



CIVIL SOCIETY SUPPORT MECHANISMS: A DIRECTORY

THERE IS A VAST NETWORK OF ORGANISATIONS AND MECHANISMS THAT SUPPORT HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS IN GENERAL, AND MANY THAT SUPPORT CIVIL SOCIETY IN PARTICULAR. IN ORDER TO STRENGTHEN AND PROMOTE THEIR WORK, CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS, HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS, JOURNALISTS, ACTIVISTS AND OTHERS RELY ON ALLIANCES BETWEEN EACH OTHER, THE SHARING OF BEST PRACTICES AND LESSONS LEARNED, AND CONSTRUCTIVE ENGAGEMENT WITH GOVERNMENTS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL INSTITUTIONS. THESE NETWORKS FOSTER GREATER CONNECTIONS BETWEEN GROUND-LEVEL ISSUES AND GLOBAL-LEVEL PROCESSES, AND AMPLIFY THE VOICES OF CIVIL SOCIETY IN GLOBAL DECISION MAKING. THIS SOLIDARITY IS ESPECIALLY CRITICAL FOR CIVIL SOCIETY WHEN IT IS UNDER THREAT OR ATTACK.

THE CIVIL SOCIETY SUPPORT MECHANISMS: A DIRECTORY IS A RESOURCE FOR CIVIL SOCIETY UNDER THREAT. IT LISTS MECHANISMS AVAILABLE TO ASSIST INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANISATIONS BASED ON THEIR SPECIFIC THREAT OR BASED ON THEIR LOCATION. THE DATABASE IS ALSO DIVIDED INTO NATIONAL, REGIONAL AND GLOBAL MECHANISMS AND CONTAINS INFORMATION ON HOW TO ENGAGE EACH MECHANISM AS WELL AS CONTACT DETAILS FOR EACH.



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COMMUNITY OF DEMOCRACIES



WHAT IT IS/DOES...

The 'Working Group on Enabling and Protecting Civil Society' of the Community of Democracies consists of 13 member states, 4 CSO (CIVICUS, ICNL, Article19 and WMD) and 3 advisory organisations. The group seeks to protect and expand shrinking civil society space and operates through quiet diplomacy using tools such as 'calls for action', providing technical assistance (legal advice etc) and Awareness campaigns.



WHICH COUNTRIES BENEFIT...

The WGEPCS is focused on protecting and promoting an enabling legal environment for civil society in all countries around the world; it does not focus on a particular country or region.



You can Alert the WG to issues you are facing in your country by contacting the WG or one of the member organisations. Operationally, the WGEPCS monitors the development of restrictive legislation and responds on a case-by-case basis in instances where it is deemed that WGEPCS actions are both warranted and likely to have a positive effect on a draft restrictive law's trajectory. Wherever possible, the WGEPCS encourages constructive engagement with governments, civil society groups and other stakeholders aimed at promoting the adoption of enabling legal frameworks for civil society



ACTION STEPS...

1. Contact the WG or one of the member organisations.
2. Explain to them the issue you are facing in your country, regarding draft restrictive legislation, and provide any necessary documents.
3. Suggest collaboration on a "call for action", an awareness campaign, or request technical or legal advice.



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TAGS:

Freedom of Expression, Association and Assembly

CSOs, human rights defenders, journalists, online activists, whistle-blowers

Restrictive legislation, Misuse of laws and regulations, All types of threats

Legal advice, Technical assistance, Platform

UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL



WHAT IT IS/DOES...

International human rights standards provide a global framework that enables civic organizations to advocate for the realization of internationally agreed norms. These standards not only legitimize civic organizations' activities, but also provide a useful platform to independently monitor and report on governments' human rights obligations. International human rights mechanisms have emerged as an essential platform from which to advocate for a more enabling environment for civil society. In particularly restrictive contexts, the UN human rights bodies like the UNHRC provide a crucial entry point for national civil society groups to raise awareness and dialogue about sensitive issues.



WHICH COUNTRIES BENEFIT...

All member states of the United Nations



HOW TO ENGAGE...

There are two avenues via which the UN human rights mechanisms can protect civil society space:

1. Documentation about obstacles, threats to civil society space, and good practices. Documentation about human rights situations forms the basis for interventions by UN human rights mechanisms. Well-documented and verified information by CSOs makes a strong case for action, is more credible and persuasive, difficult to refute, and an effective way to promote and protect human rights. CSOs are invited to share documentation (e.g. accurate, factual information, careful analyses, and concrete recommendations) about obstacles, threats to civil society actors and their space to work, as well as to convey good practices to UN human rights mechanisms.
2. Using available space. CSOs are invited to use opportunities for participation in international conferences and meetings, or visits of experts. Opportunities are available through submissions, organization of briefings, and networking among participants to raise awareness about civil society space issues, as well as share recommendations and successful strategies.



ACTION STEPS...

1. Collect as much documentation as possible about the issue you face.
2. Contact the UNHRC using the email above and explain your situation.
3. Connect with civil society umbrella organisations in order to amplify your voice at international conferences and meetings."



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Other Links:

<https://plus.google.com/u/0/+unitednationshumanrights/posts> <https://www.youtube.com/user/UNOHCHR>

<https://storify.com/UNrightswire>



TAGS:

All UN member states

All thematic areas

Civil Society Organisations,
Human Rights Defenders, All users

All threats

Platform, International investigations,
Intervention

OPEN GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP



WHAT IT IS/DOES...

The Open Government Partnership is a new multilateral initiative that aims to secure concrete commitments from governments to promote transparency, empower citizens, fight corruption, and harness new technologies to strengthen governance. In the spirit of multi-stakeholder collaboration, OGP is overseen by a steering committee of governments and civil society organizations.

The OGP was launched in 2011 to provide an international platform for domestic reformers committed to making their governments more open, accountable, and responsive to citizens. The OGP now has 66 participating countries where Government and Civil Society are working together to develop and implement ambitious open government reforms.



WHICH COUNTRIES BENEFIT...

In order to join the partnership, a country needs to meet a number of eligibility criteria. For eligibility and list of countries: <http://www.opengovpartnership.org/how-it-works/eligibility-criteria>



HOW TO ENGAGE...

OGP participating countries will co-create a National Action Plan (NAP) with civil society. Action plans should cover a two-year period and consist of a set of commitments that advance transparency, accountability, participation and/or technological innovation.

See more at: <http://www.opengovpartnership.org/how-it-works/action-plans#sthash.mEXLW7yA.dpuf>

The independent Civil Society Engagement team (CSE) works to broaden, strengthen and engage a strong civil society network around OGP, both at the national and international level. The emphasis of the CSE is to strategically support the in-country dynamic by working with national civil society actors to help them make better use of OGP for achieving their objectives (in all three phases: design, implementation and monitoring).



ACTION STEPS...

1. Check whether your country is a member of OGP.
2. Contact the OGP to express interest in either becoming a partner, or engaging in the OGP process.
3. Explain your objectives and provide any necessary documentation.



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Other Important Links:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ursu7GP85qs>



TAGS:

66 Countries

Freedom of Expression, Association and Assembly, Good governance,

Civil Society Organisations, All users

Restrictive legislation

Legal advice, Technical assistance,
Platform

INDICATOR 2 OF THE BUSAN AGREEMENT OR GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FOR EFFECTIVE DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION (GPEDC)



WHAT IT IS/DOES...

The Global Partnership, created at the Fourth High-Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness in Busan in 2011, is an inclusive political forum bringing together governments, bilateral and multilateral organisations, civil society and representatives from parliaments and the private sector, committed to strengthening the effectiveness of development co-operation to produce maximum impact for development.

The Global Partnership also tracks progress in the implementation of Busan commitments for more effective development co-operation, through its monitoring framework comprised of a set of 10 indicators, with most targets set for 2015. These indicators focus on strengthening developing country institutions, increasing transparency and predictability of development co-operation, enhancing gender equality, as well as supporting greater involvement of civil society, parliaments and private sector in development efforts.

A joint OECD / UNDP team provides support to the Co-Chairs of the Global Partnership and the Global Partnership Steering Committee.



WHICH COUNTRIES BENEFIT...

Signatories to the Busan Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation



HOW TO ENGAGE...

Indicator 2: Civil society operates within an environment which maximises its engagement in and contribution to development

The Busan Partnership agreement called on stakeholders to “implement fully [their] respective commitments to enable CSOs to exercise their roles as independent development actors, with a particular focus on an enabling environment, consistent with agreed international rights, that maximises the contributions of CSOs to development” (§22a).

In the Busan Partnership agreement stakeholders also “encourage CSOs to implement practices that strengthen their accountability and their contribution to development effectiveness, guided by the Istanbul Principles and the International Framework for CSO Development Effectiveness” (§22b).



ACTION STEPS...

1. Familiarize yourself with the Busan Agreement (see link to the text in the sidebar) and its Indicators and Monitoring programme.
2. If you would like to get involved with the Global Partnership, contact info@effectivecooperation.org.
3. To request an invitation to the Global Partnership online community space please contact: community@effectivecooperation.org.



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<http://effectivecooperation.org/about/global-monitoring-framework/>



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Full text of Busan Agreement: http://effectivecooperation.org/files/OUTCOME_DOCUMENT_-_FINAL_EN.pdf

Highlights: <http://www.oecd.org/dac/effectiveness/Busan%20partnership.pdf>

HUMAN RIGHTS UNIT IN THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT



WHAT IT IS/DOES...

The HRU is a free-standing unit that reports directly to the Secretary General. It is a small unit with a small budget: only 3 staff members. The HRU focuses on integrating human rights work into all areas of the Secretariat's work, developing programmes related to the promotion and protection of human rights, publishing information on human rights developments, working on human rights issues with gov and NGOs, and providing advice to the Secretary-General



WHICH COUNTRIES BENEFIT...

Member countries of the commonwealth found at www.commonwealthofnations.org/country/



HOW TO ENGAGE...

There is no clear mechanism as to how to engage the HRU other than emailing them, however since they are a small unit with limited resources it is uncertain how much assistance they will be able to provide.



ACTION STEPS...

1. Contact the HRU via email, and explain your situation to them.
2. Collect and provide as much documentation as necessary.
3. Follow their advice about who else to contact if they cannot assist you..



CONTACT DETAILS:

Email: info@humanrightsinitiative.org



www.humanrightsinitiative.org/cwhr/comsec/comsec.htm

www.commonwealthofnations.org/commonwealth-in-action/human-rights/



TAGS:

Countries: Africa: Botswana, Cameroon, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, Twanda, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Swaziland, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia

Asia: Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, India, Malaysia, Maldives, Pakistan, Singapore, Sri Lanka

Caribbean and Americas: Antigua and Barbuda, The Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Canada, Cominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Saint Lucia, St Kitts and Nevis, St Vincent and The Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago

Europe: Cyprus, Malta, United Kingdom

Pacific: Australis, Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu

Themes: All

Users: CSOs, INGOs, All

Threats: All

Support: Platform, Legal advice

ORGANISATION INTERNATIONALE DE LA FRANCOPHONIE (OIF)



WHAT IT IS/DOES...

OIF represents all French-speaking populations all over the world. It organises political activities and actions of multilateral cooperations that benefit French-speaking populations. Its actions respect cultural and linguistic diversity and serve to promote the French language, peace and sustainable development.

