



**IRD - GENEVA**

*The International Institute for Rights and Development*

**IRD-GENEVA TRAINING COURSE. THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS  
MECHANISMS**

The International Institute for Rights and Development - Geneva

Rue de Vermont 37-39 CH 1202 Genève, SWITZERLAND

**Project Title: IRD-GENEVA TRAINING COURSE. THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS MECHANISMS**

Name of Organization: **International Institute for Rights and Development-Geneva**

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address: Rue de Vermont 37-39 CH 1202 Genève, SWITZERLAND

Telephone: 0041227348322

Fax: 0041227348320 E-Mail: training.irdg@gmail.com

Principal Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Name and Position)*

Project Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Name and Position)*

Project Proposed Starting Date: January

*(Ideally this should be at least six months after submission)*

Proposed Project Duration: 3 days

**Finances**

Total Funds Request: (CHF10,020)

Total from Other Sources: (CHF \_\_\_\_\_)

Total project cost: (CHF10,020)

## ***1. Project Summary***

The International Institute for Rights and Development - Geneva (IRD-Geneva) is an International NGO, established in January 2011 in Geneva, with the aim to enhance and support both human rights and development by adopting new strategies and policies for real changes.

To these ends, the IRD-Geneva as a neutral and impartial organization concentrates on:

- enhancing cooperation and partnership between the private and public sector in the academic, technical and political spheres;
- providing technical and humanitarian assistance in developing countries;

IRD-Geneva is organizing a training course on the UN Mechanism of Human Rights and the UPR in Arabic. The main objective of this training is to strengthen the capacity of human rights organizations by training their representatives to the effective use of the system of treaty bodies of the United Nations (UN) and the Universal Periodic Review (UPR).

The course is intended for human rights defenders and organizations to develop their ability to use the international system of human rights, particularly treaty bodies and UPR mechanism of the Council of Human Rights in their job.

The course also includes sessions on advocacy and lobbying techniques. The course focuses on how human rights defenders can use the treaty bodies and the UPR at the national level to promote the implementation of the recommendations.

## ***2. Organizational Background and Capacity to implement the project***

IRD-Geneva counts several successes in capacity building through trainings organized in different developing countries (Palestine, Jordan, Morocco). In light of its extensive field experience, the IRD-Geneva assessed needs in increasing project management skills in a more standardized perspective for professionals of the humanitarian sector.

## ***3. Project Objectives and Expected Results***

At the end of the course, participants will have acquired knowledge and skills related to:

- The roles and functions of the Universal Periodic Review (UPR), the role of the Working Group, the UPR process including reporting
- The roles and functions of the supervisory bodies of Treaties;
- Communication skills

- The process for submitting reports, national consultations and opportunities for interaction between NGOs and National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) with OST and the UPR;
- Special procedures for certain treaty bodies, including individual complaints and urgent action procedures;
- Advocacy for effective implementation of the recommendations of the treaty bodies and the UPR at the national level and the subsequent follow-up;
- The role and function of the Human Rights Council and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights;

After a complete success in the course, participants will receive a certificate.

#### **4. Description of Project Activities**

The training course will have a duration of five days in January or March, and will be held in Geneva- Switzerland. The course will include practical training through guided visits and tours to the United Nations premises and attend sessions. The training will explain the different UN instruments including:

<p><b>The International system of human rights (institutions)</b></p> <p><b>Miscellaneous</b></p>	<p>To have an overview of the international system of human rights, To understand the place of treaty bodies and the Council of Human Rights / EPU in this system</p> <p>To understand the opportunities for involvement / intervention of civil society within the framework of the UN Charter and treaty monitoring bodies (OST)</p> <p>To ensure that participants gained an understanding of the entire system before starting on specific aspects of the treaty bodies and the Universal Periodic Review (UPR)</p>
---	---

<p><b>General introduction on treaty bodies : roles and function</b></p>	<p>To become familiar with the structure, role and functioning of the treaty bodies, with the practical and concrete aspects of the work of NGOs in the context of treaty bodies</p> <p>To evaluate the different working methods of treaty bodies individually</p> <p>To learn the key concepts relating to the procedures of treaty bodies, such as the report of the State, concluding observations, general comments, individual communications, etc...</p>
<p><b>The committee on civil and political rights : overview</b></p>	<p>To understand the obligations of States towards the Committee of Human Rights</p> <p>To understand the Committee's mandate and how NGOs can collaborate and work with (information exchange, submission of communications, etc.)</p>
<p><b>Introduction to the Universal Periodic Review</b></p>	<p>To learn the different stages of the process, including the documentary base initial phases of the UPR and the adoption of the report of the Working Group</p> <p>Assess the role and potential of the "other" organizations / people in the process, in terms of opportunities for involvement / action civil society before, during and after the UPR</p> <p>To give an analysis of the effectiveness of the UPR to date</p>
<p><b>National consultation for the preparation of the UPR report</b></p>	
<p><b>The process of individual complain to the treaty bodies</b></p>	<p>To learn how to prepare and submit individual communications to the treaty bodies: legal expertise, eligibility criteria, etc...</p>
<p><b>Communication skills</b></p>	

<b>(alternative medias, social networks)</b>	How to write a press release and make effective use of social network
--	---

**5. Implementation Plan and Time Frame**

<b><i>First Day</i></b>	Session 1: General Introduction to the International system of human rights (institutions)
<b><i>Second Day</i></b>	Session 2: General introduction on treaty bodies roles and functions  Session 3: Overview about the committee on civil and political rights
<b><i>Third Day</i></b>	Session 4: Introduction to the Universal Periodic Review  Session 5: National consultation for the preparation of the UPR report
<b><i>Fourth Day</i></b>	Session 6: Explanations about the process of individual complain to the treaty bodies  Session 7: Communication skills (alternative medias, social networks)
<b><i>Fifth Day</i></b>	Session 8: Conclusion

**6. *Risks to Successful Implementation***

**7. *Monitoring and Evaluation Plan and Indicators***

At the beginning and end of the training one questioner will be given to participants in order to assess the quality of our training. We will also give a written evaluation for participants at the beginning and end of the course. This evaluation will allow us to assess their understanding of the course.

**8. *Sustainability***

The project will maintain its sustainability through giving this training program twice a year, for a period of three years.