

THE INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS STANDARDS AND SYSTEM: MONITORING AND IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL

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GENEVA AND ONLINE

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The UN human rights system – composed of UN special procedures, fact-finding missions, UN treaty bodies and the Universal Periodic Review – forms an extensive structure to review state compliance with international human rights standards. This sophisticated architecture at the international level finds complementarity at the national level with the participation of numerous actors: governments, independent state institutions, parliaments, civil society groups and UN agencies among others. More recently, we have also seen the emergence of national human rights structures such as inter-ministerial committees, national mechanisms for implementation, reporting and follow-up, national human rights institutions and national civil society coalitions. These bodies attempt, individually or through collaborative efforts, to ensure state compliance and accountability to the recommendations emanating from the UN human rights system.

Using concrete examples, this training course will provide an overview of the UN human rights system and explore available strategies for national-level implementation of international human rights recommendations, including the many challenges that such work encounters.

IN GENEVA AND ONLINE

The course can be followed in Geneva or online.

OBJECTIVES

At the end of this course, participants will be able to:

- Understand the UN human rights standards and mechanisms that form the UN human rights system
- Understand how to access international human rights bodies to promote local and national human rights issues
- Develop a detailed understanding of the existing follow-up mechanisms by UN treaty bodies, UN special procedures and fact-finding missions and through the UPR
- Understand the progress made at the national level, through the formation of national collaborative structures, to hold governments and third parties accountable to international human rights commitments
- Demonstrate how collaborative structures can be created at the national level
- Develop an understanding of how such collaborative structures can be used, at the national level in order to close the gaps that exist between human rights recommendations made by the international human rights system and the implementation of these recommendations on the ground.

APPLICATION DEADLINES AND FEE

Fee for on-site participation: **CHF 1,830**

(There is a 30% discount for PhD and master students).*

Discounted fee for online participation*: **CHF 1,550**

Deadlines:

Application end with visa: **1 June 2025**

Application end (no visa or online): **22 June 2025**

*These two discounts cannot be combined.

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Full program details and registration at:

<https://bit.ly/44dw2jJ>