OIF has a Delegation and a specific fund for French-speaking initiatives in favour of democracy, human rights and peace, which supports public, private and civil society projects.



WHICH COUNTRIES BENEFIT...

All French-speaking linguistic zones.

Member States and Governments, Observers.



HOW TO ENGAGE...

The OIF has five operating agencies to carry out its mandate:

1. l'Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie
2. TV5Monde
3. l'Association Internationale des Maires Francophonie
4. l'Association des Fonctionnaires Francophones des Organisations Internationales
5. l'Université Senghor d'Alexandrie

No clear English information is available as to how to engage these agencies.



ACTION STEPS...

All the various initiatives have their own process. Please contact the liaisons and request specific steps



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TAGS:

Countries: 57 Member States and Governments: Albania, Principality of Andorra, Armenia, Kingdom of Belgium, French Community of Belgium, Benin, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Canada-New-Brunswick, Canada-Quebec, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Congo, , Cyprus, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominica, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, France, Gabon, Ghana, Greece, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Ivory Coast, Laos, Lebanon, Luxembourg, former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Madagascar, Mali, Morocco, Mauritius, Mauritania, Moldova, Monaco, Niger, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, São Tomé and Príncipe, Senegal, Seychelles, Switzerland, Togo, Tunisia, Vanuatu, Vietnam.

23 Observers: Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Costa Rica, Croatia, Czech Republic, Dominican Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Hungary, Kosovo, Latvia, Lithuania, Mexico, Montenegro, Mozambique, Poland, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Thailand, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, Uruguay.

Themes: All, **Users:** All, **Threats:** Unclear
Support: Platform, Unclear

INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS FUNDERS GROUP



WHAT IT IS/DOES...

The International Human Rights Funders Group is a global network of donors and grantmakers committed to advancing human rights around the world through effective philanthropy.



WHICH COUNTRIES BENEFIT...

Global



HOW TO ENGAGE...

IHRFG maintains a large online Resource Archive as well as several directories and online databases of resources for human rights defenders.

Resource archive: <https://ihrf.org/resource-archive>

Funder Directory: <https://www.ihrf.org/funder-directory-search>

Directory of Emergency/Rapid Response Grants:
https://ihrf.org/sites/default/files/Directory_EmergencyResponseGrants_2015.pdf

Rest and Respite Programs: https://ihrf.org/sites/default/files/Directory_RestRespitePrograms_2014.pdf



ACTION STEPS...

1. Utilize the IHRFG's directories listed above.
2. Consult the list of resources specifically for Human Rights Defenders: <https://ihrf.org/human-rights-defenders>
3. Consult the list of grant-making Member Affinity Groups: <https://ihrf.org/index.php?q=resources/grantmakers/member-affinity-groups>. Also see this list of resources for grant seekers: <https://ihrf.org/index.php?q=resources/grantseekers>



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WHAT IT IS/DOES...

The Council of Europe provides space for regular engagement with NGOs through the Conference of INGOs and the Civil Society Division. The CoE aims to promote values of democracy and human rights in member states, including Russia, Ukraine and the central Caucasus.

Since 2005, the Conference of INGOs is a permanent body of the CoE, which accredits INGOs and enables them to participate in key opportunities for sharing good practice with government representatives.

The Civil Society Division undertakes different projects to support the strengthening of civil society in countries where CSOs are under threat.



WHICH COUNTRIES BENEFIT...

All members of Council of Europe member states (see <http://www.coe.int/en/web/portal/47-members-states>)



HOW TO ENGAGE...

International NGOs can attend regular events, including the plenary sessions in Strasbourg. They can apply to become members of the Conference of INGOs and can engage with existing members of the Conference on issues of concern in the European neighbourhood. To be eligible for Participatory Status, INGOs must be present in several European countries.

More information about the Conference is available here: http://www.coe.int/t/ngo/conf_intro_en.asp

NGOs working in countries which face restrictions can raise these directly with the Civil Society Division.



ACTION STEPS...

1. Check the Calendar for news of upcoming conferences or events (visit <http://www.coe.int/en/web/ingo/calendar>).
2. Consider applying for Participatory Status in the Conference of INGOs (visit <http://www.coe.int/en/web/ingo/participatory-status>). Be sure to review Resolution (2003)8 for eligibility restrictions.
3. Contact the Civil Society Division with details about the restrictions your INGO faces in the member countries you work in.



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Instagram: [/councilofeurope](https://www.instagram.com/councilofeurope)

Flickr: [/photos/councilofeurope](https://www.flickr.com/photos/councilofeurope)

Other Important Links

WebTV: <http://webtv.coe.int/#clip=1267918>



TAGS:

Countries: Algeria, Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Congo, Cote d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Lesoto, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Saharawi, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, Swaziland, Tanzania, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Themes: All

Users: All

Threats: All

Support: Platform, Legal Advice, International Investigations

AFRICAN UNION COMMISSION ON HUMAN AND PEOPLES RIGHTS



WHAT IT IS/DOES...

The African Charter established the African Commission on Human and People's Rights (ACHPR). The Commission is charged with the following three functions:

- the protection of human and peoples' rights
- the promotion of human and peoples' rights
- the interpretation of the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights



WHICH COUNTRIES BENEFIT...

AU member states: <http://www.achpr.org/states/>



HOW TO ENGAGE...

The ACHPR can be engaged through its special Mechanisms and Special Rapporteurs who are charged with investigating human rights abuses. It can also be engaged through Statements made at the Commission – through Umbrella organisations who have status to do so.

Mechanisms of interest here include:

- Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Expression and Access to Information
- Special Rapporteur on Prisons and Conditions of Detention
- Special Rapporteur on Human Rights Defenders
- Special Rapporteur on Refugees, Asylum Seekers, Migrants and Internally Displaced Persons
- Special Rapporteur on Rights of Women
- Committee for the Prevention of Torture in Africa
- Working Group on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
- Working Group on Death Penalty and Extra-Judicial, Summary or Arbitrary killings in Africa
- Working Group on Indigenous Populations/Communities in Africa
- Working Group on Rights of Older Persons and People with Disabilities
- Working Group on Extractive Industries, Environment and Human Rights Violations
- Committee on the Protection of the Rights of People Living With HIV (PLHIV) and Those at Risk, Vulnerable to and Affected by HIV

Anyone, including individuals and NGOs, can communicate an allegation of human rights violation. Please see Action Steps below for how to proceed.



1. Check the list of Special Mechanisms, Rapporteurs and Working Groups for theme-specific information and Commissioner contact details (<http://www.achpr.org/mechanisms/>).
2. Consult the Communications Procedure and the Guidelines for the Submission of Communications (<http://www.achpr.org/communications>), and follow the instructions based on your country of operation.



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<http://www.achpr.org/mechanisms/>



TAGS:

Countries: Algeria, Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Congo, Cote d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Lesoto, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Saharawi, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, Swaziland, Tanzania, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Themes: All

Users: All

Threats: All

Support: Platform, Legal Advice, International Investigations

THE INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS



WHAT IT IS/DOES...

A principal and autonomous organ of the Organization of American States (OAS), the Commission is the only institution with a mandate to promote and protect human rights all around the American hemisphere. Their mandate is rooted in the OAS Charter and complemented by the American Convention on Human Rights, the latter applicable only to state parties. Since its inception, the Commission has developed a wide scope of action, including thematic reports, on-site visits and an individual petition system. The work of the IACHR rests on three main pillars:

- the individual petition system;
- monitoring of the human rights situation in the Member States, and
- the attention devoted to priority thematic areas.



WHICH COUNTRIES BENEFIT...

OAS Member States



HOW TO ENGAGE...

There are several ways to engage with the IACHR, with the most common being through petitions or the invoking of precautionary mechanisms in urgent human rights situations.

By filing a petition before the IACHR, victims of human rights violations can obtain help. The Commission investigates the situation and can make recommendations to the State responsible to restore the enjoyment of rights whenever possible, to prevent a recurrence of similar events, to investigate the facts and to make reparations.



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ACTION STEPS...

1. Consult the "How To" brochure:
EN - <http://www.oas.org/en/iachr/docs/pdf/HowTo.pdf>
ES - <http://www.oas.org/es/cidh/mandato/peticiones.asp>
2. Determine whether you have exhausted domestic judicial remedies to the human rights violation. If yes, consider filing a petition (see guide).
3. Consider applying for the Legal Assistance Fund:
<http://www.oas.org/en/iachr/mandate/Basics/fund.asp>
4. If your situation is serious and urgent, consult the Precautionary Measure mechanism:
<http://www.oas.org/en/iachr/decisions/precautionary.asp>



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TAGS:

Countries: Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, United States, Uruguay, and Venezuela

Themes: All

User: All

Threats: violation of human rights (see How To brochure for list)

Support: International Investigations, Legal Advice, Emergency Funding, Platform

ORGANISATION FOR SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE – HUMAN DIMENSION IMPLEMENTATION MEETINGS



WHAT IT IS/DOES...

Europe's largest annual human rights conferences - the Human Dimension Implementation Meetings (HDIMs) - bring together hundreds of government officials, international experts, civil society representatives and human rights activists to take stock of how states are implementing their commitments to the core values that promote respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms.



WHICH COUNTRIES BENEFIT...

All OSCE members



HOW TO ENGAGE...

Participation in the Human Dimension Implementation Meeting is free of charge, although all travel and accommodation costs should be borne by participants. In parallel to the structured sessions, a great deal of activity takes place on the sidelines of the HDIM. Side events on a particular topic can be organized throughout the conference by any interested party, be it an NGO, a delegation, or an ODIHR department. In contrast to the more formal plenary sessions, these smaller meetings enable more in-depth and lively discussions. Many of the ideas generated at these meetings feed back into the work of the ODIHR's departmental programmes. NGOs can also use side events as a platform to make major announcements.



ACTION STEPS...

1. Check the website for information on the upcoming HDIM: <http://www.osce.org/odihr/hdim>

For details regarding organizational matters & coordination of the conference, contact Ms. Kamila Czerwinska at Kamila.Czerwinska@odihr.pl or +48 22 5200 657.

2. To register to attend the Meetings, contact Ms. Anna Sierant at Anna.Sierant@odihr.pl or +48 22 5200 627.

3. If you would like to coordinate a side event during the Meetings, contact Mr. Ireneusz Stepinski at Ireneusz.Stepinski@odihr.pl or +48 22 5200 658.



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TAGS:

Countries: Europe

Themes: All

Users: CSOs, NGOs, HRDs, INGOs, states

Threats: All (but not urgent)

Support: Platform:

ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS (ASEAN) & ASEAN INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS



WHAT IT IS/DOES...

As set out in the ASEAN Declaration, the aims and purposes of ASEAN are:

- To accelerate the economic growth, social progress and cultural development in the region through joint endeavours in the spirit of equality and partnership in order to strengthen the foundation for a prosperous and peaceful community of Southeast Asian Nations;
- To promote regional peace and stability through abiding respect for justice and the rule of law in the relationship among countries of the region and adherence to the principles of the United Nations Charter;
- To promote active collaboration and mutual assistance on matters of common interest in the economic, social, cultural, technical, scientific and administrative fields;
- To provide assistance to each other in the form of training and research facilities in the educational, professional, technical and administrative spheres;
- To collaborate more effectively for the greater utilisation of their agriculture and industries, the expansion of their trade, including the study of the problems of international commodity trade, the improvement of their transportation and communications facilities and the raising of the living standards of their peoples;
- To promote Southeast Asian studies; and
- To maintain close and beneficial cooperation with existing international and regional organisations with similar aims and purposes, and explore all avenues for even closer cooperation among themselves.



