Paris Principles in Practice: Independence

Pakistan's National Commission for Human Rights – advancing independence

Independent NHRIs are credible and effective. Under the Paris Principles, independence enables NHRIs to monitor, advise, and engage nationally and internationally. Pakistan's recent A-status recognition highlights how independence strengthens impact.

Why independence matters

Pakistan’s NCHR achieves A-status accreditation

In May 2024, NCHR Pakistan was granted A-status accreditation, affirming compliance with the Paris Principles. This recognition enables full participation in UN and regional mechanisms and elevates the Commission’s ability to act independently in the public interest.

What independence enables

Impact of Pakistan's A-status recognition

A-status empowers Pakistan's NCHR to independently and credibly: investigate, advise, and advocate.

It amplifies the Commission's impact for communities at home and strengthens its voice in international fora.

APF Network: Progress Through Partnership

The APF supports its members with accreditation expertise, legal advice, and opportunities for shared learning. This tailored assistance strengthens independence and prepares NHRIs for GANHRI's review, enabling them to comply with the Paris Principles and translate international standards into sustainable practice.

Paris Principles

"A national institution shall be vested with competence to promote and protect human rights:

To contribute to the reports which States are required to submit to United Nations bodies and committees, and to regional institutions, pursuant to their treaty obligations and, where necessary, to express an opinion on the subject, with due respect for their independence."

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