The National Recommendations Tracking Database

A digital information management tool for National Mechanisms for Follow-up and Review (NMRF)
The challenge

- Follow-up and reporting to human rights mechanisms involves a multitude of actors and a vast amount of information.

- The creation of a National Mechanism for Reporting and Follow-up offers an institutional solution to this problem...

- ...but the practical challenge of coordination and information management in day-to-day work remains.
Common practical challenges in the coordination of follow-up planning and reporting

- Processing a large number of complex recommendations and interlinked follow-up activities
- **Assigning responsibility** and **generating ownership** for implementation and status tracking
- Identifying the latest information on the **implementation status** of follow-up activities
- Agreeing on **standard operating procedures** for developing follow-up action plans and drafting reports
- Loss of **institutional memory** due to **staff turnover**
Introducing the National Recommendations Tracking Database

- A shared digital tool for the members of the NMRF to manage information and facilitate coordination in a central place
- Developed, hosted and maintained by OHCHR for Member States, customised according to national needs
- Integrating existing planning frameworks, institutional roles and responsibilities and standing procedures
- A central repository for:
  - Recommendations from human rights mechanisms
  - Implementation plans and activities
  - Institutional responsibilities and standard operating procedures
How does the National Recommendations Tracking Database support the follow-up and reporting process?

- **Import & cluster recommendations**
- **Plan follow-up activities**
- **Track implementation progress**
- **Extract & report**

+ alignment with the **Sustainable Development Goals**
Benefits of the National Recommendations Tracking Database

- **Making the link** across mechanisms, plans, institutions
- **Better coordination** across the government, breaking silos
- **Documented responsibilities** for follow-up and reporting
- **Continuous updating** of information in a central repository
- **Facilitated reporting** to the UN human rights mechanisms
- **Connection to OHCHR systems** to receive updates on recommendations, reporting obligations, etc.
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