

The Universal Periodic Review and the Role of Civil Society

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UPR Info

Database of recommendations https://upr-infodatabase.uwazi.io/

UPR Process - How to participate - Resources - About us

The UN's Universal Periodic Review must respond to COVID-19

Free Webinars: How to Optim Stakeholders' Reports for the UPR

Pre-sessions 38: Call for applications extended for Estonia, Latvia,...

Launch of a Child-friendly UPR Guide!



https://www.upr-info.org/

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The UPR in brief

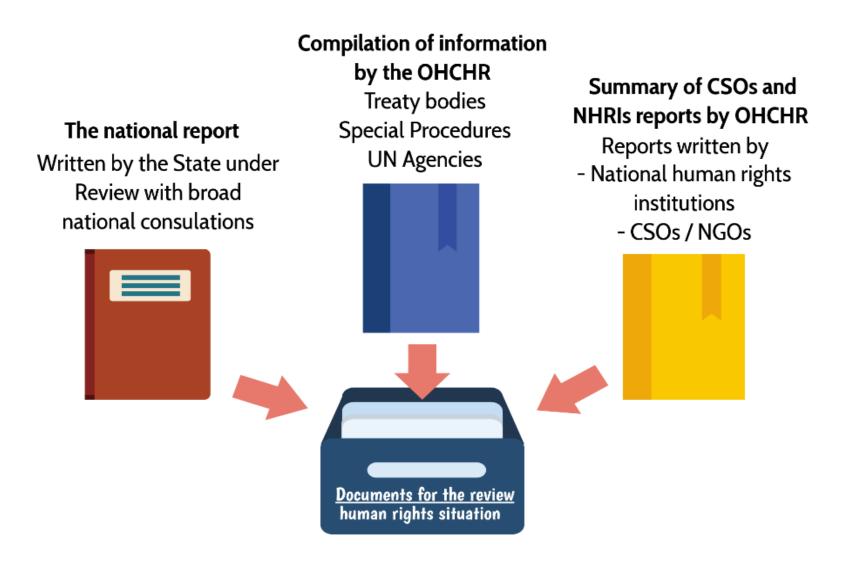


OBJECTIVE:

Improve the human rights situation on the ground and share best practices among stakeholders

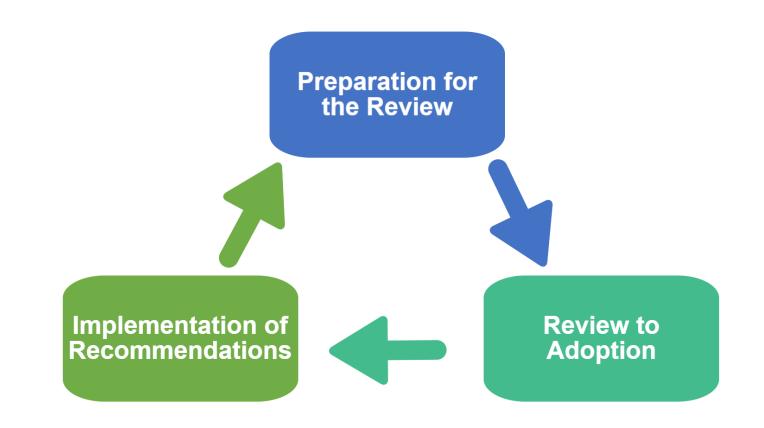


Basis of the Review





The stages of the UPR





How can you have an impact on the UPR of your country?



Civil Society at the UPR



Implementation of Recommendations

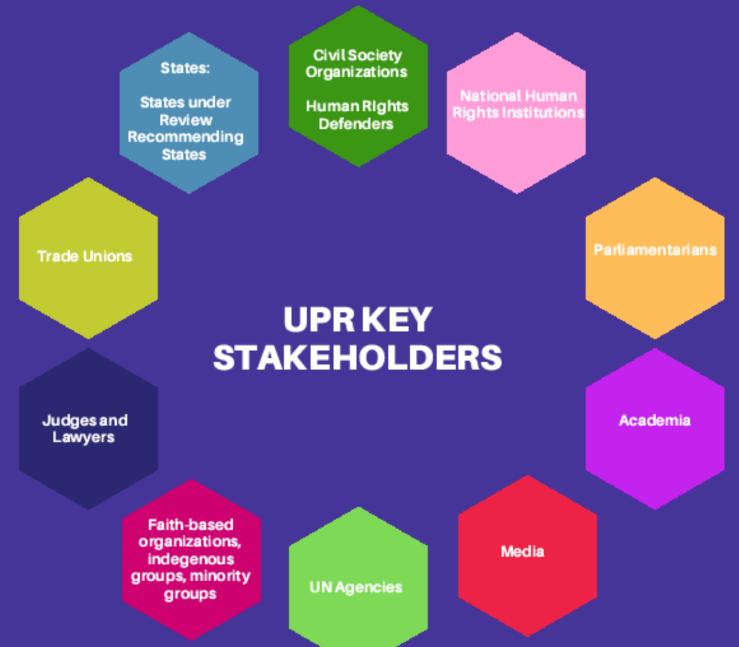
 Raise awareness of the UPR recommendations

 Cooperate with other stakeholders for implementation
 Monitor and report on progress to the international community
 Report to the HRC and submit Mid-term Reports

Review to Adoption

Attend UPR WG Session
Watch or broadcast the UN webcast
Hold or participate in events around the UPR
Provide press briefings and releases and attend press conferences
Take part in CSO Strategy Workshops
Make Oral Statement at the HRC







NHRI & CSOs

Cooperation with CSOs

Cooperation and coordination is the key to success!

