNHRI has raised concerns regarding the process application / consideration of CA for Ukraine (still pending from UNDP the Standard Operating Procedures and lack of coordination between UN regional and HQ offices); UNDP have been concerned at ENNHRI starting CA without consulting the TPP Management Committee first</i></p> <p>*Remote participation possible</p> <p><b>Objective:</b> Session 4 aims to: facilitate experience sharing of recent Capacity Assessments and follow-up, gather reflections on implementing the Global Principles for the Capacity Assessment of National Human Rights Institutions, and identify current needs, forward-looking priorities, and opportunities for innovation.</p>
1230-1330		<b>Lunch (provided)</b> FF Building, 10 <sup>th</sup> Floor
1330-1430	5	<b>NHRIs and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: SDG Summit</b> <p>Facilitator/Organizer: UNDP</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Friedrich Soltau</i>, Chief, Intergovernmental Policy and Review Branch, Office of Intergovernmental Support and Coordination for Sustainable Development, DESA (TBD)</li> <li>- <i>Marcella Favretto</i>, Chief of Sustainable Development Section, OHCHR</li> <li>- UNDP (TBD)</li> <li>- <i>Elasto Mugwadi</i>, NANHRI Chairperson (TBC)</li> </ul> <p>Open discussion and experience sharing</p> <p><i>Intervene in open discussion if you like / not required</i></p> <p>*Remote participation possible</p> <p><b>Objective:</b> In the context of the midpoint of implementation of the 2030 Agenda, Session 5 aims to: update TPP partners on plans for the SDG Summit and facilitate discussion on opportunities for NHRIs to engage in SDG processes and support implementation.</p>
1430-1445		<b>Coffee Break</b> FF Building, 11 <sup>th</sup> Floor

1445-1530	6	<p><b>Supporting NHRIs in priority areas: Demand and experiences</b> Facilitated discussion on the below areas:</p> <p><i>Briefly intervene as GANHRI Secretary at start of meeting:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Share that GANHRI is delighted to lead on the development of TPP Thematic Support to NHRIs on Climate Change and Digitalisation.</i></li> <li>- <i>These are 2 priority areas for the global work of NHRIs and this work stems from our Annual Conferences on Climate Change in 2020 and on Digitalisation in 2021</i></li> <li>- <i>Development of the focus areas of activities will be in close consultation with all partners and the regions and ensure needs based approach</i></li> </ul> <p>1) <u>Digitalization</u> Facilitator/ Organizer: Sirpa Rautio, Regional Chair Europe/GANHRI and UNDP</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Regional networks – all, with brief interventions</li> </ul> <p>2) <u>Climate change</u> Facilitator/ Organizer: SONG Doo-hwan, Regional Chair APF/GANHRI and UNDP</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Regional networks – all, with brief interventions</li> <li>- UNEP (TBD)</li> <li>- <i>Ann-Cathrin Pedersen, Project Manager, Nature, Climate and Energy, UNDP (TBD)</i></li> </ul> <p><i>Time allowing, intervene if you like during the discussion / not required</i></p> <p>*Remote participation possible</p>
		<p><b>Objective:</b> Session 6 aims to: facilitate discussion on NHRIs’ needs and demand for support in 2023-2024 in the areas of digitalization and climate change.</p>
1530-1600	7	<p><b>Closing and wrap up of day 1</b> Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- UNDP</li> <li>- OHCHR</li> <li>- <i>Amina Bouayach, GANHRI Secretary Briefly share reflections / conclusions on Day 1 discussions</i></li> </ul>
		<p><b>Objective:</b> Session 7 aims to: preview the agenda of day 2, including the public event, provide a summary of the discussions held throughout day 1 and facilitate agreement on action items.</p>

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900-1030		<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Public event (Separate Agenda and Concept Note)</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Where do we stand halfway to 2030? How national human rights institutions accelerate progress towards the SDGs</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">UN HQ, Conference Room 6</p> <p><i>You are speaker at this event in your capacity as CNDH President. Statement is prepared by CNDH</i></p>
1045-1100		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Coffee Break</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">FF Building, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor</p>
1100-1200	8	<p><b>Delivering on the Call to Action on Human Rights (Part 1): UN Country Teams delivering at country level in partnership with NHRIs</b></p> <p>Facilitator/ Organizer: OHCHR</p> <p><u>Overview of the SG’s Call to Action initiative: Status of implementation to date and forward-looking 2023 priorities:</u> <i>Eihab Omaish</i>, Head of the Rule of Law Unit, Executive Office of the Secretary-General</p> <p>Panel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>Alice Shackelford</i>, UN Resident Coordinator of Honduras (confirmed remote participation)</li><li>- UNDP Resident Representative (TBD)</li><li>- NHRI (TBD)</li><li>- Richard Bennett, Special Rapporteur on Afghanistan</li></ul> <p>Open discussion</p> <p><i>Suggestion to intervene during the open discussion as GANHRI Secretary:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>Highlight the importance that UN Resident Coordinators engage with NHRIs as partners on the ground, including to achieve the Call to Action on Human Rights</i></li><li>- <i>NHRIs can be important entry points for UN to Government and civil society</i></li><li>- <i>Some good experience exist, for example cooperation in drafting / amending new legislation, in UPR follow-up / national consultations, in bringing new / sensitive items to the fore (eg statelessness)</i></li><li>- <i>UN on the ground is critical in protecting and supporting NHRIs. Including and in particular during complex and challenging times and when under threat. In such cases, critical to coordinate with GANHRI, regional networks and partners</i></li></ul> <p>*Remote participation possible</p> <p><b>Objective:</b> Under the framework of the UN Secretary-General's Call to Action on Human Rights, Part 1 / Session 8 aims to: update TPP partners on the status of implementation of the C2A and forward-looking 2023 priorities and facilitate experience sharing of UNCT-NHRI cooperation to identify good practices and opportunities to strengthen engagement.</p>
1200-1300	9	<p><b>Delivering on the Call to Action on Human Rights (Part 2): Enhancing coordination of UN system support to NHRIs</b></p> <p>Facilitator/Organizer: OHCHR and UNDP</p>