WHICH COUNTRIES BENEFIT...

ASEAN Member states: <http://www.asean.org/asean/asean-member-states>

ASEAN Member states: Indonesia, Brunei Darussalem, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Phillipines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam. <http://www.asean.org/asean/asean-member-states>



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<http://aichr.org/>

Alternatively contact them via email by filling in their form on their website here: <http://www.asean.org/information/contact-us>



Video gallery: <http://www.asean.org/media-gallery/video>

CONTINUED... ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS (ASEAN) & ASEAN INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS



HOW TO ENGAGE...

Through their 3 pillars: ASEAN Political-Security Community, ASEAN Economic Community and ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community. Each pillar has multiple meetings, forums or councils that member states may participate in.

The ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights

civil society organisations can also apply for consultative status at the AICHR.



ACTION STEPS...

1. Consult the list of ASEAN legal instruments: <http://agreement.asean.org/>
2. Consult this training guide from FORUM-ASIA for more information on ASEAN human rights mechanisms including AICHR: <http://www.forum-asia.org/uploads/fatrainingmanual/2011/RightsNow.pdf>

ASEAN INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS (AICHR)



WHAT IT IS/DOES...

The AICHR is the human rights body of the Association for Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), and was established in October 2009.

AICHR plans to conduct thematic studies for each year in the Five-Year Work Plan. The topics of the thematic studies include Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), Migration, Trafficking in Persons particularly women and children, Child soldiers, Women and children in conflicts and disasters, Juvenile justice, Right to information in criminal justice, Rights to health (includes Reproductive health of Women), Rights to education, Right to life (includes Capital Punishment), and Right to Peace.

Refer to the AICHR Terms of Reference for full overview: <http://www.asean.org/images/archive/publications/TOR-of-AICHR.pdf>



WHICH COUNTRIES BENEFIT...

ASEAN Member states: <http://www.asean.org/asean/asean-member-states>

ASEAN Member states: Indonesia, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Phillipines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam. <http://www.asean.org/asean/asean-member-states>



HOW TO ENGAGE...

Civil society organisations can apply for consultative status at the AICHR.

Refer to this website <http://aichr.org/documents/> for the ASEAN Human Rights Declaration, the Guidelines on the AICHR's Relations with Civil Society Organisations, and the AICHR Five-Year Work Plan 2016-2020



ACTION STEPS...

1. Consider applying for consultative status.
2. Consult this training guide from FORUM-ASIA for more information on ASEAN human rights mechanisms including AICHR: <http://www.forum-asia.org/uploads/fatrainingmanual/2011/RightsNow.pdf>



CONTACT DETAILS:

<http://aichr.org/>

Alternatively contact them via email by filling in their form on their website here: <http://aichr.org/contact/>

LATIN AMERICA: RAADH (MERCOSUR'S HIGH-LEVEL AUTHORITIES ON HUMAN RIGHTS) & IPPDH (MERCOSUR INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC POLICIES ON HUMAN RIGHTS)



WHAT IT IS/DOES...

The IPPDH promotes regional coordination and exchange of national experiences relating to the processes of memory, truth, justice and reparation for serious violations of human rights committed during the military regimes in the countries of MERCOSUR and Associated States. Their functions are: researches for the production of studies and technical information, dissemination and training, coordination for public policies on human rights at the regional level, and technical cooperation for the development of policies on human rights. The RAADH (Reunión de Altas Autoridades en Derechos Humanos del Mercosur) is an open framework for the participation of social movements and organisations.



WHICH COUNTRIES BENEFIT...

Member states of Mercosur and associated states.

Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay, Venezuela (Member states). Chile, Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru (Associated states).



HOW TO ENGAGE...

The RAADH meets once every six months in the State party that has the Pro Tempore Presidency of the Mercosur. Social movements and organisations may be involved in these sessions as observers.

The Forum for Social Participation also meets biannually and involves public consultations (physically and virtually) as well as virtual multistakeholder dialogues.

They also run a Virtual Campus which provides technical training and tools for organisations that work on human rights issues: <http://cv.ippdh.mercosur.int/acerca.php>



ACTION STEPS...

1. Contact IPPDH via phone or email to enquire about engaging in the RAADH as an observer or the Forum for Social Participation.



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<http://www.raadh.mercosur.int/>



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TAGS:

Countries: Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay, Venezuela (Member states). Chile, Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru

ASIAN FORUM FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEVELOPMENT (FORUM-ASIA) HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS PROGRAMME



WHAT IT IS/DOES...

FORUM-ASIA's Programme Objectives are:

To provide a regional platform of exchange and ideas among HRDs and WHRDs in Asia in order to promote and protect their rights;

To promote the role and the rights of HRDs and WHRDs under the UN Declaration on HRDs;

To work for the better recognition of the vital role and rights of WHRDs, including defenders of sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI), in human rights work;

To provide urgent assistance and protection to HRDs and WHRDs at risk; and

To coordinate the engagement of HRDs and WHRDs in the establishment or development of NHRIs in their countries to better promote and protect the rights of HRDs and WHRDs in general.

Intro video to FORUM-ASIA: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CNGyWNGxfhE>



WHICH COUNTRIES BENEFIT...

FORUM-ASIA's Human Rights Defenders Programme aims to strengthen the protection of human rights defenders (HRDs) and women human rights defenders (WHRDs) in Asia.



HOW TO ENGAGE...

On their website, you can find reference materials, training manuals and proceedings from intergovernmental/ASEAN human rights meetings.

Engage the Human Rights Defenders Programme by emailing them.



ACTION STEPS...

1. Consult the "Guidebook On Engaging ASEAN & Its Human Rights Mechanisms": <http://www.forum-asia.org/?p=5409>
2. Consult the "RIGHTS NOW: A Training Manual on ASEAN Human Rights Mechanisms": <http://www.forum-asia.org/?p=5551>
3. Consider applying for the Human Rights Defenders Protection Plan. For information on urgent assistance, consult: <http://www.forum-asia.org/?p=7302> or <https://www.forum-asia.org/uploads/wp/2010/09/ProtectionPlan-HRDs-20150610.pdf>



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TAGS:

Themes: Human Rights

Users: Human Rights Defenders

Threats: Threat of attack

Support: Emergency Funding/
Evacuation, Legal Advice

SOUTH ASIAN FORUM FOR HUMAN RIGHTS (SAFHR)



WHAT IT IS/DOES...

In response to the lack of a human rights mechanism with the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC), NGOs in the region gathered to create the South Asian Forum for Human Rights (SAFHR) in 1990. Human rights, peace and democracy are its main areas of concern. SAFHR is a regional public forum for the promotion of respect for universal values of human rights, the interdependence of rights and the indivisibility of rights. SAFHR's programmes address some of the core concerns of the human rights and peace agenda – displacement of indigenous peoples and minorities, refugees and migrants, impunity, inter-state and intra-state conflicts and peace accords, militarization and the strengthening of peace constituencies in civil society.



WHICH COUNTRIES BENEFIT...

SAFHR maintains regional focus profiles on India, Bangladesh, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, but its work covers all of South Asia..

The Council of SAFHR consists of representatives of roughly 40 partner organizations in the South Asia region and abroad.

Member countries of SAARC: Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Sri Lanka



HOW TO ENGAGE...

Other than directly contacting one of the three country offices, there is little clear information about engaging with SAFHR. However, the organisation does maintain a substantial e-library of useful resources for those who work in the field of human rights. SAFHR also runs workshops and trainings in its areas of focus.



ACTION STEPS...

1. Contact one of the three country offices, and enquire about options for engagement and possibilities for support.
2. Consult SAFHR's e-library for useful resources: http://www.safhr.org/index.php?option=com_docman&Itemid=562



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Contact any of these offices via email using the online contact forms:

http://www.safhr.org/index.php?option=com_



<http://www.safhr.org/index.php>

ARAB NGO NETWORK FOR DEVELOPMENT (ANND)



WHAT IT IS/DOES...

The network programs cover three main areas:

1. Development Policies in the region
2. Social and economic reform agendas and the role of international and regional organizations.
3. Economic and trade liberalization policies and its social and economic implications

On a horizontal level, ANND addresses issues of peace and security in the region.

The objectives of the program interventions are:

1. Enhancing and strengthening civil society advocacy on social and economic policy-making processes
2. Opening channels of influence for civil society organizations in the Arab region in policy-making processes, on the national, regional and global levels.
3. Enhancing the availability and production of indigenous resource material and research related to the role of CSOs in the Arab region.

ANND's program tools and strategies include: networking, capacity building and information and experience sharing, provision of resources including research and information materials, advocacy strengthening, coalition building, monitoring, evaluation, and engagement with policy-making processes and related institutions among civil society groups.



WHICH COUNTRIES BENEFIT...

Anyone in the Arab region.



HOW TO ENGAGE...

NGO's can apply to join the ANND network: <http://www.annd.org/english/page.php?pageId=17#sthash.vQuPW6Aj.dpbs>



ACTION STEPS...

1. Consider applying to become a member of the ANND network
2. Consult the toolkit on Freedom of Association in Arab Countries: <http://www.annd.org/data/item/pdf/18.pdf>



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Website: <http://www.annd.org/english/index.php>



Twitter: @ArabNGONetwork

Facebook: /www.annd.org

Youtube: /user/ANNDmedia



TAGS:

Countries: Arab

Users: NGOs

Support: Network, Platform, Technical Assistance

EURO-MEDITERRANEAN HUMAN RIGHTS NETWORK (EMHRN)



WHAT IT IS/DOES...

The EMHRN promotes networking, cooperation and development of partnerships between human rights NGOs, activists and wider civil society in the Euro-Mediterranean region. The EMHRN acts as a regional forum for human rights NGOs and a pool of expertise on promotion and protection of human rights in the region. The EMHRF aims at providing strategic financial assistance to regional, national and local human rights NGOs and institutes as well as individuals who promote, support, protect and monitor the observance of human rights in the South-Mediterranean region.



WHICH COUNTRIES BENEFIT...

The support mechanism is aimed at defenders who pursue human rights activities in the following countries: Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Egypt, Lebanon, Jordan, Israel, Syria, and Palestine.

Special attention is devoted to the countries of the region where the needs are especially critical because of the regional context (Syria, Algeria, Tunisia and Egypt).

Projects with positive spill-over effects outside the region (for example in Europe and the Persian Gulf) may eventually receive funding if it is shown that they can have a positive impact on the situation of human rights defenders in the region.



HOW TO ENGAGE...

Grants are allocated to human rights defenders in difficulty or at risk, for the specific purpose of allowing them to pursue their activities, as well as to small human rights organisations or groups with the aim of strengthening their capacities in implementing innovative activities in the region.



ACTION STEPS...

