



Call for inputs – Human Rights Council resolution 51/12 on local government and human rights

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office at Geneva, local and regional governments, United Nations entities, specialized agencies and related organizations, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and national human rights institutions, and has the honor to inform the following:

The Human Rights Council resolution 51/12 on local government and human rights requests the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to organize a one-day [expert meeting](#) on enhancing capacity-building for local governments to incorporate human rights into all their work, as a basis for developing guidance tools on human rights education for local governments, and to prepare and present a summary report for the fifty-sixth session of the Council.

In addition, the resolution requests the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, when preparing the above-mentioned expert meeting and report, to seek the inputs of States and local governments, relevant intergovernmental organizations, United Nations agencies, funds and programmes, including the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), and relevant special procedures, the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee, the treaty bodies, national human rights institutions and civil society representatives, including relevant local government networks and non-governmental organizations.

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights welcomes any relevant information with regard to the preparation of the expert meeting and report, including:

1. What capacity building initiatives have been taken to implement/incorporate human rights in local administration?

- a. Please provide information on institutional structures for coordination and harmonization of capacity building initiatives.
 - b. Please provide information on the involvement of civil society, the private sector, academia, etc. in capacity building initiatives.
 - c. Please provide information on any monitoring or evaluation mechanisms assessing the effectiveness of capacity building initiatives and their impact on the promotion and protection of human rights at the local level.
2. What are the capacity building gaps and needs of local governments in relation to implementing/incorporating human rights at the local level?
 3. What measures are needed to further strengthen the capacity of local governments to implement/incorporate human rights at the local level?
 4. What are existing procedures and practices for engaging local governments in the work of the United Nations human rights mechanisms and in implementing, reporting and following up on relevant recommendations? How could the existing level of engagement be enhanced?
 5. What are the capacity building gaps and needs of local governments in relation to engaging with the United Nations human rights mechanisms and in implementing, reporting and following up on relevant recommendations?
 6. What are the main challenges in your country in the promotion and protection of human rights at the local level?
 7. Please provide examples, good practices, challenges, and recommendations with regard to the above-mentioned issues.

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, in complying with the request in the resolution, would be grateful if States could kindly forward this call for inputs to local governments.

Inputs should be submitted to Ms. Janica Puisto (janica.puisto@un.org) by 29 September 2023. Please ensure that submissions are in MS Word or PDF format. Unless

requested otherwise, the information provided may be made publicly available. Any inquiries can be made to Ms. Janica Puisto at janica.puisto@un.org.

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights avails itself of this opportunity to renew the assurances of its highest consideration to all Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office at Geneva, local and regional governments, United Nations entities, specialized agencies and related organizations, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and national human rights institutions.

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