**Questionnaire**

**Access to justice for persons with albinism who are victims of discrimination and attacks**

**About**

The questionnaire below, addressed to Member States, organizations of persons with albinism and other stakeholders, is meant to assist the Independent Expert on the enjoyment of human rights by persons with albinism, Ikponwosa Ero, to develop a comprehensive report on **access to justice** for persons with albinism who are victims of attacks and discrimination. The report will be presented to the Human Rights Council.

**How to submit**

Submit complete questionnaires in either English, French, Portuguese or Spanish via email [albinism@ohchr.org](mailto:albinism@ohchr.org)

**Deadline**

The **deadline** for submissions is **31 May 2018**.

**Permission to publish**

Kindly indicate whether you have any objection to your response being made available on the UN webpage of the Independent Expert

**1. Challenges**

Describe **any challenges** to equal and effective access to justice for persons with albinism in your country.

**2. Support to victims and families**

**Detail any support that is in place** (provided by either the Government or non-governmental actors) **for persons with albinism who are victims of attacks and discrimination or their families in your country**. These include but is not limited to, psychological support, medical support, shelters, other forms of housing, witness and victim protection measures, livelihood or financial support and counselling.

**3. Legal aid**

1. **Specify whether free legal aid is available for victims. If not,** specify the types of support available to enable victims pursue effective and adequate remedies for their rights violations.
2. Please **specify which are the relevant legal provisions**, including the relevant text of the source of law, supporting legal aid

**4. Measures taken**

1. **Describe any legislative or administrative measures taken to facilitate access to Justice** for persons with albinism.
2. **Detail any other initiatives in place to remove barriers to accessing justice** (e.g. measures that facilitate access for persons with albinism living in remote communities; and measures to reduce cost).
3. **Describe any other initiative taken to promote** (directly or indirectly) **awareness on the rights of persons with albinism**, including on access to justice (e.g. training, , information through community radio).
4. **Describe any specific awareness-raising measures in this framework directed particularly towards persons with albinism, and towards law enforcement.**

**5. Offenses**

1. **Please list the offenses** under which cases of attacks and discrimination against persons with albinism are, and have been, prosecuted.
2. **Does your national legislation include offenses that would encompas**s trafficking or **possession of** **body** parts (not merely organs)?
3. **What is the maximum penalty for all relevant offences**, including discrimination (both based on disability and colour), attacks, grave exhumation and trafficking of body parts?

**6. Investigation, prosecution and jurisprudence**

1. **Indicate the number of cases of attacks and discrimination against persons with albinism** (including unlawful exhumation of bodies of persons with albinism and trafficking in body parts) **that have been recorded by the Police and/or by your organization**
2. **Provide information on the number of cases of attack and discrimination that have been prosecuted since 2009,** including unlawful exhumation of bodies of persons with albinism and trafficking in body parts (also provide the numbers for the previous years if available).
3. **Provide information on challenges that have been encountered during investigation** and prosecution of such cases and how, if this is the case, they have been overcome.
4. **Please provide information on the number of judgements pronounced for cases of attacks and discrimination against persons with albinism since 2009** (also provide the numbers for the previous years if available).
5. Provide information or relevant jurisprudence on any **landmark case, which demonstrate effective access to justice for persons with albinism who are victims of attacks and discrimination** and **provide copies** of such judgments if possible.

**7. Alleged perpetrators**

Please **provide information on the number of cases of attacks where masterminds,** including witchdoctors, traditional healers, religious leaders, businesspersons or other masterminds **have been prosecuted or are being investigated.**

**8. Testimony**

Provide information on the **reasons for which testimonies** **of persons with albinism were rejected** when the rejection has been based on their vision impairment or other grounds such as mental health, age and myths.

**9. International cooperation**

Provide details of measures in place to ensure access to justice for a person or persons with albinism who have been a victim of an offense that begins in one jurisdiction and continues in another jurisdiction (for example, if the body parts of a persons with albinism were hacked off in country X and subsequently transported to country Y).

**10. Additional Remarks**

Please include any other relevant information on access to justice and remedy that you think would help the Independent Expert.

*Thank you for your cooperation*