1. Apply for a grant from the EMHRN by emailing in an application form found here: <http://www.emhrf.org/en/guidelinesemergency.php> (for emergencies) or from here: <http://www.emhrf.org/en/guidelinesstandard.php>
2. Also consult their resource list: <http://www.emhrf.org/en/links.php>
3. Consult the Directory of Emergency/Rapid Response Grants: http://emhrf.org/en/documents/DirectoryofEmergencyandRapidResponseGrants2012_270213.pdf



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TAGS:

Countries: Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Egypt, Lebanon, Jordan, Israel, Syria, Palestine

Themes: All

Users: Human Rights Defenders

Threats: All

Support: Emergency Funding

ORGANISATION OF THE ISLAMIC COOPERATION (OIC) INDEPENDENT PERMANENT COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS (IPCHR)



WHAT IT IS/DOES...

It represents the collective voice of the Muslim world and works to safeguard and protect the interests of the Muslim world in the spirit of promoting international peace and harmony. It is the second biggest inter-governmental organization after the UN.

The Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission (IPHRC) is an expert body with advisory capacity established by the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) as the principal organ working independently in the area of human rights.

The broad contours of an effective and independent human rights mechanism were envisaged in the OIC Ten-year Programme of Action adopted by the 3rd Extraordinary Islamic Summit held in Makkah Al-Mukarramah, Saudi Arabia, on 7-8 December 2005. Accordingly, the creation of IPHRC was enunciated in the New OIC Charter adopted by 11th Islamic Summit held in Dakar, Senegal, on 13-14 March 2008. The Commission was formally launched with the adoption of its Statute by the 38th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM) held in Astana, Kazakhstan, on 28-30 June 2011.

IPHRC's objectives and mandates cover a wide range of activities including the following:

Advising OIC's policy-and-decision-making bodies on all matters in the realm of human rights.

- Undertaking studies and research in the field of human rights.
- Advancing human rights and fundamental freedoms in Member States as well as the fundamental rights of Muslim minorities and communities in non-member states in conformity with the universally recognized human rights norms and standards and with the added value of Islamic principles of justice and equality.
- Promoting and strengthening human rights in Member States by providing "technical cooperation and assistance in the field of human rights and awareness-raising".
- Pursuing interfaith and intercultural dialogue as a tool to promote peace and harmony among various civilizations and to promote the true image of Islam.
- Extending support to Member States and their national institutions in the promotion and protection of human rights for all in an independent manner.
- Reviewing OIC's own human rights instruments and recommending ways for their fine-tuning, as and where appropriate, including the option of recommending new mechanisms and covenants.
- Promoting cooperative working relations with relevant bodies of UN and OIC, as well as relevant regional human rights mechanisms.
- Promoting and supporting the role of Member States' accredited civil society organizations.
- Participating in missions for observing elections in Member States.



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www.oic-oci.org

<http://www.oic-iphrc.org/en/home/>

CONTINUED... ORGANISATION OF THE ISLAMIC COOPERATION (OIC) INDEPENDENT PERMANENT COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS (IPHRC)



WHICH COUNTRIES BENEFIT...

Members of the OIC states: <http://www.oic-oci.org/oicv2/states/>



HOW TO ENGAGE...

Since its inception in 2014 it has deliberated on a number of important issues of contemporary concern such as rights of women and children, right to development, combating Islamophobia, extremism and intolerance as well as human rights situations in different countries. Besides writing a number of reports on specific subjects required by the CFM such as HR situation in the Central African Republic, Negative impact of Economic and Financial Sanctions on the full enjoyment of human rights of people of the OIC Targeted Countries and Combating Islamophobia, it has also finalized its Rules of Procedures, established specific working groups / mechanism to have focused work on core issues of concern to the Commission. IPHRC regularly interacts with other regional and international Human Rights mechanisms and looks forward to collaborating on issues of common concern for strengthening universal values of human rights at all levels. Details of its activities including regular sessions and other seminars/ workshops, as well as participation in various meetings are available on its website (www.oic-iphrc.org).

IPHRC is equipped and determined to play its due role within Member States and beyond. In the process, it welcomes views and suggestions in the interest of advancing the noble Islamic principles of justice and equality and for realizing the laudable ideals recognized by Universal Declaration of Human Rights in its first preamble: “.the inherent dignity and equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world”.

All those wishing to share their views, inputs and suggestions with the Commission may kindly do so through the Commission’s common e-mail: iphrc@oic-oci.org

Other than this, there is no clear engagement information.



ACTION STEPS...

1. Consult the list of OIC related human rights instruments and texts: <http://www.oic-iphrc.org/en/legal/>
2. Consider emailing the IPHRC with an explanation of the challenges you face and any supporting documents, at iphrc@oic-oci.org



TAGS:

Countries: Azerbaijan, Jordan, Afghanistan, Albania, UAE, Indonesia, Uzbekistan, Uganda, Iran, Pakistan, Bahrain, Brunei-Darussalam, Bangladesh, Benin, Burkina-Faso, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Chad, Togo, Tunisia, Algeria, Djibouti, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sudan, Syria, Suriname, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Iraq, Oman, Gabon, Gambia, Guyana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Palestine, Comoros, Kyrgyz, Qatar, Kazakhstan, Cameroon, Cote d’Ivoire, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Maldives, Mali, Malaysia, Egypt, Morocco, Mauritania, Mozambique, Niger, Nigeria, Yemen

Themes: general human rights

Users: All

Threats: unclear

Support: Platform, unclear

LATIN AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN NETWORK FOR DEMOCRACY (REDLAD)



WHAT IT IS/DOES...

The Latin American and Caribbean Network for Democracy, known in Spanish as Red Latinoamericana y del Caribe para la Democracia (REDLAD), acts as a platform to share information, best practices and strategies regarding democracy and human rights in the region. The network looks at development activities targeted toward the defense and promotion of democracy in all of Latin America and the Caribbean by and for the civil society.

REDLAD is comprised of more than 480 organizations, in addition to academics, activists and other networks. The network identifies participatory democracy as a vehicle for development, and since its inception in 2008 the network has grown significantly. It is also affiliated with World Movement for Democracy.

REDLAD serves multiple functions for member organizations: (1) it operates an alert system through which it publicizes human rights abuses brought to its attention by its members at regional and global institutions and media outlets; (2) it sends election observation experts from member organizations to conduct long-term training of election authorities and monitor election processes; (3) it provides assistance to activist groups defending the rights of vulnerable social groups, including Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Intersex (LGBTI), indigenous and Afro-descendent communities; and (4) it sends volunteer missions to respond to humanitarian situations like the earthquake in Haiti.



WHICH COUNTRIES BENEFIT...

Countries in Latin America and the Caribbean



HOW TO ENGAGE...

Joining the Network.



ACTION STEPS...

1. Consider requesting an application for membership: <http://www.redlad.org/%C3%BAnete>
2. Contact REDLAD via their web form, and explain your situation.



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RSS feeds: <http://redlad.org/rss>



TAGS:

Countries: Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, The Bahamas, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay, Venezuela

Themes: All

Users: CSOs

Threats: unclear

Support: unclear

EASTERN PARTNERSHIP CIVIL SOCIETY FORUM'S (EAP CSF) WORKING GROUP ON DEMOCRACY, HUMAN RIGHTS, GOOD GOVERNANCE AND STABILITY



WHAT IT IS/DOES...

The Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum (EaP CSF) is a unique multi-layered regional civil society platform aimed at promoting European integration, facilitating reforms and democratic transformations in the six Eastern Partnership countries - Azerbaijan, Armenia, Belarus, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine.

The mission of the EaP CSF is to strengthen civil society in the region and to foster cooperation and the exchange of experiences between organisations of the Eastern Partnership countries as well as the EU. The EaP CSF strives to boost pluralism in public discourse and policy making by holding governments accountable and by promoting fundamental freedoms, participatory democracy and human rights.

The Working Group on Democracy, Human Rights, Good Governance and Stability is the largest of Civil Society Forums's five Working Groups, with over 80 participants attending their most recent meeting in June 2014. The Working Group is further divided into eight Subdivisions: Public Administration Reform, Fight Against Corruption, Visa Facilitation, Media, Human Rights, Election Monitoring, Judiciary Reform, Regional Cooperation and Confidence Building, and Minority Rights. Activities differ between the various subdivisions, but the most common activities are lobbying governments, monitoring their commitments, training local public officials, and developing mechanisms to institutionalize civil society input into reform processes.



WHICH COUNTRIES BENEFIT...

The six Eastern Partnership countries - Azerbaijan, Armenia, Belarus, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine; and the EU.



HOW TO ENGAGE...

Membership of the EaP CSF is open to all civil society organisations within the Partner countries and civil society organisations in EU member states that are active in the Partner countries. This can include grassroots organisations, trade unions, farmers' and consumers organisations, think tanks, employers' organisations, professional associations, non-profit organisations, faith-based organisations, non-profit foundations, national and international civil society organisations/networks and other relevant civil society organisations across the Partner countries and EU Member States.

Applicants for Forum membership should be based in an EU country or in one of the six Partner countries and be engaged in at least one of the issues on the Eastern Partnership agenda, and be willing and able to contribute actively to the Forum by participating in meetings, responding to requests for input, drafting discussion papers, and similar activities.

All organisations that have taken part in the annual Forum event become Forum members. Nobody can exclude an organisation from the Forum unless the organisation itself announces its withdrawal from the Forum. Exception will be where the Steering Committee decides that an organisation is bringing the Forum into disrepute by actively working against the core values and principles of the Forum (a decision which can be revoked by appeal to the whole Forum).

Further information on how to participate can be found here: <http://eap-csf.eu/en/about-eap-csf/how-to-participate/>



ACTION STEPS...

1. Contact the Working Group 1 coordinators.
2. Consult the list of subgroups online for additional contact information relevant to your field/issue.
3. Consider applying for membership if you meet the qualifications.



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TAGS:

Countries: Azerbaijan, Armenia, Belarus, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine

Themes: Public Administration Reform, Fight Against Corruption, Visa Facilitation, Media, Human Rights, Election Monitoring, Judiciary Reform, Regional Cooperation and Confidence Building, and Minority Rights

Users: CSOs

Threats: unclear

Support: Platform, technical expertise, legal advice

EUROPEAN MOVEMENT INTERNATIONAL



WHAT IT IS/DOES...

EMI is the largest pan-European civil society network, founded 1948 to promote European political, economic and social integration. Its goal is to “contribute to the establishment of a united, federal Europe founded on the principles of peace, democracy, liberty, solidarity, and respect for basic human rights. It seeks to provide a structure to encourage and facilitate the active participation of citizens and civil society organisations in the development of a united Europe.”

The priority policy areas of the EMI Political Committee on More Democracy, Citizens’ Rights and Freedom include:

Bridging the gap between citizens and representative associations, and the EU

- Improving democratic governance and legitimacy in the EU (namely through “Europe+”)
- Fostering citizenship and citizens’ participation at the EU level
- Promoting civil society organisations and civil dialogue at all levels (Article 11)
- Promoting debate and the consolidation of a European public sphere
- Enhancing partnership in the EU decision-making process within all levels of government
- Promoting transparency of decision-making procedures and lobbying activities at all levels

Promoting European values and European unity

- Defending the “four freedoms” and promoting fundamental rights
- Promoting pluralism, and freedom of media and expression
- Promoting a Common European Immigration and Asylum Policy
- Fighting against all forms of discrimination, nationalism and euroscepticism



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CONTINUED... EUROPEAN MOVEMENT INTERNATIONAL



WHICH COUNTRIES BENEFIT...

