

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

30 June 2025, Palais des Nations, room XVII  
10:00 – 13:00 and 15:00 – 18:00, 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)
  - Statement, Mr. Mahamane Cisse-Gouro, Director, Human Rights Council and Treaty Mechanisms Division, OHCHR
  - Statement, H.E. Mr. Mario Raúl Cano Ricciardi, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Paraguay to the United Nations Office at Geneva
  - Statement, Mr. André Simas Magalhães, Minister-Counsellor, Permanent Representative of Brazil to the United Nations Office at Geneva
  - Statement, Mr. Mohammed El Habib Belkouch, General Delegate of the Interministerial Delegation of Human Rights, Kingdom of Morocco

**Session 1: National Human Rights Action Plans and other processes to mainstream human rights recommendations into national policies**

Moderator: Ms. Nahla Haidar, Chairperson of the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)

**10:35 – 11:30**

**Interactive panel 1: “Practices on different modalities for human rights implementation at the national level”**

This panel will aim to answer three questions posed by the moderator:

- What has the State put in place at the national level to implement the State’s international human rights obligations (including recommendations stemming from UN bodies)? Please explain the approach taken (national human rights action plans, mainstreaming into sectoral policies)
- Has there been an approach towards enhancing the nexus between human rights and SDG implementation? This could include connecting human rights and SDG follow-up including through the national development plan if any?
- Please explain the challenges encountered and some lessons learnt.

**Panellists:**

- Mr. Ricardo Ortega, Department Chief, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Paraguay
- Mr. Chernoh Marenah, Deputy Permanent Representative, The Gambia
- Ms. Sofya Margaryan, Head, Division of Cooperation with Monitoring Bodies, Human Rights and Humanitarian Issues Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Armenia (TBC)

**Initial list of speakers**

Ms. Suliana Taukei, Fiji

Mr. Alfonso Barragues, Senior Policy adviser, UNFPA's Geneva Representation Office

**Reaction by experts including Prof. Azadeh Chalabi**, Senior Lecturer in Law, University of Liverpool

**Q&A session and further interventions from the floor**

**11:30 – 11:45 Break**

**11:45- 13:00**

**Interactive panel 2: “The importance of NMIRFs in the implementation agenda”**

This panel will aim to answer the following questions:

- Can you elaborate on what has been the trigger to establish a NMIRF in your country?
- From your experience, has the establishment and strengthening of your NMIRF capacities enabled to counter some of the recurring challenges mentioned in the first panel (coordination issues, challenges related to information management and retention of skills and institutional memory, consultation with a wider audience of stakeholders; greater expertise to follow-up on implementation)?

**Panellists:**

- Ms. Fatima Barkan, Secretary general of the Interministerial delegation of Human Rights, Morocco
- Ms. Faena Fayyaz, Senior State Counsel, Human Rights and International Affairs Division, Attorney General's Office, Maldives (TBC)
- Ms. Maja Bova, Expert of the Interministerial Committee on Human Rights, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Italy
- H.E Mr. Ivan Ogando Lora, Ambassador, Permanent Representative, The Dominican Republic (TBC)

**Initial list of speakers**

Ms. Mara Sousa, Human Rights Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Portugal to the United Nations

Mr. Yashavi Nain, Human Rights Adviser, Commonwealth secretariat



Mr. Ahmed Badr, Danish Institute for Human Rights

**Reaction by experts including** Mr. Akmal Saidov, UN expert, Human Rights Committee; Mr. Ibrahima Guisse, UN expert, Committee on the Elimination of all forms of Racial Discrimination; Ms. Carmen Rosa Villa, UN expert, Committee on Enforced Disappearances; Ms. Fatima Diallo, Chair, UN expert, Committee on Migrant Workers.

**Q&A session and further interventions from the floor**

**13:00- 15:00**

**Lunch break**

**Session 2: Digital tracking tools and databases**

Moderator: Mr. Felix Kirchmeier, Executive Director, Geneva Human Rights Platform, Geneva Academy

**15:05-16:00**

**Interactive panel on the added value of digital tracking tools and databases for the purpose of human rights implementation**

Panellists:

- Mr. Arturo Guerrero Zazueta, Director-General of Human Rights, Gender Equality and International Affairs of the Federal Judiciary Council (Mexico)
- Mr. Roland Chauville, Director, CCPR Centre
- Ms. Roqaya Dhaif, Rule of Law, Security and Human Rights Team, UNDP, Geneva

**Initial list of speakers**

Mr. Artur Iatsevych, focal point on the NRTD, Capacity Building programme, OHCHR  
Mr. Ashley Bowe, The Pacific Community (SPC)

Reactions by experts including **Mr. Domenico Zipoli**, Senior Research Fellow and Project Coordinator at the Geneva Human Rights Platform.

**Q&A session and further interventions from the floor**

**16:00- 16:15 Break**

**16:15- 17:15**

**Session 3: Insights on content of the virtual hub and future decisions of the Human Rights Council on the issue of NMIRFs.**

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



Introduction by Ms. Marie-Eve Boyer-Friedrich, Human Rights Officer, Treaty Body Capacity Building Programme (TBCBP), OHCHR.

**Joint statement of the Group of Friends on NMIRFs:** Ms. Mara Sousa, Human Rights Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Portugal to the United Nations

Mr. Ricardo Ortega, Department Chief, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Paraguay  
Mr. Marc Limon, Executive Director, Universal Rights Group

**Q&A session and further interventions from the floor**

**17:15-17:30**

Concluding remarks and closing of seminar

Mr. Antti Korkeakivi, Chief, Human Rights Treaties Branch, OHCHR

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