



GLION HUMAN RIGHTS DIALOGUE



Tenth Glion Human Rights Dialogue (Glion X)

16 and 17 October 2024, Marrakech, Kingdom of Morocco

‘Transforming universal norms into local reality – national mechanisms for implementation, reporting, and follow-up (NMIRFs), and the strengthening the UN human rights system’s effectiveness and on-the-ground impact’

PROGRAMME



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Day 1 – Wednesday, 16th October

09.00 – 09.30: **Registration**

09.45 – 10.30: **Opening plenary**

Mr. Abdellatif OUAHBI, Minister of Justice of the Kingdom of Morocco (Co-Chair)

Dr. Ahmed Shaheed, Chair of the Board of Trustees, Universal Rights Group. (Co-Chair)

H.E. Mr. Omar Zniber, President of the UN Human Rights Council.

Ms. Amina Bouayach, Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions Secretary and President of Morocco's National Human Rights Commission (CNDH).

Dr. Salim M. AlMalik, Director-General of the Islamic World Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ICESCO).

Ms. Ilaria Carnevali, Resident Representative, Country Office in the Kingdom of Morocco, UNDP.

10.30 – 11.00: **Coffee Break**

11.00 – 12.45: **Keynote addresses: NMIRFs as the keystone of the international human rights implementation agenda**

H.E. Mr. Mahamane Cisse-Gouro, Director of the Human Rights Council and Treaty Mechanisms Division, Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR).

Ms. Belén María Morra, Director of Human Rights, and representative of the coordination of the national implementation, reporting, and follow-up mechanism (SIMORE Plus).

Professor Santiago Fiorio Vaesken, Member, Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

Dr. Raymond Nyeris, Vice Chairperson and a Commissioner of the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights (KNCHR).

Ms. Pernille Fenger, Director, UNFPA Geneva Representation Office.

General presentation of the outcomes of the preparatory dialogues

Mr. Marc Limon, Executive Director, Universal Rights Group.

Interactive dialogue with all participants.

12.45 – 14.00: **Lunch**

Restaurant, Hotel Jaal Riad Resort

14.00 – 17.30: Parallel breakout groups (Short coffee break at 15.30 – 16.00)

Participants will divide into three parallel break-out groups for more in-depth interactive discussion.

Each break-out group will include around 30 participants and will be chaired by a facilitator-rapporteur. Each group will be asked to produce a short summary of key conclusions together with three 'headline' goals and six specific, precise, and achievable recommendations. The summaries will be presented during the closing plenary session (morning of Thursday 17 October) by the three facilitator-rapporteurs.

The three parallel breakout groups are:

1. NMIRFs - key characteristics, good practices, and challenges: legal basis/terms of reference/mandate, organisational structure/composition, secretariat

Facilitator-rapporteur ¹ : **Mr. Chernò Marenah**, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of The Gambia to the United Nations Office in Geneva.

Key discussants : **H.E. Ms. Francisca E. Méndez Escobar**, Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations Office in Geneva.

Ms. Fatima Barkan, Secretary General of the Moroccan Interministerial Delegation for Human Rights.

Ms. Jewel Major, Assistant Director of Legal Affairs, Office of the Attorney-General and Ministry of Legal Affairs, and Chair of the National Mechanism for Implementation, Reporting and Follow-up, Commonwealth of the Bahamas.

Ms. Zahira Bibi Auladin Auckburally, Permanent Secretary, Human Rights Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade of Mauritius.

Ms. Aysel Yagubova, Head of Department for Cooperation with International Human Rights Institutions, Azerbaijan.

Mr. Yashasvi Nain, Human Rights Adviser, Commonwealth Small States Office.

2. NMIRFs - key characteristics, good practices, and challenges: working methods (e.g., regularity of meetings, focal points, clustering), tracking implementation, measuring impact, preparing reports, use of implementation-reporting technology, connecting human rights and the SDGs

1- The facilitator-rapporteurs will also be responsible for briefing participants, at the beginning of the meeting, on the key outcomes of the relevant pre-Glion policy dialogue(s), using summaries prepared by the Universal Rights Group.

Facilitator-rapporteur²: **Mr. Miguel Alegre**, Executive Secretariat of the Portuguese Human Rights Committee.

Key discussants:

H.E. Dr. Salma Rasheed, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Maldives to the United Nations Office in Geneva.

Ms. Nareeluc Pairchaiyapoom, Director of the International Human Rights Division of the Rights and Liberties Protection Department, Ministry of Justice of Thailand.

H.E. Ms. Doreen Debrum, Permanent Representative of the Marshall Islands in Geneva.

Ms. Marie-Eve Boyer-Friedrich, Programme Management Officer for the implementation of Human Rights Council resolution 51/33, Treaty Body Capacity Building Programme, Human Rights Council and Treaty Mechanisms Division, Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Mr. Felix Kirchmeier, Executive Director, Geneva Human Rights Platform.

Ms. Sarah Rattray, Team Leader and Senior Advisor on Human Rights Rule of Law, Security and Human Rights for Sustaining Peace United Nations Development Programme.

3. NMIRFs - key characteristics, good practices, and challenges: engagement/consultation with parliaments/parliamentarians, judiciary, civil society, NHRIs, UN Country Teams/UN entities

Facilitator-rapporteur³: **Ms. Ana Rolón**, Counsellor, Deputy Permanent Representative and Chargée d'affaires a.i., Permanent Mission of Paraguay to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva.

Key discussants:

Mr. Pacharo Kayira, Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Malawi.

Ms. Adriana Quiñones, Head of Human Rights and Development, UN Women.

Mr. Ahmed Badr, Human Rights Adviser | Human Rights, Neighbouring countries and Asia, Representative of the Danish Institute for Human Rights.

Ms. Maja Bova, Human Rights Expert, Italian national mechanism, (CIDU – Comitato Interministeriale per i Diritti Umani. Representative of ICESCO .

Ms. Katharina Rose, Geneva Representative, Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions.

Mr. Nicolas Agostini, Representative to the UN, DefendDefenders.

17.30 : End of the day 1

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Day 2 – Thursday, 17th October

09.30 – 12.15: **Closing plenary – reporting back, panel discussion, conclusions, and recommendations**

09.30 – 09.40: **Welcome by the Chairs**

Ms. Fatima Barkan, Secretary General of the Moroccan Interministerial Delegation for Human Rights.

Dr. Ahmed Shaheed, Chair of the Board of Trustees, Universal Rights Group.

Circulation of compilation of key good practices from pre-Glion policy dialogues, and the three breakout groups.

09.40 – 10.15: **Reporting back**

Mr. Chernò Marenah, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of The Gambia to the UN Office in Geneva.

Mr. Miguel Alegre, Executive Secretariat of the Portuguese Human Rights Committee.

Ms. Ana Rolón, Counsellor, Deputy Permanent Representative and Chargée d'affaires a.i., Permanent Mission of Paraguay to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva.

10.15 – 10.45: **Coffee break**

10.45 – 12.15 Panel discussion, and interactive discussion on good practices and 'success factors' in establishing/developing NMIRFs

Ms. Maria Virginia Bras Gomes, Former member of the United Nations Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

Mr. Miloon Kothari, former Special Rapporteur on adequate housing, former President of UPR-Info.

Mr. Guillaume Ngefa, Chief of the Universal Periodic Review Branch, Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR).

Interactive discussion

12.15 – 12.30: Presentation of summary of collated best practices on the establishment and functioning of NMIRFs, identified during the pre-Glion policy dialogues, and Glion X, under the authority of the Co-Chairs

12.30: End of Glion Human Rights Dialogue

13.00: **Lunch**
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