

THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW AND THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS SYSTEM: RAISING THE BAR ON ACCOUNTABILITY

7-11 NOVEMBER 2022

GENEVA AND ONLINE

This training course – co-organized with UPR-Info – will explore the origin and evolution of the UPR and its functioning in Geneva. It will largely focus on the nature of implementation of the UPR recommendations at the national level. Using examples (including anecdotes from the experience of the lecturers) of different stages of implementation the course will provide hands-on exercises to demonstrate the new pathways the UPR is evolving for the realization of human rights.



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PROGRAMME

The course will cover the following issues:

- Locating the UPR within the UN human rights system including the UN treaty bodies, the work of the UN Special Procedures, and the thematic and country-based work of the UN Human Rights Council (HRC) and of the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR). Has the emergence of the UPR also increased the impact of the work of UN Special Procedures and the UN treaty bodies?
- The critical importance of the reporting process in the UPR – examples of national report, compilations from UN sources and the compilation of the stakeholder's reports (NHRI's and civil society reports)
- The politicization of the UN human rights council: Is there an impact on the content and functioning of the UPR?
- The critical advocacy role of national governments, NHRI's, civil society, UN agencies, academic bodies, national parliaments, diplomats and the media
- The inextricable link between the UPR and the SDGs: What tools are available at the international and national levels to make this link. Is a common reporting mechanism achievable? Can there be synergy in the implementation of both these sets of obligations on the ground?

And more on our website

METHODOLOGY

The course will be conducted in a participatory training mode with a combination of illustrated lectures and group exercises aimed at evolving practical documents to be used in the UPR process.

AUDIENCE

This training course is designed for staff of NGOs, research institutes, UN agencies (especially members with experience of fieldwork) and other

national and international organisations, members of NHRIs and representatives of governments and academia.

PROFESSORS AND LECTURERS

The training course will be led by Miloon Kothari, a renowned expert on human rights and social policy, with extensive teaching and training experience on the UN human rights system and the UPR. The course will include specific sessions by guest lecturers drawn from OHCHR, UN agencies, ambassadors from Permanent Missions in Geneva and Geneva-based NGOs including UPR-Info.

CERTIFICATION

Participants who successfully complete the training course receive a certificate of participation from the Geneva Academy.

IN GENEVA AND ONLINE

The course can be followed in Geneva or online.

APPLICATION DEADLINES AND FEE

Applications must be submitted via the online application form, available on our website.

Attendance in Geneva

The training fee for this five-day programme is **1,530 Swiss Francs** and includes tuition costs, course materials, 5 lunches, and refreshments during coffee breaks.

Discount for Online Attendance*

The training fee for those attending the course online is **1,250 Swiss Francs**.

Discount for PhD and Master Students*

There is a 30 percent discount for PhD and master students.

Deadlines:

- Application end with visa: **11 September 2022**
- Application end (without visa and online): **23 October 2022**

* These two discounts cannot be combined.