The National Recommendations Tracking Database (NRTD)

A tool to support implementation of human rights recommendations by States

OHCHR Capacity Building Programme
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What is the National Recommendations Tracking Database (NRTD)?
- A generic database, consolidating the good practices from similar databases in, for example, Paraguay, Samoa or Uganda,

- offered by OHCHR to States for their individual customization

- to enhance States’ reporting and data collection capacity and to facilitate the implementation of the recommendations deriving from the UN human rights mechanisms, the Universal Periodic Review, the Special Procedures and the Treaty Bodies.
What are pre-requisites to using the NRTD?

The State should ideally

- Have established a National Mechanism for Reporting and Follow-up

- Have the capacity to manage information: (1) track issuance of recommendations/decisions by the human rights mechanisms (UPOR, Special Procedures and Treaty Bodies), (2) organize them and identify responsible entities for implementation; and (3) coordinate and manage information regarding the implementation of treaty provisions and recommendations

- Develop a Recommendations Implementation Plan
What is a Recommendations Implementation Plan?

An implementation plan lists clustered and prioritized recommendations, indicating:

- Responsible implementing agency
- Action
- Time frame
- Resources
- Indicators of implementation

It is fundamentally different from Nationaël Human Rights Action Plans in

- Process
- Coverage
- Flexibility
- Political intent
The NRTD is a Recommendations Implementation Plan (RiP) in a database!

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<th>Recommendation Implementation Plan</th>
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<td><strong>Recommendation from Human Rights Mechanism</strong></td>
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<td>(from Treaty Bodies, Universal Periodic Review, Special Procedures)</td>
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<td>- Redouble its efforts to reduce unemployment and poverty, thereby ensuring that each and every citizen can benefit from the fruits of the country’s impressive economic growth (UPR)</td>
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<td>- Provide vouchers or another system of subsidy to poor women located in rural settings to accommodate costs related to transportation and accommodation when seeking maternal health services (Special Rapporteur on Health)</td>
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<td>- Intensify its efforts to address the problem of birth registration since lack of birth registration makes children born in poor families vulnerable to other human rights violations, including human trafficking (UPR)</td>
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What are some features and the benefits of a National Recommendation Tracking Database?
Features of NRTD

- Automatic downloading of new recommendations received from all UN human rights mechanisms (from OHCHR’s Universal Human Rights Index database)
- Possibility to add recommendations from regional or national bodies
- Tagged automatically against human rights themes and SDG targets
- Available in English, French, Spanish, Arabic and Russian and with possibility of adaptation to local languages
- Data entry points at different levels of the recording process (e.g. with possibility to merge similar recommendations, record on implementation of similar recommendations),
- Entry of data by different users (with different user rights corresponding to their responsibilities)
- Integration of indicators to assist with the follow-up of recommendations to measure progress in implementation or realization of human rights
- Possibility to add other national level reference documents and action plans
Benefits of NRTD

- Strengthened State capacity and commitment in follow-up and monitoring
- Information is periodically updated on progress made and challenges faced
- Evaluation, review and/or development of legislation, public policies, plans and programs in accordance with the international commitments on human rights made by the State
- Increased transparency and accountability and thereby facilitates national dialogue
- Facilitates preparation of national reports to international human rights mechanisms and others, e.g. for Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs)

If public- Strengthened culture of human rights in the State, academia, civil society and the media
How to use the National Recommendations Tracking Database?
The Homepage