Membership in EMI consists of 34 international associations (CSOs, political parties, trade and labor unions, and interest groups), 38 National Councils (national-level chapters), and three supporting members. According to EMI, this diversified membership reflects a conscious decision to “welcome all types of cultural, political, economic and social orientations at the heart of the European Movement.” EMI’s large geographic scope allows it to connect those working in the EU with groups from the Balkans, Turkey and the Caucasus. An initiative is currently underway to further engage Ukrainian groups to build on the pro-European momentum the country has experienced in the wake of its recent revolution.



HOW TO ENGAGE...

As a member of the European Movement International, you will be able to:

- attend all the statutory meetings, and all content-based exclusive events;
- vote, both to elect (or be elected to) the leadership of the network and to decide upon the work plan and adopt the opinions/statements of the European Movement International;
- access our network of members, including the main European Political Parties and other influential civil society organisations;
- work closely with others in our network to drive forward European campaigns and share knowledge;
- assume agenda setting capacities and with it the ability to develop the European project.



ACTION STEPS...

1. Consider becoming a member: <http://europeanmovement.eu/members/how-to-become-a-member/>



TAGS:

Themes: Human Rights, Democracy-building,

Users: CSOs, INGOs

Threats: unclear

Support: Platform,

UNION OF SOUTH AMERICAN NATIONS (UNASUR)



WHAT IT IS/DOES...

The UNASUR is a regional organisation integrating two existing customs unions: Mercosur and the Andean Community of Nations, as part of a continuing process of South American integration. It is modeled after the European Union.

It acts as a forum for interaction between member-country leaders and also serves as a platform for interregional trade promotion.

See their list of 21 specific goals: <http://www.unasursg.org/en/node/180>



WHICH COUNTRIES BENEFIT...

Members of the Union of South American Nations states: Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay, Venezuela, Chile, Guyana, Suriname.



HOW TO ENGAGE...

Member heads of state elect a secretary general who serves a two year term as the body's leader. The SG helps the group carry out its duties. The SG, along with three main committees form four main organs of the UNASUR: Council of Heads of State, Council of Foreign Affairs Ministers, Council of Delegates.

Member states also elect a president pro-tempore each year who resides over meetings and represents the organisation internationally.

Four representatives from each member country are required to sit on the Electoral Council.

No clear information on how to engage with UNASUR as an individual or CSO.



ACTION STEPS...

1. Contact one of the representatives from your country that sits on the Electoral Council.
2. Contact the organisation by emailing the Secretary General's office or filling out the online contact form.



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TAGS:

Countries: Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay, Venezuela, Chile, Guyana, Suriname

EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS (ECHR) & EUROPEAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS (ECTHR)



WHAT IT IS/DOES...

The European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR) (formally the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms) is an international treaty to protect human rights and fundamental freedoms in Europe, which entered into force in September 1953. The Convention established the European Court of Human Rights (ECTHR), based in Strasbourg, France. Any person who feels his or her rights have been violated under the Convention by a state party can take a case to the Court.

PDF of the Convention: http://www.echr.coe.int/Documents/Convention_ENG.pdf



WHICH COUNTRIES BENEFIT...

Applications by individuals against contracting states, alleging that the state violates their rights under the European Convention on Human Rights, can be made by any person, non-governmental organisation or group of individuals. Although the official languages of the Court are English and French applications may be submitted in any one of the official languages of the contracting states. An application has to be made in writing and signed by the applicant or by the applicant's representative. [5] Once registered with the Court, the case is assigned to a judge rapporteur, who can make the final decision that the case is inadmissible. A case may be inadmissible when it is incompatible with the requirements of *ratione materiae*, *ratione temporis* or *ratione personae*, or if the case cannot be proceeded with on formal grounds, such as non-exhaustion of domestic remedies, lapse of the six months from the last internal decision complained of, anonymity, substantial identity with a matter already submitted to the Court, or with another procedure of international investigation. If the rapporteur judge decides that the case can proceed, the case is referred to a Chamber of the Court which, unless it decides that the application is inadmissible, communicates the case to the government of the state against which the application is made, asking the government to present its observations on the case. The Chamber of Court then deliberates and judges the case on its admissibility and its merit. Cases which raise serious questions of interpretation and application of the European Convention on Human Rights, a serious issue of general importance, or which may depart from previous case law can be heard in the Grand Chamber if all parties to the case agree to the Chamber of the Court relinquishing jurisdiction to the Grand Chamber. A panel of five judges decides whether the Grand Chamber accepts the referral.



ACTION STEPS...

1. Before applying to the Court, be sure that all your local options have been exhausted first.
2. Review this pamphlet for information on how to apply and how your application will be processed:
http://www.echr.coe.int/Documents/Your_Application_ENG.pdf
3. Fill in the application form: http://www.echr.coe.int/Documents/Application_Form_ENG.pdf
4. Important notes about filling in the form: http://www.echr.coe.int/Documents/Application_Notes_ENG.pdf
5. Common mistakes to avoid: http://www.echr.coe.int/Documents/Applicant_common_mistakes_ENG.pdf

*Keep in mind that the admissibility/review process takes many months.



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Via web form: <http://appform.echr.coe.int/echrrequest/request.aspx?lang=gb>
<http://www.echr.coe.int/Pages/home.aspx?p=home>



YouTube: /user/EuropeanCourt



TAGS:

Countries: All European countries

UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN



WHAT IT IS/DOES...

The Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) is the principal, annual global intergovernmental body exclusively dedicated to the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women. A functional commission of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), it was established by Council resolution 11(II) of 21 June 1946.

The CSW is instrumental in promoting women's rights, documenting the reality of women's lives throughout the world, and shaping global standards on gender equality and the empowerment of women. CSW meets for two weeks during March.

The active participation of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) is a critical element in the work of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) and in 2017, over 3000 NGOs participated. NGOs have been influential in shaping the current global policy framework on women's empowerment and gender equality: the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action. They continue to play an important role in holding international and national leaders accountable for the commitments they made in the Platform for Action.

UN Women facilitates the participation of NGOs in sessions of the CSW who both can hold parallel events related to the topic of CSW but also influence the Agreed Conclusions, which is the outcome documents of the negotiations at CSW. NGOs that are accredited to and in good standing with or invited by accredited organisations to the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) may designate representatives to attend the annual sessions of the CSW.



WHICH COUNTRIES BENEFIT...

All member states of the United Nations



NGOs interested in or working on gender equality and women's and girls' rights can take part in the CSW to highlight topics of importance to them. This can be done through hosting a parallel event as civil society and invite other civil society actors, governments, private sector or UN agencies to participate. To host a parallel events, NGOs must apply to NGO CSW, which is an institution that organises the participation of civil society at CSW and dedicates time, date and location of parallel event based on applications from NGOs (<https://www.ngocsw.org/>). Parallel events take place outside of UN Headquarter in locations close by such as the UN Church Center. Civil society can also host side events together with governments or UN agencies, which will be held inside of the UNHQ. The deadline for applying to host a parallel events is beginning of December the year prior to the CSW (three months before). In order to do that, NGOs must coordinate with governments well in advance. Civil society can also focus on influencing the outcome document of the CSW, which is called the Agreed Conclusions and the result of negotiations prior to CSW and during the two weeks of the CSW. Normally, the dedicated ministry for gender equality from each member state of the UN will send their minister or staff for the first week of CSW and then the negotiations will be finalised during the second week by staff from the member states' missions to the UN. NGOs are often part of alliances of civil society organisations working on gender equality at the CSW to influence the negotiations as a group rather than individuals. Two of these alliances are the Women's Major Group and the Women's Rights Caucus.



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Website: <http://www.unwomen.org/en/csw>

CONTINUED... UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN



ACTION STEPS...

1. Decide whether you want to go to CSW and whether you want to do a side event or just participate. Consider whether you would like to be part of the official government delegation from your country, which invites a number of CSOs to be part of their country delegation.
2. Secure funding for your CSW participation. Several organisations provide funding but do also consider asking CSOs or agencies you already cooperate with.
3. Register your side event in the beginning of December through <https://www.ngocsw.org/>. Criteria for registration is that the topic of the side event must be linked to or fall under the topic of CSW that year (see the topic of CSW on the same website as above). Note that if you are more CSOs registering together, the chance is greater that you will be given a good date and location (it is best to have the event during the first week of CSW because that's when most government officials and CSOs are attending).
4. If you do not have ECOSOC accreditation, find a partner CSO that can accreditate you by registering you through their list of participants, which maximum can hold 20 people per organisation. make sure to have all participants from your organisation registered if you would like for them to enter the UNHQ. It is possible to still have a good CSW without entering the UNHQ (in case you are not registered) because all side events by CSOs take part outside of UNHQ.
5. Make sure to apply for a visa to the U.S. well in advance of the CSW. At least allow a month for processing time but the earlier you apply the better. If you face issues achieving a visa, you can contact UN Women and ask them to contact the U.S. embassy in your country to underline the importance of your attendance at the CSW.
6. Make sure to book a hotel room close to the UNHQ well in advance of the CSW because many of the hotels will be fully booked with CSO representatives.
7. Before going to the CSW, make sure to look through the programme of side events and parallel events posted at <https://www.ngocsw.org/> and <https://www.unwomen.org/en/csw>. This will give you an overview of what events to go to and make a plan because many events will take place at the same time.
8. Make sure to set up advocacy meetings with government officials if you have recommendations to the Agreed Conclusions. The zero draft of the agreed conclusions will be published around a week before CSW. You can set up meetings with governments during CSW either before going or while you're there. It will be a good idea to prepare a small advocacy document (maximum 2-3 pages) with your recommendations to the topic.
9. Consider whether you want to take part in an alliance of CSOs such as the Women's Major Group or the Women's Rights Caucus, which you can look up through Google and apply for free membership. You can also contact CIVICUS for questions on this. This will potentially give you a stronger advocacy voice though joint actions and coordination.
10. Consider to tweet and post on other social media platforms while attending events during CSW to also contribute to the online dialogue, which CSOs from around the world not present at CSW can take part in.
11. Check UN Women's website regularly during CSW do know the latest updates from negotiations.



TAGS:

Countries: All UN member states
All thematic areas
Civil Society Organisations, Human Rights Defenders, All users
All threats
Platform, International investigations, Interventions

UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL



WHAT IT IS/DOES...

The Human Rights Council is an inter-governmental body within the United Nations system made up of 47 States responsible for the promotion and protection of all human rights around the globe.

International human rights standards provide a global framework that enables civic organizations to advocate for the realization of internationally agreed norms. These standards not only legitimize civic organizations' activities, but also provide a useful platform to independently monitor and report on governments' human rights obligations. International human rights mechanisms have emerged as an essential platform from which to advocate for a more enabling environment for civil society. In particularly restrictive contexts, the UN human rights bodies like the UNHRC provide a crucial entry point for national civil society groups to raise awareness and dialogue about sensitive issues.



WHICH COUNTRIES BENEFIT...

All member states of the United Nations



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<https://plus.google.com/u/0/+unitednationshumanrights/posts>

<https://www.youtube.com/user/UNOHCHR>

<https://storify.com/UNrightswire>



www.unasurgsg.org/es/contactenos

www.unasurgsg.org



Twitter: @unrightswire

Facebook: /unitednationshumanrights



HOW TO ENGAGE...

