

Informal Exchange of Views with European Union Member States ahead of Benin’s UPR, 42nd UPR Session, Human Rights Council

Recommendations by the UPR Project at BCU (Cited in the OHCHR’s Summary of Stakeholders’ Submissions as “UPR BCU”) (A/HRC/WG.6/42/BEN/3)

Recommendations for EUMS to provide for Benin’s UPR:

Child, Early and Forced Marriage:

- Prioritise the effective implementation of the **Child Code** to help eliminate CEFM.
- Adopt a **National Action Plan to End Child Marriage** in Benin. This includes regular monitoring and tracking of progress against targets set under the Plan.
- Adopt a **COVID-19 response strategy** that extends beyond health and prioritises the prevention and elimination of CEFM.
- **Empower girls and boys** to be better able to prevent and respond to child marriage.
- Conduct, in consultation with relevant stakeholders, **awareness raising and education programmes** aimed at addressing the negative implications of CEFM and how to effectively address the issue. These should be targeted at community and religious leaders.
- Develop a **strategy for the dissemination of knowledge on** CEFM, including awareness-building and mechanisms for reporting and obtaining assistance, by utilising mass media, community radio, and social media platforms.

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