**Seminar to facilitate sharing experiences among States on national mechanisms for implementation, reporting and follow-up – Draft agenda**

23 June 2023, Palais des Nations, room XVII (Hybrid)

10:00 – 12:00 and 15:00 – 17:00, Geneva time

**10:00-10:30 - Opening**

* Overall moderator: Ms. Nosy Ramamonjisoa, Coordinator, Treaty Body Capacity Building Programme (TBCBP), Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)

(Welcome participants and opens the one-day seminar)

* Statement, Mr. Mahamane Cisse-Gouro, Director, Human Rights Council and Treaty Mechanisms Division, OHCHR
* Statement, H. E Mr. Marcelo Scappini Ricciardi, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Paraguay to the United Nations Office at Geneva
* Statement, H. E Tovar da Silva Nunes, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Brazil to the United Nations Office at Geneva

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**Session 1: Legal and institutional framework for National Mechanisms for Implementation, Reporting and Follow-up**

*During the regional consultations held in 2021 pursuant to HRC resolution 42/30, numerous State representatives stressed the importance of promoting the establishment or strengthening of standing national mechanisms as an essential tool for effective engagement with international and regional human rights mechanisms” (see HRC 50/64, para. 10).*

Moderator: Mr. Felix Kirchmeier, Executive Director, GHRP, Geneva Academy

**10:30-10:35**

Introduction by moderator of the issues at stake with a proposal of questions to guide the discussions.

**10:35 – 12:00**

**Joint statement of the Group of Friends on NMIRFs**

**Presentation of good practices by a selection of States and other stakeholders**

**Samoa** (name TBC) (online intervention)

**Pacific Community**: Mr. Miles Young Director of the Human Rights and Social Development Division (online intervention)

**Universal Rights Group**: Mr. Marc Limon, Executive Director

* Legal framework, budget and secretariat

**Niger**: Mr. Malam Ynoussa Elhadji Adamou, Technical Counsellor, Ministry of Justice

**Philippines**: Mr. Severo S. Catura, Executive Director, Presidential Human Rights Committee Secretariat (PHRCS)

**Portugal**: Mr. Eduardo Pinto da Silva, Head of the Human Rights Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

* Provision of the necessary leverage, including political leverage at the highest level, to fulfil the NMIRF mandate

**Mauritius**: Ms. Zahira Auladin Auckburally, Permanent Secretary of the Human Rights Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

**Thailand**: Ms. Nareeluc Pairchaiyapoom, Director of International Human Rights Division, Ministry of Justice (online intervention).

* Membership- formalization of the relationship with parliament, judiciary, National Statistics Offices, local governments etc…

**Kiribati**: Ms Kaaro Neeti, Secretary of the National Human Rights Taskforce, Ministry of Justice

**Uzbekistan**: Ms. Dilnoza Muratova, Deputy Director, National Center of the Republic of Uzbekistan for Human Rights (online intervention).

**Kenya**: Ms. Claries Gatwiri Kariuki, Senior State Counsellor, Office of the Attorney General & Department of Justice

**Mexico**: Cristopher Ballinas Valdes, Director General of Human Rights and Democracy, Secretariat of External Relations. TBC

**Moldova:** Mr. Valeriu Berlinschi, Human Rights and Cooperation with Civil Society Department, State Chancellery

**Geneva Cities’ Hub**: Ms. Kamelia Kemileva

* Membership- institutionalized consultation with National Human Rights Institutions and Civil Society Organizations

**Senega**l: Mr. Adama Ndiaye, Deputy Director of Human Rights, Ministry of Justice

**Danish Institute for Human Rights**: Mr. Sébastien Lorion, Senior Researcher

Reactions by UN independent experts

Discussion

**12:00- 15:00**

**Lunch break**

**Session 2: NMIRF’s mandate**

*In relation to the mandates of national mechanisms, practices shared by participants during the regional consultations held in 2021 pursuant to HRC resolution 42/30, suggested that their functions had evolved from the traditional drafting of reports to human rights mechanisms or engaging in country visits and the tracking of national follow-up of recommendations. (See HRC report 50/64 para. 20).*

Moderator: H.E. Mr. Omar ZNIBER, Ambassador, Permanent Representative Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Morocco to the UN in Geneva.

**15:00-15:05**

Introduction by moderator of the issues at stake with a proposal of key guiding questions to orient the discussions, including on States and other stakeholders’ understanding of the distinction between their role in following-up on recommendations from international human rights mechanisms and their role in their implementation.

**15:05-16:00**

**Presentation of good practices by States and other stakeholders**

Guiding questions:

* How comprehensive mandates of national mechanisms to engage with all human rights mechanisms, including regional human rights mechanisms, improves coherence in the implementation of human rights obligations at the national level?
* How the extension of the role of national mechanisms to other functions such as advocacy and coordination of the implementation of human rights obligations increases their impact and fulfils the ultimate goal of enhanced enjoyment of human rights at all levels?

**Italy**: Ms. Maja Bova, Expert, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

**Angola**: Ms. Edvalda Santos, Director of State Secretariat on Human Rights and Citizenship, Ministry of Justice and Human Rights, Ministry of Justice and Human Rights

**Burkina Faso**: Ms. Hadjaratou Zongo Sawadogo, General Director of Human Rights, Ministry of Justice and Human Rights

**Morocco:** Mr. AbdelKarim Boujradi, Secretary-General of the Interministerial Delegation for Human Rights TBC

**Tonga:** Ms. Ana Lutua Laulaupea'aluits, Legal Officer & Acting Director for Family Protection Legal Aid Centre (Secretariat of Tonga's UPR Committee), Ministry of Justice

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**Session 3: The National Mechanisms’ Hub- live demo**

Pursuant to resolution 51/33, the Human Rights Council has requested OHCHR to establish and maintain a virtual hub to enable national mechanisms to share promising practices and facilitate the creation of an online community of practice, reflecting one of the recommendations resulting from the regional consultations.

This session will be devoted to showing the progress made in the implementation of the resolution through a live demo of the platform as it currently stands.

Moderator: Ms. Virginia Bras Gomes, Former CESCR expert

**16:00-16:25**

Introduction by Ms. Marie-Eve Boyer-Friedrich, Human Rights Officer, Treaty Body Capacity Building Programme (TBCBP), OHCHR, and live demo by Web design company

**16:25 - 16:50**

Questions and answer session mainly through the chat function in Zoom

**16:50-17:00**

Concluding remarks and closing of seminar

Mr. Mahamane Cisse-Gouro, Director, Human Rights Council and Treaty Mechanisms Division, OHCHR

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