There are two avenues via which the UN human rights mechanisms can protect civil society space:

1. Documentation about obstacles, threats to civil society space, and good practices. Documentation about human rights situations forms the basis for interventions by UN human rights mechanisms. Well-documented and verified information by CSAs makes a strong case for action, is more credible and persuasive, difficult to refute, and an effective way to promote and protect human rights. CSAs are invited to share documentation (e.g. accurate, factual information, careful analyses, and concrete recommendations) about obstacles, threats to civil society factors and their space to work, as well as to convey good practices to UN human rights Special Procedures and mechanisms.
2. Using available space. CSAs are invited to use opportunities for participation in international conferences and meetings, or visits of experts. Opportunities are available through submissions, organization of briefings, and networking among participants to raise awareness about civil society space issues, as well as share recommendations and successful strategies.



ACTION STEPS...

1. Collect as much documentation as possible about the issue you face.
2. Contact the UNHRC using the email above and explain your situation.
3. Connect with civil society umbrella organisations in order to amplify your voice at international conferences and meetings.



TAGS:

Countries: All UN member states

All thematic areas

Civil Society Organisations, Human Rights Defenders, All users

All threats

Platform, International investigations, Intervention

COMMUNITY OF DEMOCRACIES



WHAT IT IS/DOES...

The Working Group for the Community of Democracies consists of 13 member states, 4 CSO (CIVICUS, ICNL, Article19 and WMD) and 3 advisory organisations. The group seeks to protect and expand shrinking civil society space and operates through quiet diplomacy using tools such as 'calls for action', providing technical assistance (legal advice etc) and Awareness campaigns.



WHICH COUNTRIES BENEFIT...

The WGEPCS is focused on protecting and promoting an enabling legal environment for civil society in all countries around the world; it does not focus on a particular country or region.



HOW TO ENGAGE...

You can Alert the WG to issues you are facing in your country by contacting the WG or one of the member organisations. Operationally, the WGEPCS monitors the development of restrictive legislation and responds on a case-by-case basis in instances where it is deemed that WGEPCS actions are both warranted and likely to have a positive effect on a draft restrictive law's trajectory. Wherever possible, the WGEPCS encourages constructive engagement with governments, civil society groups and other stakeholders aimed at promoting the adoption of enabling legal frameworks for civil society.



ACTION STEPS...

1. Contact the WG or one of the member organisations.
2. Explain to them the issue you are facing in your country, regarding draft restrictive legislation, and provide any necessary documents.
3. Suggest collaboration on a "call for action", an awareness campaign, or request technical or legal advice.



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<http://www.echr.coe.int/Pages/home.aspx?p=home>



YouTube: /user/

CommunityofDemocracies

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TAGS:

Countries: Freedom of Expression, Association and Assembly

CSOs, human rights defenders, journalists, online activists, whistle-blowers

Restrictive legislation, Misuse of laws and regulations, All types of threats

Legal advice, Technical assistance, Platform

OPEN GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP



WHAT IT IS/DOES...

The Open Government Partnership is a multilateral initiative, launched in 2011, that aims to secure concrete commitments from governments to promote transparency and accountability in government functioning, empower citizens, fight corruption, and harness new technologies to strengthen governance. In the spirit of multi-stakeholder collaboration, OGP is overseen by a steering committee of governments and civil society organizations.

The OGP now has 75 participating countries where government and civil society work together to set open government policy priorities across different sectors, develop and implement ambitious reforms, that are then evaluated by OGP's Independent Reporting Mechanism.



WHICH COUNTRIES BENEFIT...

In order to join the partnership, a country needs to meet a set of 4 eligibility criteria. For eligibility and list of countries: <http://www.opengovpartnership.org/how-it-works/eligibility-criteria>



HOW TO ENGAGE...

OGP participating countries will co-create a National Action Plan (NAP) with civil society. Action plans should cover a two-year period and consist of a set of commitments covering diverse sectors that advance government transparency, accountability, and citizen participation

See more at: <http://www.opengovpartnership.org>

The Civil Society Engagement team (CSE) works to broaden, strengthen and engage a strong civil society network around OGP, both at the national and international level. The emphasis of the CSE is to strategically support the in-country dynamic by working with national civil society actors to help them make better use of OGP for achieving their objectives (in all three phases: design, implementation and monitoring of the National Action Plans).



ACTION STEPS...

1. Check whether your country is a member of OGP.
2. Contact the OGP to express interest in either becoming a partner to promote a specific thematic issue across different countries, and/or
3. Engage in the OGP process at the national level to deliver on your advocacy priorities



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Facebook: /OpenGovernmentPartnership

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ursu7GP85qs>



TAGS:

Countries: 66 Countries

Freedom of Expression, Association and Assembly, Good governance,

Civil Society Organisations, All users

Restrictive legislation

Legal advice, Technical assistance, Platform

INDICATOR 2 OF THE BUSAN AGREEMENT OR GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FOR EFFECTIVE DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION (GPEDC)



WHAT IT IS/DOES...

The Global Partnership, created at the Fourth High-Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness in Busan in 2011, is an inclusive political forum bringing together governments, bilateral and multilateral organisations, civil society and representatives from parliaments and the private sector, committed to strengthening the effectiveness of development co-operation to produce maximum impact for development.

The Global Partnership also tracks progress in the implementation of Busan commitments for more effective development co-operation, through its monitoring framework comprised of a set of 10 indicators, with most targets set for 2015. These indicators focus on strengthening developing country institutions, increasing transparency and predictability of development co-operation, enhancing gender equality, as well as supporting greater involvement of civil society, parliaments and private sector in development efforts.

A joint OECD / UNDP team provides support to the Co-Chairs of the Global Partnership and the Global Partnership Steering Committee



WHICH COUNTRIES BENEFIT...

All



HOW TO ENGAGE...

Indicator 2: Civil society operates within an environment which maximises its engagement in and contribution to development

The Busan Partnership agreement called on stakeholders to “implement fully [their] respective commitments to enable CSOs to exercise their roles as independent development actors, with a particular focus on an enabling environment, consistent with agreed international rights, that maximises the contributions of CSOs to development” (§22a).

In the Busan Partnership agreement stakeholders also “encourage CSOs to implement practices that strengthen their accountability and their contribution to development effectiveness, guided by the Istanbul Principles and the International Framework for CSO Development Effectiveness” (§22b).



ACTION STEPS...

1. Familiarize yourself with the Busan Agreement (see link to the text in the sidebar) and its Indicators and Monitoring programme.
2. If you would like to get involved with the Global Partnership, contact info@effectivecooperation.org.
3. To request an invitation to the Global Partnership online community space please contact: community@effectivecooperation.org.



CONTACT DETAILS:

Email: info@effectivecooperation.org



<http://effectivecooperation.org/wordpress/about/>

<http://effectivecooperation.org/about/global-monitoring-framework/>



YouTube: [/user/TheGlobalPartnership](https://www.youtube.com/user/TheGlobalPartnership)

Twitter: [@DevCooperation](https://twitter.com/DevCooperation)

Facebook: [/DevCooperation](https://www.facebook.com/DevCooperation)

Full text of Busan Agreement: http://effectivecooperation.org/files/OUTCOME_DOCUMENT_-_FINAL_EN.pdf

Highlights: <http://www.oecd.org/dac/effectiveness/Busan%20partnership.pdf>

HUMAN RIGHTS UNIT IN THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT



WHAT IT IS/DOES...

The HRU is a free-standing unit that reports directly to the Secretary General. It is a small unit with a small budget: only 3 staff members. The HRU focuses on integrating human rights work into all areas of the Secretariat's work, developing programmes related to the promotion and protection of human rights, publishing information on human rights developments, working on human rights issues with gov and NGOs, and providing advice to the Secretary-General .



WHICH COUNTRIES BENEFIT...

Member countries (53) of the commonwealth found at www.commonwealthofnations.org/country/



HOW TO ENGAGE...

There is no clear mechanism as to how to engage the HRU other than emailing them, however since they are a small unit with limited resources it is uncertain how much assistance they will be able to provide.



ACTION STEPS...

1. Contact the HRU via email, and explain your situation to them.
2. Collect and provide as much documentation as necessary.
3. Follow their advice about who else to contact if they cannot assist you.



CONTACT DETAILS:

info@humanrightsinitiative.org



www.humanrightsinitiative.org/cwhr/comsec/comsec.htm

www.commonwealthofnations.org/commonwealth-in-action/human-rights/



TAGS:

Countries: Africa: Botswana, Cameroon, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, Twanda, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Swaziland, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia

Asia: Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, India, Malaysia, Maldives, Pakistan, Singapore, Sri Lanka

Caribbean and Americas: Antigua and Barbuda, The Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Canada, Cominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Saint Lucia, St Kitts and Nevis, St Vincent and The Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago

Europe: Cyprus, Malta, United Kingdom

Pacific: Australis, Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu

Themes: All

Users: CSOs, INGOs, All

Threats: All

Support: Platform, Legal advic

ORGANISATION INTERNATIONALE DE LA FRANCOPHONIE (OIF)



WHAT IT IS/DOES...

OIF represents all French-speaking populations all over the world. It organises political activities and actions of multilateral cooperations that benefit French-speaking populations. Its actions respect cultural and linguistic diversity and serve to promote the French language, peace and sustainable development.

OIF has a Delegation and a specific fund for French-speaking initiatives in favour of democracy, human rights and peace, which supports public, private and civil society projects.



WHICH COUNTRIES BENEFIT...

All French-speaking linguistic zones.

57 Member States and Governments, 23 Observers.



HOW TO ENGAGE...

The OIF has five operating agencies to carry out its mandate:

1. l'Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie
2. TV5Monde
3. l'Association Internationale des Maires Francophonie
4. l'Association des Fonctionnaires Francophones des Organisations Internationales
5. l'Université Senghor d'Alexandrie

No clear English information is available as to how to engage these agencies.



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TAGS:

57 Member States and Governments:
Albania, Principality of Andorra, Armenia, Kingdom of Belgium, French Community of Belgium, Benin, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Canada-New-Brunswick, Canada-Quebec, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Congo, , Cyprus, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominica, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, France, Gabon, Ghana, Greece, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Ivory Coast, Laos, Lebanon, Luxembourg, former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Madagascar, Mali, Morocco, Mauritius, Mauritania, Moldova, Monaco, Niger, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, São Tomé and Príncipe, Senegal, Seychelles, Switzerland, Togo, Tunisia, Vanuatu, Vietnam.

23 Observers:

Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Costa Rica, Croatia, Czech Republic, Dominican Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Hungary, Kosovo, Latvia, Lithuania, Mexico, Montenegro, Mozambique, Poland, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Thailand, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, Uruguay.

Themes: All

Users: All Threats: Unclear

Support: Platform, Unclear

INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS FUNDERS GROUP



WHAT IT IS/DOES...

The International Human Rights Funders Group is a global network of donors and grantmakers committed to advancing human rights around the world through effective philanthropy.



WHICH COUNTRIES BENEFIT...

Global



HOW TO ENGAGE...

IHRFG maintains a large online Resource Archive as well as several directories and online databases of resources for human rights defenders.

