

**Supporting movements for equality law reform: Using the UN's *Practical Guide to Developing Comprehensive Anti-Discrimination Legislation***

UN Human Rights (OHCHR) and the Equal Rights Trust (ERT) announce a series of global briefing meetings to raise awareness about, and support the use of, [Protecting Minority Rights: A Practical Guide to Developing Comprehensive Anti-Discrimination Legislation](#).

The Guide, published in December 2022, is the first ever definitive guidance by the United Nations on the laws which states must enact in order to meet their international human rights law obligations to prohibit discrimination. It clear, unequivocal and comprehensive guidance for state and civil society actors on the essential elements of comprehensive anti-discrimination law.

The UN High Commissioner for Human Rights marked the launch of the Guide by calling on states to “[renew and reinforce their commitment to the equal enjoyment of human rights](#)” by enacting new laws, using the Guide as a roadmap for doing so. Pursuant to this call to action, we are developing plans for a global programme of support to organisations and coalitions to enable them to use the Guide both to develop draft and advocate for comprehensive anti-discrimination legislation. As a first step, we are convening a series of **global briefings** to inform those involved in efforts at equality law reform at the national level. A total of seven online rollout briefings will be held throughout February and March on Zoom in Arabic, English, French, Russian and Spanish.

Webinars will be held on the following dates and in the following languages:

- In [Russian](#) on Tuesday 28 February 2023 at 10.00am – 11.30am CET
- In [English \(ASL interpretation\)](#) on Thursday 02 March 2023 at 12.00pm – 13.30pm CET.
- In [Spanish](#) on Tuesday 07 March 2023 at 16.00pm – 17.30pm CET.
- In [English](#) on Thursday 09 March 2023 at 8.00am – 9.30am CET.
- In [English](#) on Tuesday 14 March 2023 at 16.30pm – 18.00pm CET.
- In [French](#) on Thursday 16 March 2023 at 11.00am – 12.30pm CET.

A seventh meeting will be held in **Arabic and English** in the week of 20 March 2023 at a time and date to be confirmed. Updates relating to this meeting will be made to this page in due course.

Each briefing meeting will feature short presentations introducing the Guide, followed by an interactive discussion about ongoing or potential national movements or commitments to enact

comprehensive anti-discrimination law. We are particularly keen to meet those involved in efforts to enact new laws and to learn about opportunities, challenges and needs for support.

To register to participate in the meetings, please click the links above. If you require any additional support, or have any further questions, please contact: [briefings@equalrightstrust.org](mailto:briefings@equalrightstrust.org).