

# Supporters & allies in UPR activities: National Human Rights Institutions

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# NHRIs: A unique role



- State institutions
- Established by Constitution or law
  - Based on UN Paris Principles
    - Human rights mandate
- Statutory powers include: investigations, complaints handling, legal advice, research and education
  - Accredited by ICC of NHRIs
    - Complementary



## NHRIs & UPR

**Work as bridges between the international human rights norms and their realisation on the ground**

Sources of independent information | Advise Government |  
Monitor implementation | Raise awareness & engage actors |  
Strengthen NHRIs through UPR

# UPR STORIES

- > Australia HR Commission & Parliament
- > Irish HR Commission & mid-term reporting
- > CNDH of Morocco & legal advice
- > South African HR Commission & follow up

# Challenges

Expectations  
management

National framework  
& realities

Independence

Reprisals

# Engage with NHRIs

Consultation mechanisms | Share stories | Strengthen NHRIs through accreditation process | Regional meetings of NHRIs | Mutual support when under threat





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ICC at the Human Rights Council

The next ICC Bureau meeting is confirmed to take place on 15 October 2014 in South Africa venue TBC

ICC Study on "Getting To Rights"

General Meeting of the International Coordinating Committee of National Institutions for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights

General Assembly confirms the critical role of NHRI

Resource: Detention Monitoring Tool

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**Human Rights Council**

Note on NHRI engagement at HRC 24

Human Rights Council adopts third NHRI

**Global Conference on Women's Rights**

The 11<sup>th</sup> International Conference of National Human Rights Institutions took

**Sub-Committee on Accreditation**

The next session of the ICC Sub-Committee on Accreditation will be from 27-31 October 2014 in Geneva, Switzerland

**Save the date**

The next ICC Bureau meeting is confirmed to take place on 16 October 2014 in South Africa venue TBC

**Training on international human rights mechanisms - apply now.**

The course will take place in Geneva from the 5-9 of May 2014. The course aims at strengthening NHRI's capacity to engage with the UN human rights mechanisms and it is directed at NHRI staff from all regions. Read more under news.





Many thanks. QUESTIONS?