

Nineteenth Annual Meeting of Special Rapporteurs, Representatives, Independent Experts and Chairs of Working Groups of the Human Rights Council

Geneva, 11-15 June 2012
Palais Wilson, First floor conference room
Palais des Nations, Room XXII (for Thursday 14 June)

Draft Annotated Agenda

Item I: Organization of work

(a) Opening of the meeting

The Nineteenth Annual Meeting will be opened by the Chair of the Eighteenth Annual Meeting.

The Chief of the Special Procedures Branch will provide an update on events and activities of OHCHR and special procedures since the last annual meeting.

(b) Election of the Chair and Rapporteur of the Nineteenth Annual Meeting

Participants will elect the Chair and Rapporteur, who will have been nominated prior to the meeting, following a call for nominations in May.

As per previous practice, the incoming Chair will serve as the Chair of the Coordination Committee (CC), until the election of the Chair of the Twentieth Annual Meeting. The Rapporteur will serve as a member of the CC. The previous Chair will serve as ex-officio member of the CC.

(c) Adoption of the agenda and programme of work

Participants will discuss and adopt the agenda and programme of work.

(d) Endorsement of selection of three members of the Coordination Committee

On the last day of the meeting, participants will endorse the selection of three members of the CC by the Chair following expressions of interest and broad consultations.

(e) Adoption of the report of the Nineteenth Annual Meeting

Participants will adopt the report of the Nineteenth Annual Meeting presented by the Rapporteur on the last day of the meeting.

Documentation

- Draft Agenda
- Draft Annotated Agenda

- Draft Programme of work
- Report of the Nineteenth Annual Meeting (A/HRC/18/41)

Item II: Report of the Coordination Committee

The outgoing Coordination Committee Chair and Chair of the Eighteenth Annual Meeting, Farida Shaheed, will present the report and brief participants on the activities of the Coordination Committee in 2011-12, followed by an exchange of views. Participants will discuss the implementation of decisions and follow-up on issues that arose during the Eighteenth Annual Meeting.

Documentation

- Note by the Coordination Committee of Special Procedures on its activities since July 2011

Item III: Exchange of views with the High Commissioner

Participants will have the opportunity to exchange views with Navi Pillay, High Commissioner for Human Rights and Directors of the Human Rights Council and Special Procedures Division, the Field Operations and Technical Cooperation Division, the Research and Right to Development Division and the Human Rights Treaty Division. The Chief of the Policy, Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation Section and other senior staff of the Office will be in attendance.

Documentation

- OHCHR Management Plan 2012-13
- OHCHR Report 2011

Item IV: The Human Rights Council and the special procedures system

(a) Update on recent developments

Participants will discuss developments in the Human Rights Council impacting on the special procedures system.

Documentation

- Note by the OHCHR on developments at the Human Rights Council since July 2011

(b) Exchange of views with the President of the Human Rights Council

Participants will have an exchange of views with the President of the HRC, H.E. Ambassador Laura Dupuy Lasserre, Permanent Representative of Uruguay.

Documentation

- as above

Item V: Thematic Issues and Working Methods

(a) Thematic Issues:

- **Human rights mainstreaming,**

Mandate holders will have the opportunity to discuss with representatives of United Nations entities as well as OHCHR staff on their engagement with the special procedures including mainstreaming human rights in the framework of the United Nations Development Group. They will be invited to share experiences and good practices on the issue of human rights mainstreaming in the UN system.

Documentation

- Mainstreaming Human Rights for Better Development Impact and Coherence, UNDG Fact Sheet

- **Human rights in situations of conflict and natural disasters**

Mandate holders will have the opportunity to share experiences and good practices on the issue of human rights in situations of conflict and natural disasters.

(b) Working Methods

- **Enhancing follow-up and coordination**

Participants will be invited to discuss how to enhance the work of special procedures through improved follow-up and coordination, with a focus on coordination of country visit planning, thematic reports, communications, etc.

OHCHR will present the annual planning tool.

Documentation

- Note by the OHCHR on recent practices in follow-up to special procedures activities

- **Enhancing information-sharing**

Participants will have the opportunity to discuss enhancement of information sharing amongst each other and with the OHCHR. Mandate holders will exchange views on recent or planned joint activities or activities requiring coordination or system-wide action.

Participants will be invited to provide feedback on the new extranet for special procedures mandate holders and make suggestions for further improvement.

Documentation

- OHCHR Report 2011 – Human Rights Council and Special Procedures Division

(c) Practical & logistical issues

- **Q&A for Special Procedure Mandate Holders (frequently asked questions)**

The outgoing Chair of the CC will update the progress on *the Q&A for Special Procedure Mandate Holders (frequently asked questions)*, which has been developed in response to the need for additional guidance for mandate holders and OHCHR staff.

Documentation

- Draft Q&A for Special Procedure Mandate Holders (frequently asked questions)

- **Issues relating to the fulfillment of mandates**

Participants will have the opportunity to discuss recent developments in relation to conduct issues that may have been raised with regard to mandate-holders' actions.

- **External assistance and transparency of funding**

Participants will have the opportunity to discuss enhancing procedures for increased accountability with regard to funding of the work of their mandates, including through information-sharing. Disclosure of external support received will be discussed.

Documentation

- Internal Disclosure on External Support Received by Mandate Holders

Item VI: Consultation with stakeholders

(a) Exchange of views with States

Participants will have the opportunity to exchange views with States on the system of special procedures.

(b) Exchange of views with regional human rights mechanisms

Participants will have the opportunity to discuss follow-up to the roadmap adopted at the Dialogue between the Special Procedures Mandate-Holders of the UN Human Rights Council and the Africa Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights held in January 2012 in Addis Ababa. Representatives from the African Commission and OHCHR regional office in Addis Ababa will participate in the discussion.

Documentation

- Roadmap from the Dialogue between the Special Procedures Mandate-Holders of the UN Human Rights Council and the Africa Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights

(c) Exchange of views with civil society/non-governmental organizations

Participants will have the opportunity to exchange views with representatives of civil society on good practices and strategies for effective collaboration.

Documentation

- Working with the United Nations Human Rights Programme: A Handbook for Civil Society (OHCHR publication)

(d) Exchange of views with national human rights institutions

Participants will have the opportunity to exchange views with representatives of national human rights institutions on good practices and strategies for effective collaboration.