Resource archive: <https://ihrfg.org/resource-archive>

Funder Directory: <https://www.ihrfg.org/funder-directory-search>

Directory of Emergency/Rapid Response Grants: https://ihrfg.org/sites/default/files/Directory_EmergencyResponseGrants_2015.pdf

Rest and Respite Programs: https://ihrfg.org/sites/default/files/Directory_RestRespitePrograms_2014.pdf



ACTION STEPS...

1. Utilize the IHRFG's directories listed above.
2. Consult the list of resources specifically for Human Rights Defenders: <https://ihrfg.org/human-rights-defenders>
3. Consult the list of grant-making Member Affinity Groups: <https://ihrfg.org/index.php?q=resources/grantmakers/member-affinity-groups>. Also see this list of resources for grant seekers: <https://ihrfg.org/index.php?q=resources/grantseekers>



CONTACT DETAILS:



TAGS:



WHAT IT IS/DOES...

Lifeline serves as a mechanism for mobilising quick, principled and effective responses to events that threaten civil society's fundamental rights to collectively express, associate and organise. It provides small grants to mainly national civil society organisations for time-bound urgent advocacy activities.



WHICH COUNTRIES BENEFIT...

Lifeline provides support to civil society organisations around the world that are working in situations of threatened civil society existence and general clamp down of civil society, allowing them to apply for funding to support campaigns and advocacy action aimed at addressing the imminent threats and challenges they face in their countries or regions.



HOW TO ENGAGE...

Lifeline will provide small grants mainly to national civil society organisations for time-bound urgent advocacy activities including, but not limited to:

- Convening of working groups of local, regional and international civil society to address the crisis
- Supporting civil society representatives from the ground in advocacy at international and regional forums
- Submissions of reports to the human rights monitoring bodies of regional and international institutions
- Solidarity visits or missions by international high level officials and/or celebrities
- Networking regionally with other civil societies under siege to exchange best practices and share legal expertise
- Regional and International advocacy campaigns directed at regional and international bodies
- Fact-finding and publication of reports
- Technical assistance for the analysis of pending or existing repressive legislation
- National workshops to discuss and plan advocacy strategies, such as to repeal restrictive legislation
- Training for organisations on the ground, such as in digital safety and privacy
- Public advocacy campaigns within countries where civil society struggles under repression



ACTION STEPS...

1. Visit the website for more details about how to apply for the Lifeline
2. Read the Guidelines and Protocols
3. Complete a fund budget, and the application form



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SILC: lifeline@silc.se
ICNL: lifeline@icnl.org

Freedom House (emergency grants):
info@csolifeline.org



<http://civicus.org/index.php/en/get-involved-128/about-the-crisis-response-fund>

NGO UMBRELLA ORGANISATIONS



WHAT IT IS/DOES...

Smaller organisations have the ability to go through umbrella organisations in their country/region to protect themselves from potential reprisals. For example, there are umbrella organisations who have representation at the AU, EU and the UN who are able to make statements on behalf of activists/organisations under threat. These activists/organisations are able to voice their concerns/pleas while remaining anonymous.



WHICH COUNTRIES BENEFIT...

Umbrella bodies generally provide assistance to a wide range of smaller member organisations in their country, on a thematic or geographic basis.



HOW TO ENGAGE...

Well documented concerns/events can be sent to umbrella organisations who are identified in the region. They can also be identified by their status at international and/or regional bodies and their ability to make statements at these bodies such as the UNHRC or the ACHPR



ACTION STEPS...

1. Consult the websites to the right to find an NGO umbrella body in your country or region.
2. Contact them to voice your concerns about the threats you face.
3. Be sure to have the threats/challenges well-documented.



CONTACT DETAILS:

A Useful list of some Umbrella Organisations:



<http://www.widernet.org/portals/index.php?PortalID=28&PortalPageID=5233&view=public>

VENRO - Germany

<http://venro.org/english/whoweare/>

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL'S CAMPAIGNS PROGRAM RELIEF PROGRAM' AND AFRICA HRD PROGRAM AT AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL'S (AI'S) INTERNATIONAL SECRETARIAT



WHAT IT IS/DOES...

Amnesty International is a global movement of more than 3 million supporters, members and activists in more than 150 countries and territories who campaign to end grave abuses of human rights. Its vision is for every person to enjoy all the rights enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international human rights standards.

Defenders, death penalty, armed conflict, business and human rights, children's rights, counter-terrorism, discrimination, economic, social and cultural rights, freedom of expression, indigenous peoples, international justice, poverty, the rights of refugee, migrant and internally displaced people, sexual orientation and gender identity, and violence against women. Through its campaign to Stop Violence against Women, AI has developed and used campaign tools to highlight the profiles and cases of WHRDs.



WHICH COUNTRIES BENEFIT...

Global assistance in:

Urgent appeals, Solidarity and communication strategies
Advocacy with regional and international organisations,
Legal Assistance and Trial Observation
Temporary relocation and Emergency support,
Grants and relief programs
Digital Security
Training for WHRDS



HOW TO ENGAGE...

Each support mechanism offered by AI has it's own link that will guide user to correct contact point.



ACTION STEPS...

<http://urgent-responses.awid.org/WHRD/list-of-all-organizations/amnesty-international-ai/>



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What is Amnesty International?

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INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS (FIDH)



WHAT IT IS/DOES...

In 1997, in partnership with the World Organisation Against Torture (OMCT), the International Federation for Human Rights (known by its French acronym, FIDH) pioneered safeguarding human rights defenders by creating a unique programme devoted to this issue and entitled the Observatory for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders. FIDH's mission, through the work of the Observatory, is to take action in support of individuals, whatever their status, title or function, who are exposed to reprisals as a result of their human rights activities. The objective of FIDH is to ensure that the voices of non-profit organisation workers and campaigners, lawyers, journalists, trade unionists, rural and community leaders and ordinary citizens are heard, and that they are no longer left isolated and marginalised.



WHICH COUNTRIES BENEFIT...

Global



HOW TO ENGAGE...

FIDH offers two kinds of financial support to human rights defenders.

The first aims to enhance the capacity of local human rights defenders.

See: <https://www.fidh.org/en/issues/human-rights-defenders/financial-support/support-fund-to-enhance-the-capacity-of-local-human-rights-defenders>.

The second is a grant specifically for human rights defenders at risk.

See: <https://www.fidh.org/en/issues/human-rights-defenders/financial-support/grant-application-for-human-rights-defenders-at-risk>

The organisation also works globally on reinforcing mechanisms for the protection of human rights defenders, and also addresses shrinking civil society space.



ACTION STEPS...

1. Consider applying for the emergency assistance grant for HRDs at risk: https://www.fidh.org/IMG/pdf/form_emergencyassistance_hrd_eng.pdf. Also contact the organisation via phone or email (listed to the right).
2. Consider applying for the Support Fund to enhance local HRD capacity in your area: https://www.fidh.org/IMG/pdf/form_support.pdf



CONTACT DETAILS:

Emergency HRD grant

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<https://www.fidh.org/en/issues/human-rights-defenders/>



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Youtube: /user/blogfidh?feature=guide

Flickr: /photos/fidh-international-federation-for-human-rights/



TAGS:

Support: Urgent Appeals,

Mobilization of HRD "protection agents" such as media and the

international community, Monitoring missions, Material assistance, Legal assistance,

Medical assistance

FRONTLINE DEFENDERS



WHAT IT IS/DOES...

Front Line provides shelter to HRDs in Ireland or through its security grant program (an emergency temporary relocation program). Since 2006, Frontline, the Irish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Irish Department of Justice have a dedicated humanitarian visa scheme for HRDs. The aim of the scheme is to provide a fast-track approach to processing applications by recognised HRDs to travel to Ireland for short stays (three months maximum) for the purpose of respite because of temporary risks. A high degree of confidentiality is maintained around the scheme and individual cases given the circumstances involved. Front Line first and foremost seeks to find solutions for HRDs in their country of origin or in the region.

Front Line also runs a Security Grants programme



WHICH COUNTRIES BENEFIT...

Global



HOW TO ENGAGE...

Front Line Protection Coordinators are in contact with HRDs, work on their cases and verify with contacts on the ground that HRDs are actively working in a non-violent way on human rights work and are at risk. Front Line asks HRDs to identify desired feasible locations and to arrange logistics and apply for humanitarian visas.

'Security grants in an emergency situation: an application will be considered on an emergency basis where the applicant can show that the provision of the grant will contribute to addressing immediate threats to the lives or well-being of one or more human rights defenders. If the application falls within Front Line Defenders criteria for the provision of emergency funding for human rights defenders at imminent risk then small grants can be approved within 48 hours at the discretion of the Director. Please get in touch with our office directly.



ACTION STEPS...

1. If your situation is urgent, please call the emergency hotline (listed to the right).
2. If you prefer a secure/encrypted contact, use this online form: <https://www.frontlinedefenders.org/secure/comment.en.html>
3. Refer to this page for further information on Security Grants: <https://www.frontlinedefenders.org/security-grants-programme>
4. Here is a secure way to apply for the grant: <https://frontlinedefenders.org/secure/grant.php>



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<http://www.frontlinedefenders.org/>
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Twitter: @FrontLineHRD



TAGS:

Support: Rest and respite, Urgent appeals

Trial observation, Legal assistance, Medical assistance

Psychosocial counselling, Stress management, Emergency hotline, Grants/Relief program

DIGNITY FOR ALL



WHAT IT IS/DOES...

Dignity For All provides emergency funds, advocacy support, and security assistance to human rights defenders and civil society organizations under threat or attack due to their work for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) human rights. Dignity for All also supports targeted, time-bound advocacy campaigns to respond to threats or attacks on LGBTI human rights and human rights work, as well as assistance for individual victims or communities connected to funded advocacy campaigns. Security training is available to proactively assist organizations to continue their work more safely.



WHICH COUNTRIES BENEFIT...

Human rights defenders or civil society organizations are eligible for support if they have come under attack because of their work for LGBTI human rights. A human rights defender (HRD) is an individual who peacefully works to promote and protect human rights and fundamental freedoms. A civil society organization (CSO) is defined as an established group of two or more activists working together on human rights. A CSO does not need to be officially registered to be considered for support by Dignity for All, but must be able to document at least six months of activism.



HOW TO ENGAGE...

FUNDS: We review all applications to determine whether they meet the eligibility criteria (described above) and whether the requested funds are justified. The review process independently verifies the information provided by the applicant.

ADVOCACY: Contact a member organization of the Dignity Consortium with a proposal for an urgent, short-term advocacy activity designed to have a significant LGBTI human rights impact. Applications should provide specific information on the issue the planned activity will address its location and timeframe, and a detailed budget. Dignity for All cannot provide long-term programmatic support.

SECURITY: Contact a member organization of the Dignity Consortium with a request for security assistance, a description of the type of security training needed, and any current threats. Training may be conducted on-site or provided remotely via phone, Skype, or other means.



ACTION STEPS...

1. Determine what type of support you need from Dignity for all, and contact the Consortium (email listed to the right) with your proposal/request. Be sure that your situation is well-documented.



CONTACT DETAILS:

Apply for emergency support:
emergency.assistance.inquiries@gmail.com



<https://freedomhouse.org/program/dignity-all-lgbti-assistance-program#.VRU5Y46Ucp4>

EAST AND HORN OF AFRICA HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS PROJECT (EHAHRDP)



WHAT IT IS/DOES...

