

Expert Roundtable: De-Mystifying Digital Human Rights Tracking Tools

2022 ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE GENEVA HUMAN RIGHTS PLATFORM

Tuesday 18th October 2022, 9:00 – 12:30

Concept

Throughout the last decade, a number of initiatives concerned the introduction of innovative, online databases that facilitate a more holistic approach to the monitoring and follow-up of international human rights recommendations. Such tools may be one solution for national human rights systems to better organize and coordinate information gathering and data collection for monitoring, reporting and follow-up to international human rights recommendations by government entities, national office for statistics, parliament, the judiciary, NHRIs, CSOs as well as academia. At the same time, digital human rights tracking tools and database may also increase the capacity of international human rights monitoring by both UN and regional mechanisms. This roundtable will consider the role and functions of specific information management tools and databases, including digital initiatives introduced to systematize and coordinate the efforts of all relevant national actors.

Such initiatives include:

- (1) tracking and thematically clustering recommendations and decisions by the international and regional human rights mechanisms;
- (2) linking specific recommendations to the Sustainable Development Goals;
- (3) identifying responsible government ministries and/or agencies for their implementation;
- (4) developing follow-up plans, including timelines with all relevant domestic actors, to facilitate a coordinated monitoring of implementation; and
- (5) managing information regarding the implementation of treaty provisions and recommendations.

Bearing in mind the potential this has for transforming the implementation of human rights and the development agenda, the Geneva Human Rights Platform - on the occasion of its 4th Annual Conference ([“ON / OFF – Implications of digital connectivity on human rights”, 18 October 2022, Geneva and online](#)) - is organizing this expert round-table bringing together representatives of recently established digital human rights tracking tools and databases. The aim of this roundtable is to introduce and discuss the different tools' main functions as well as to exchange best practices and challenges specific to the operation of these tools.

Programme

- 8:45 – 9:00 **Welcome coffee**
- 9:00 – 9:15 **Introduction and run-through of the roundtable aims and modalities**
- Felix Kirchmeier, Executive Director, Geneva Human Rights Platform
 - Domenico Zipoli, Project Coordinator, Geneva Human Rights Platform
 - OHCHR
- 9:15 – 10:30 **Round of 5-minute presentations from each diffe tool representative**
- OHCHR, *National Recommendations Tracking Database (NRTD)*
 - FRA, *EU Fundamental Rights Information System (EFRIS)* (online)
 - Permanent Mission of Paraguay to UN in Geneva, *SIMORE PLUS* (tbc)
 - Dominican Republic MFA, *SIMORED*
 - OAS, *SIMORE Interamericano* (online tbc)
 - IMPACT OSS Trust Fund, *IMPACT OSS*
 - Permanent Mission of Samoa to the UN in Geneva, *SADATA* (tbc)
 - New Zealand Human Rights Commission, *New Zealand National Plan of Action* (online tbc)
 - Equality and Human Rights Commission of Great Britain, *Human Rights Tracker*
 - HURIDOCS, *UWAZI*
 - UPR Info, *UPR Info Database*
 - Plan International, *Girls Rights Platform*
 - Institute for Human Rights and Development in Africa, *African Human Rights Case Law Analyzer*
 - Centre for Justice and International Law, *SUMMA* (tbc)
 - Danish Institute for Human Rights, *SDG Explorer*
 - Digital Rights Foundation

10.30 – 10:45

Coffee break

10:45 – 12:30

Proposals on a way forward towards a "tool-centred project", sharing of best practices and common challenges

12:30 – 13:30

Lunch