

WORKSHOP

THE UPR: A HUMAN RIGHTS AWARENESS-RAISING PROCESS

19 – 20 April 2016

The Universal Periodic Review (UPR) is widely acknowledged as having been one of the great innovations of the Human Rights Council. This regular review, however, is more than an intergovernmental procedure. Indeed, the mechanism greatly mobilizes the attention of the media and the public of a country. The UPR thus offers a unique opportunity for outreach, information and a public debate on fundamental rights.

The workshop aims to draw up an inventory of various practices employed to use the UPR as a lever of understanding and dissemination of human rights, and thereby contribute to an understanding how the UPR can add to the understanding of fundamental rights in the public domain.

Program

Tuesday, 19 April 2016

Venue: Centre d'Accueil Genève Internationale, Route de Ferney 106, 1202 Genève

9:00 – 9:30	Welcome remarks and introduction Monique Prindeviz, Member of the CIFEDHOP Board of Trustees Hubert René Schillinger, Director FES Geneva Office
	Session 1 – Setting the scene: The UPR as a political process
9:30 – 10:10	Civil society engagement with the UPR process from a UN perspective Shahrazad Tadjbakhsh, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
10:10 – 10:50	The role of UPR Info in the UPR process Roland Chauville, UPR Info
10:50 – 11:30	Civil society engagement with the UPR process Adrien-Claude Zoller, Geneva for Human Rights
11:30 – 11:45	Coffee break
11:45 – 12:30	A NHRI perspective on the UPR process Katharina Rose, ICC
12:30 – 13:00	Reflections on the study José Parra, CIFEDHOP
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch break
	Session 2 - Practical experiences relevant to the UPR process

14:00 – 15:30	National experiences of engaging with a public debate Focus: How does the context shape opportunities to engage in public debate and awareness-raising campaigns?
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee break
16:30 – 17:30	Exploring the potential of a public debate <i>Break-out groups</i>
19:00 – 21:00	Joint dinner Restaurant Little India, Rue du Prieuré 20, 1202 Genève

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9:15 – 10:00	Recapitulation of Day 1 Report back from break-out groups to the plenary
	Session 3 – Experiences in developing strategies
10:00 – 10:15	Introduction Yves Lador, CIFEDHOP
10:15 – 11:45	Analysis of experiences of public awareness raising <i>Break-out groups</i>
11:45 – 12:00	Coffee break
12:00 – 13:00	Proposals for good practice based on experiences <i>Break-out groups</i>
13:00 – 13:30	Good practices: Report back from break-out groups to the plenary
13:30 – 14:30	Lunch break
	Session 4 – Most appropriate uses of public debate
14:30 – 16:00	Most appropriate uses of public debate <i>Plenary debate</i>
16:00 – 16:15	Coffee break
16:15 – 17:00	Conclusions and Wrap-up