States can change the name and logo of the database and customize it to the State’s own language and its country-specific needs and national coordination processes.
Administration allows the State to add or edit:
- affected persons*,
- themes and clusters,
- mechanisms (or bodies),
- names and time spans of implementation plans,
- lead and implementing institutions,
- implementation status,
- currencies branding (to change the logo and the name of the database), etc.
State can importing and get the latest recommendations from the Universal Human Rights Index:
# Existing Implementation Plan:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>CLUSTER: Education</th>
<th>Human Rights Mechanism (Treaty Body, UPR, SP?)</th>
<th>Action/Activities (What do we already have in place to achieve this recommendation? What else do we plan to do to achieve this recommendation?)</th>
<th>Lead Ministry / agency (Who will take the leading role in ensuring that this action is done?)</th>
<th>Other gov actors and national stakeholders (Who else is important for us to achieve this)</th>
<th>Indicators (How will we know we have achieved our targets?)</th>
<th>Time Frame (When do we expect to complete activity)</th>
<th>International implementing partners (Including technical assistance)</th>
<th>Estimate budget</th>
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| • Ensure equal access to education for girls  
• Ensure that girls and young women have de facto equal access to all levels of education, including by eliminating the direct and indirect costs of schooling, providing incentives for parents to send their daughters to school and building appropriate sanitary facilities in schools | UPR  
CEDAW | • Conduct awareness raising campaigns targeting parents on the rights of girls to education;  
• Develop a programme providing incentives for parents to send their daughters to school  
• Conduct a study to determine where in the country and in which schools appropriate sanitary facilities for girls are needed; on develop on building plan, accordingly | Ministry of Education, Ministry of Gender Equality, Child Development and Family Welfare | Ministry of Construction, Transport and Infrastructure; parliament NGOs | • Number of awareness raising campaigns conducted and material distributed  
• Programme on incentives adopted and in force in at least 4 regions of the country  
• Study conducted and building plan developed and adopted  
• Budget to build the sanitary facilities approved | 2017-2020 | UNICEF, UNDP | TBD |
The NRTD Active Plan Template to be filled by the State:

1 Active Plans

12319 120.165 Pay particular attention to unaccompanied migrant children and undertake specific measures to ensure their adequate protection (Morocco)

- Affected Persons:
  - minors
  - general
- Themes:
  - 04 Migrants
  - A12 Acceptance of international norms
- Clusters:
- Related Documents:

Lead Institution

Supporting Institutions

Budget

Deadline for implementation of recommendation

Activities

Indicators

Remove from Plan  Re-Assign to another plan
Implementation Plan Summary

Each plan includes the affected person, themes and clusters as identified by the State, and the required activity, budget, timeline and indicators.

Recommendations assigned to plans

Lead and supporting institutions or entities*

* Lead and supporting institutions or entities are typically responsible for implementing the activities outlined in the plan.
Each Implementation Plan include a list of relevant activities, allocated budget, description, implementing and supporting institutions, completion date, and implementation status.
The NRTD system tracks recommendations that are yet to be assigned.

320 Non-assigned Recommendations

- A/HRC/26/4 (UPR, 2014)
- A/HRC/12/9 (UPR, 2009)
Search Filters
1. Basic Search:

- Allows searching by Theme, Mechanism/Body, Institution, Cluster, Affected Persons, Date
- Sorts results by recommendations, activity and indicator
2. Advanced Search

Allows to further filter results including by themes, affected persons, mechanism type, document type, Clusters, SDGs, UPR recommending State, UPR session, Indicators, plans etc.
Main Outputs
The information produced by the database can assist in producing the State reports to (International) Human Rights Mechanisms
Output 1: Reporting by Recommendation, Indicator or Activity

320 Recommendations

Recommendation name 1
Recommendation name 2
Recommendation name 3
Recommendation name 4
Recommendation name 5

Recommendation name 5

Lead Institutions:
- Lead Institution 1
- Lead Institution 2

Supporting Institutions:
- Supporting institution 1
- Supporting institution 2
- Supporting institution 3

Implementation report

Status

Completion date
4 Nov 2017

Cancel   Save Recommendations
### Thematic Cluster: Education

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<td>schooling, providing incentives for parents to send their daughters to</td>
<td>Ministry of Gender, Equality, Child Development and</td>
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<td>school and building appropriate sanitary facilities to schools.</td>
<td>family Welfare, Ministry of Construction, Transport and</td>
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<td>Source: <a href="https://www.ohchr.org/en/professionalinterest/docs/CEDAW/C/TUV/CO/2">CEDAW/C/TUV/CO/2</a></td>
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### Output 3: Summary by Recommending Body:

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- Activities: Status 1, Status 2, Status 3
- Recommendations: Not implemented, In implementation, Fully implemented
THANK YOU!

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