	<p>Moderated panel – moderated by Amina Bouayach, GANHRI Secretary</p> <p><i>Welcome everyone</i></p> <p><i>Introduce the objectives of the panel: to hear from UN system cooperation with NHRIs</i></p> <p><i>Highlight GANHRI values the partnership with all UN partners and have developed strong partnership and cooperation with UN partners</i></p> <p><i>Recent examples of our work with UN partners include: GANHRI cooperation w UNHCR on statelessness and development of guidance for UNHCR staff worldwide on NHRIs; and GANHRI cooperation w UNEP on environment and climate change, which led to the development of</i></p> <p>Given the floor to speakers <b>(names and speaking time still TBC by UNDP)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- UNFPA (TBD)</li> <li>- UNICEF (TBD)</li> <li>- UNWOMEN (TBD)</li> <li>- PBF (TBD)</li> <li>- UNHCR (TBD)</li> <li>- UNEP (TBD)</li> </ul> <p>Open discussion</p> <p><i>Briefly conclude meeting</i></p> <p><i>Stress that in these challenging times partnership and support to NHRIs is critical</i></p> <p><i>GANHRI highly values support and partnership with UN partners</i></p> <p><b>Objective:</b> Under the framework of the UN Secretary-General's Call to Action on Human Rights, Part 2 / Session 9 aims to: enhance coordination of the UN system support to NHRIs for closer coordination and collaboration across the UN system to deliver on the Call to Action.</p>
1300 1400	<p><b>Lunch</b> (provided)</p> <p>FF Building, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor</p>
1400 1500	<p><b>10 Reprisals against NHRIs and human rights defenders in a context of shrinking civic space</b></p> <p>Organizer: UNDP Facilitator: Amina Bouayach, GANHRI Secretary</p> <p><i>Welcome everyone, in particular the speakers to this session</i></p> <p><i>Highlight concerning trends of shrinking civic space and reprisals against NHRIs and other HRD</i></p> <p><i>GANHRI <a href="#">Global Action Plan to support the protection and promotion of human rights defenders and civic space</a> supports NHRIs to implement their commitments under the Marrakech Declaration and invites GANHRI to regularly document and report on threats and reprisals against NHRIs</i></p> <p><i>In April 2023, GANHRI conducted a Global survey among its membership inquiring about acts of reprisals faced by NHRIs while fulfilling their mandate, as well as due to their cooperation with the United Nations System.</i></p> <p><i>Many of the NHRIs identify risks for human rights defenders, civic space, and their own work and staff, as a result of interferences from both State and non-State actors and regardless of the region where they are located. Women human rights defenders and defenders working on environmental and LGBTQI+ issues</i></p>

		<p>were mentioned among the most targeted. NHRIs have responded to these challenges through investigations, monitoring and awareness raising, and for many, this has become an important focus of their work, whether they have or not a dedicated strategy to support it. Specifically, all NHRIs participating in the survey have reportedly interacted with international and regional human rights systems in support of human rights defenders, particularly through monitoring the follow-up and implementation of recommendations.</p> <p>NHRIs have also regularly contributed to develop and strengthen national and regional defenders networks through the identification, exchange of information and by providing capacity building activities to human rights defenders and civil society organizations. In addition, NHRIs have reported to actively monitor and intervene in legislative and policy processes related to civic space and human rights defenders.</p> <p>Against those challenges, critical to work closely together across mandates</p> <p>Briefly introduce and given the floor to speakers (7 min each):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- OHCHR Civic Space (TBD)</li> <li>- Adriana Zarraluqui, Focal Point for Reprisals Unit, OHCHR</li> <li>- Helena Fraser, Director, Policy and Programming Branch, DCO (TBD)</li> <li>- Pedro Callisaya, Secretary-General of RINDHCA / Regional Chairperson GANHRI</li> </ul> <p>Facilitate open discussions</p> <p>Share brief conclusions</p>
		<p><b>Objective:</b> In a context of shrinking civic space, Session 10 aims to: facilitate experience sharing of successes and challenges in addressing reprisals against NHRIs and human rights defenders and update TPP partners on UN system developments related to reprisals and the draft forthcoming guidance for UN action in situations of reprisals against NHRIs.</p>
1500-1530	11	<p><b>Closing of TPP Annual Review</b></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Katy Thompson, Head, Rule of Law, Security, and Human Rights, Crisis Bureau, UNDP</li> <li>- OHCHR</li> <li>- Amina Bouayach, GANHRI Secretary: Share brief reflections / conclusions from the meeting, thanking all participants, thanking the partners and UNDP for hosting</li> </ul> <p><b>Objective:</b> Session 11 aims to: provide an overall summary of the TPP Annual Review Meeting, outline action points, and close the meeting.</p>