

**Submission to the call for inputs to inform the thematic report of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights in the context of climate change to the United Nations General Assembly 79<sup>th</sup> session.**

**“Access to information on climate change and human rights”**

Throughout the last decade, human rights actors at both national and international levels have introduced a growing number of digital tracking tools and databases (DHRTTDs) designed to facilitate a more holistic approach to human rights monitoring and implementation. Such tools represent an innovative solution for all human rights actors to better organize and coordinate information management and data collection on the steps taken to implement international human rights recommendations, including recommendations specific to climate change and human rights.

The development of such “human rights software” is a potentially significant step forward in realizing human rights at the national level. In light of this, the Geneva Human Rights Platform (GHRP) is implementing a dedicated [initiative](#), the aim of which is to contribute to better and more coordinated implementation, reporting and follow-up of international human rights recommendations through a global study on DHRTTDs.

To date, the GHRP has published three main outputs on the topic that we hope might inform the Special Rapporteur’s upcoming thematic report:

- A [Working Paper on the Emergence of Digital Human Rights Tracking Tools and Databases](#), which includes an analysis of 15 selected information management tools developed by different stakeholders;
- An [Academy Briefing on the Human Rights Data Revolution](#), which explores the evolving landscape of DHRTTDs. It discusses their growing adoption for monitoring, reporting, and implementing human rights globally, while also pinpointing a set number of lessons learned and challenges, including on accessibility, sustainability and interoperability among these tools and databases. .
- An online [Directory on Digital Human Rights Tracking Tools and Databases](#), the most up-to-date overview of these online tools and databases that will be regularly updated with new and innovative DHRTTDs, making them easily accessible to all stakeholders. The directory features dedicated pages for each tool – providing an in-depth analysis of each tool’s primary functions, developers, users, and a direct link to the tool itself.

We hope the above resources may be of help to the Special Rapporteur and her team in the development of this important thematic report and we remain available for any future collaboration on the matter.

Yours Sincerely,

The GHRP team