Preparation for the Review

Conduct National Consultations state-wide
 Develop advocacy strategies together
 Increase public awareness, including through the media

Between the Review and the Adoption

- Conduct advocacy for acceptance
- Develop Action Strategies
- Inform the public



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Implementation of UPR recs

- Assist in the formulation and delivery activities;
- Publicize human rights;
- Increase public awareness, including through the media

Monitoring of UPR recs

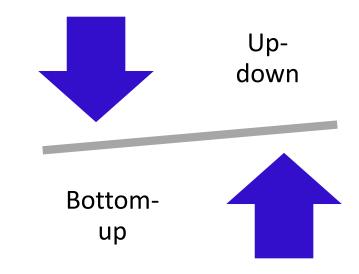
- Access to local information through grass-roots CSOs
- Investigation of violations
- ✓ Submission of Joint Mid-Term Reports

Does the UPR Work?



From National to International level, and back

- SuR
- RS
- Human Rights Defenders, Activists, NGOs
- UN Agencies, NHRI, Parliaments -> collaboration with main stakeholders towards good governance





Impact of UPR Recommendations (Global)

- Creation of Integrated Service Centres for the Empowerment of Women and Children victims of violence in Indonesia
- Same-sex unions in Switzerland, Angola and Costa Rica
- Abolition of death penalty in Chad
- Increase (90%) of women that receive Pre-natal care in Kenya
- Introduction of "Wellbeing Budget" to tackle discrimination against indigenous people especially in health and employment in New Zealand

How can you engage?





Where do we stand now?

Timeline for UPR engagement in the current cycle







Why a submission?

Alternative to the States' Reports

Provide solutions by proposing action-oriented recommendations

Why should you submit a report to the UPR?

Provide updated and first-hand information on your country

Raise awareness about "new" human rights issues

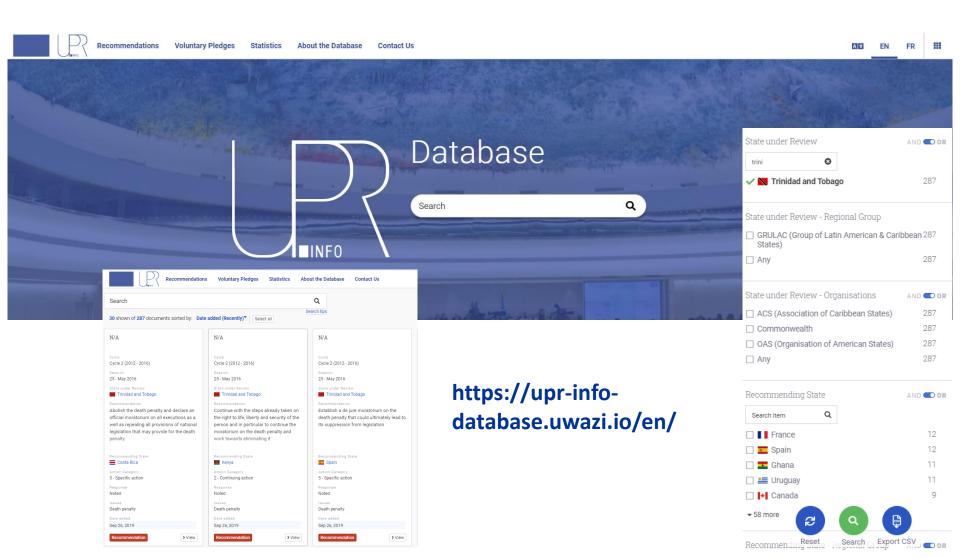
Assess the implementation of the recommendations from the 3rd cycle.



Some Useful Tools and Links



Tools



Tools



e.g. search 'Brazil' or 'Housing'



Human Rights Measurement Initiative https://humanrightsme asurement.org/

SDG – Human Rights Data Explorer https://sdgdata.humanrights. dk/en/node/1

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Useful links

- UPR Info:
 - <u>https://www.upr-info.org/</u>
- Database:
 - https://upr-info-database.uwazi.io/
- Country Page:
 - https://www.upr-info.org/en/review/United-Kingdom/Session-27---May-2017
- Factsheets:
 - https://www.upr-info.org/en/how-to/documentation-for-ngos/lobbying
- Video on the UPR:
 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=810Cm8vkC10



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