EHAHRDP serves as the Secretariat of The East and Horn of Africa Human Rights Defenders Network (EHAHRD-Net) representing more than 70 members, i.e. Human Rights Defenders (HRDs) and their organizations. The Network envisions a region in which the human rights of every citizen as stipulated in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) are respected and upheld. Its mission is to maximize the protection of HRDs working in the sub-region and to enhance the awareness of human rights work through linkages with national, regional and international like-minded entities.

As part of its Protection and Security Management Program, EHAHRDP aims to:

Provide emergency assistance and protection for HRDs at risk on a case by case basis;

Encourage and provide an opportunity for the HRDs at risk to continue with their work in a safe and secure way;

Ensure that the HRDs get security management and digital security training and are able to implement practical security measures aimed at improving their personal and professional safety;

Provide support and assistance with the immigration formalities and other legal procedures aimed at regularizing HRDs stay in the country where they have sought refuge;

Facilitate placements with like-minded organizations suitable to the skills of individual defenders seeking enhancement of their skills and orientation in their new environment;

Seek effective collaboration with other service providers in the protection of HRDs;

Work closely with human rights defenders and stakeholders in putting in place prevention measures to prevent/ mitigate situations where defenders are at risk;

Other types of support include Urgent protection needs, Rest and respite, Monitoring visits, Trial observation, Legal assistance, Medical assistance, and Psychosocial counselling.



WHICH COUNTRIES BENEFIT...

Burundi, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Somalia (together with Somaliland), South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda.



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<http://www.defenddefenders.org/>



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Youtube: /user/ehahrdp



HOW TO ENGAGE...

The EHAHRDP provides temporary shelter for human rights defenders as a last resort and also operates fellowship programmes at universities in Africa and out of Africa. EHAHRDP collaborates with EU delegations and embassies of EU members in Africa who provide funds to support part of their assistance to and relocation of human rights defenders. The shelter is planned together with member organizations and often set up in a neighbouring country so that the HRD can continue to travel back to their country of origin to work.

Their Security Management Program offers comprehensive and in-depth security management capacity building, including trainings, mentoring, security advice and follow up, for HRDs and their organisations.

The organisation also maintains an online listing of important resources and mechanisms for human rights defenders. See <https://www.defenddefenders.org/key-resources/>.



ACTION STEPS...

1. Consider becoming a member of EHAHRDP by visiting <https://www.defenddefenders.org/how-to-become-a-member/>.
 2. Consult the list of key resources for human rights defenders at <https://www.defenddefenders.org/key-resources/>.
- If you are one of the countries that specifically benefit from EHAHRDP's work, contact them with documentation explanation of your situation and the kinds of threats you face in your work.

SWEDISH INTERNATIONAL LIBERAL CENTRE (SILC)



WHAT IT IS/DOES...

The Swedish International Liberal Centre works for democracy, liberalism and human rights worldwide. SILC cooperates mainly with political parties, youth associations, women's organizations, human rights organizations and independent journalists.

Themes they work with: Election observation, Young influence, Women in politics, PR / Communications.

Visit here for more information about each of these themes <http://translate.google.com/translate?u=http%3A%2F%2Fsilc.se&sl=sv&tl=en&hl=&ie=UTF-8>



WHICH COUNTRIES BENEFIT...

The organisation focuses mainly on Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Serbia, and Cuba at the moment. However, they do help many more countries and their scope is not limited to just these few.



HOW TO ENGAGE...

The best way to engage with SILC is to become a democracy activist by joining the Silc Friends network. Members pay an annual €200 fee, and receive invitations to all SILC's seminars and events, have access to network initiatives, and have opportunities to meet and work with SILC partners.

For details, see: http://translate.googleusercontent.com/translate_c?depth=1&ie=UTF8&rurl=translate.google.com&sl=sv&tl=en&u=http://silc.se/silc-vanner/&usg=ALkJrhil54Xh0m1eFKuUE0TMpvivkZz1sw.



ACTION STEPS...

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PEOPLE IN NEED (PIN) CENTRE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACY



WHAT IT IS/DOES...

Based in the Czech Republic, People in Need was the first NGO from a post-communist country that started to assist victims of disasters, conflicts or human rights violations abroad. Today, the work focuses on four areas: relief and development aid, advocacy for human rights and democratic freedom, field social work, and education, awareness and information.

The PIN centre for human rights and democracy helps in the following specific ways:

- Assistance to human rights defenders and pro-democracy civic initiatives (i.e. material and technical assistance, trainings, small-grants, study trips and internships)
- Support to independent media and journalists in repressive environments, including trainings on video activism and advocacy
- Direct humanitarian aid and moral support to politically persecuted individuals and their families; short-term shelter stays for politically persecuted individuals
- Transfer of Central European know-how and experiences about the transition to democracy
- Advocating on behalf of local human rights defenders and activists working on the ground against authoritarian regimes, on both the Czech and EU level; cooperation with human rights organizations from other EU countries

Visit this link for a leaflet PDF with more information about the PIN Centre for Human Rights and Democracy: <https://www.clovektisni.cz/uploads/file/1396952021-letak%20130x230mm%20-%20CVT%20leden%202014-%20final.pdf>



WHICH COUNTRIES BENEFIT...

People in Need (PIN) works in several hard case countries still suffering under dictatorships or where the transition to democracy shares certain aspects that are similar to the Czech experience. PIN is currently running programmes with its partners in Belarus, Cuba, Egypt, Libya, Moldova (Transnistria), Myanmar, Russia and Ukraine.



HOW TO ENGAGE...

There is little clear information about how to engage with and seek support from PIN from the bottom up, other than basic contact information. However, PIN is also a member of the Lifeline Consortium, which provides emergency funding to human rights defenders and civil society actors under threat. (See Lifeline profile)

One way to support the organisation is by becoming a member of the PIN Club of Friends. For details, see <https://www.clovektisni.cz/en/want-to-help/the-people-in-need-club-of-friends>.



ACTION STEPS...

1. Contact the organisation and enquire about support work currently being done in your area.



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Youtube: [/user/peopleinnee](https://www.youtube.com/user/peopleinnee)

URGENT ACTION FUND FOR WOMEN'S HUMAN RIGHTS



WHAT IT IS/DOES...

Urgent Action Fund for Women's Human Rights provides support to women human rights defenders (WHRDs) and transgender human rights defenders (THRDs) working for justice, equality and peace. Working alongside its sister funds Urgent Action Fund-Africa and Urgent Action Fund-Latin America, Urgent Action Fund awards rapid response grants to WHRDs and THRDs working in countries around the world.



WHICH COUNTRIES BENEFIT...

Global



HOW TO ENGAGE...

Urgent Action Fund provides rapid response grants to support urgent needs of WHRDs and THRDs.



ACTION STEPS...

1. Apply to the Rapid Response Grantmaking program, which supports activists to make change and to protect themselves from immediate danger with funds of up to \$5,000: <https://urgentactionfund.org/apply-for-a-grant>
2. If applying for support in Africa, contact proposals@urgentactionfund-africa.or.ke
3. If applying for support in Latin America & the Spanish-speaking Caribbean, contact apoyos@fondoaccionurgente.org.co



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PROTECTDEFENDERS.EU



WHAT IT IS/DOES...

Protect Defenders.eu is the European Union Human Rights Defenders mechanism, formed to protect human rights defenders globally. ProtectDefenders.eu is led by a Consortium of twelve international human rights organizations.



WHICH COUNTRIES BENEFIT...

Global



HOW TO ENGAGE...

ProtectDefenders.eu works to support defenders through emergency support, temporary relocation grants and trainings. The mechanism also strengthens organizations through its grant-making programme..



ACTION STEPS...

1. Apply for an Emergency Grant: <https://www.protectdefenders.eu/en/form-c1.html>
2. Apply for a Temporary Relocation Grant: <https://www.protectdefenders.eu/en/support-defenders/html#>
3. Apply for a Grant For Support to Local HRDS Organizations: <https://www.protectdefenders.eu/en/form-c2.html>
4. Access online resources: <https://www.protectdefenders.eu/en/resources.html>



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Protection International

Peace Brigades International

EMHRF

Forum Asia

EHAHRDP

FREEDOM HOUSE



WHAT IT IS/DOES...

Freedom House is a global watchdog organization which advocates for greater political rights and civil liberties around the world. Through a combined approach of analysis, advocacy and action, Freedom House seeks to oppose oppression and support the struggle for freedom and democracy in countries across the globe. Freedom House also supports and empowers frontline human rights defenders and civic activists in their work



WHICH COUNTRIES BENEFIT...

Global



HOW TO ENGAGE...

Freedom House conducts programs in 30 countries in all regions of the world. Freedom House also offers global support through a series of emergency assistance programs: Emergency Assistance to Frontline Activists, the Lifeline Embattled CSO Assistance Fund and the Dignity for All: LGBTI Assistance Program.



ACTION STEPS...

1. Access programmatic information by region: <https://freedomhouse.org/programs>
2. Inquire about submitting an application for emergency assistance: emergency.assistance.inquiries@gmail.com
3. Apply for emergency assistance or advocacy grants through Lifeline: <https://www.csolifeline.org>



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Freedom House:

Protecting Human Rights Around the World: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dfwmzvlVPdc>

EUROMED RIGHTS



WHAT IT IS/DOES...

EuroMed Rights promotes networking, cooperation and development of partnerships between human rights NGOs, activists and wider civil society in the Euro-Mediterranean region. EuroMed Rights acts as a regional forum for human rights NGOs and a pool of expertise on promotion and protection of human rights in the region. EuroMed Rights aims at providing strategic financial assistance to regional, national and local human rights NGOs and institutes as well as individuals who promote, support, protect and monitor the observance of human rights in the South-Mediterranean region.

Financial support for HRDs comes from the Euro-Mediterranean Foundation of Support to Human Rights Defenders, which is closely linked to EuroMed Rights



WHICH COUNTRIES BENEFIT...

The support mechanism is aimed at defenders who pursue human rights activities in the following countries: Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Egypt, Lebanon, Jordan, Israel, Syria, and Palestine.

Special attention is devoted to the countries of the region where the needs are especially critical because of the regional context (Syria, Algeria, Tunisia and Egypt).

Projects with positive spill-over effects outside the region (for example in Europe and the Persian Gulf) may eventually receive funding if it is shown that they can have a positive impact on the situation of human rights defenders in the region.



HOW TO ENGAGE...

EuroMed Rights offers its member organizations capacity-building opportunities, access to human rights NGOs in thirty countries, a forum for NGO coordination and cooperation, increased protection where members or their work are at risk and dissemination of their work to a broad regional audience. Grants are allocated to human rights defenders in difficulty or at risk, for the specific purpose of allowing them to pursue their activities, as well as to small human rights organisations or groups with the aim of strengthening their capacities in implementing innovative activities in the region.



ACTION STEPS...

1. Become a EuroMed Member: <http://www.euromedrights.org/members/>
2. Apply for a grant through EMHRN by emailing in an application form found here: <http://www.emhrf.org/en/guidelinesemergency.php> (for emergencies) or from here: <http://www.emhrf.org/en/guidelinesstandard.php>
3. Consult EuroMed's e-library: <http://www.euromedrights.org/e-library>



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