

EMPOWERING

CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS AT THE UPR

Factsheet 4: Action Points for the UN and OHCHR

This factsheet sets out key action points for the UN and OHCHR to consider

Capacity Building for CSOs

(1) Create Further Opportunities

The UN and OHCHR should **create more opportunities for CSOs to participate in the UPR cycle** by: (i) allowing CSOs to **submit advance questions**, (ii) creating a space for CSOs to engage in **discussions around implementation**, both in-person and online, (iii) ensuring **UN Country Teams hold roundtable events** to discuss implementation domestically.

(2) Technical & Financial Assistance

(i) Provide **financial support for CSOs** taking part in the UPR, specifically for implementation activities. **Other UN agencies** can also provide such support. (ii) Informed by all key actors within the UPR, **create a “UPR Implementation Toolkit”** to support and empower CSOs. (iii) More UN Country Teams should provide on-the-ground support for CSOs **drafting stakeholder reports**.

Improving the UPR Mechanism

(3) **Formalise mid-term reporting** for States-under-Review.

(4) Provide **clear guidance on how the OHCHR compiles its Stakeholder Summary**, to support CSOs writing stakeholder reports.

(5) **The OHCHR should formally ensure that CSOs are consulted during key stages of the UPR**. This could be facilitated through advance questions or during the interactive dialogue.

Protection from Reprisals

(6) **The UN must review the support it currently provides to the OHCHR’s Reprisals Team**, ensuring it is adequately resourced.

(7) Consider how **UN Country Teams** can support CSOs facing reprisals.

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