

COMMITTEE ON THE ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION
(CERD)

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*Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
Palais Wilson, Conference Hall, Ground Floor, Geneva*

INFORMATION NOTE
NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTIONS (NHRIs)

States parties reports

The Committee will examine the reports of the following six States parties during its **112th session: Albania, Mauritius, Mexico, Qatar, Republic of Moldova and San Marino.**

CERD Committee Members

The CERD Committee consists of 18 members, serving in their personal capacity. For details about all CERD members, see:

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CERD/Pages/Membership.aspx>

Participation of NHRIs

The Committee examines all initial and periodic reports in public meetings which NHRIs representatives can attend. The Committee recognizes the important role that NHRIs play in combating racism and racial discrimination. In its General Recommendation 28, paragraph 2 (a), the Committee recommended that NHRIs assist their respective States to comply with their reporting obligations and closely monitor the follow-up to the concluding observations and recommendations of the Committee.

Furthermore, according to the Committee's practice and Guidelines on cooperation with NHRIs, all NHRIs accredited by the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institution (GANHRI) can address the Committee. Those with "A Status", with the consent of the concerned State party, can address the Committee in plenary on issues related to the dialogue between the Committee and a State party, on the first day of the consideration of the report after the statement made by the Head of delegation.

Documentation

The reports of the six States parties to be considered at the 112th session, the provisional agenda (CERD/C/112/1) and other documents pertaining to the session will be available soon at our [web page](#).

Venue

The 112th session of the Committee will take place at **Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Palais Wilson, Conference Hall, Ground Floor in Geneva.**

NHRIs reports

The Committee welcomes written information submitted by NHRIs in relation to the implementation of the Convention by States parties whose reports are to be considered. NHRIs reports which follow the same form of presentation as the reports submitted by the States parties concerned are particularly welcome.

All submissions to CERD should:

1. Be submitted in English, French or Spanish. As most Committee members use English as their preferred working language, documents submitted in French and Spanish should, to the extent possible, be translated into English, an executive summary in English can be provided instead. Please note that the **UN Secretariat does not translate documents submitted by NHRIs. Submissions should not exceed 20 pages.**
2. Be transmitted to the CERD Secretariat electronically on ohchr-cerd@un.org for the reports relating to the **List of Themes** preferably before **31 January 2024**. The reports relating to the main review should be transmitted before **15 March 2024**. The requests under **Early Warning Urgent Action Procedures (EWUAP)** should be submitted before **15 March 2024**. The reports relating to the **Follow-up assessment to concluding observations** should be submitted by **15 March 2024**. (**hard copies not needed**). **Exceptionally, Submissions deadlines may be extended upon request.**

Accreditation

NHRIs representatives who wish to attend the CERD session are requested to register online on by clicking on the [Link](#). In order to receive a ground pass, all applicants must bring the confirmation of their registration or the QR Code (which will be sent to you by email upon successful registration online. Uploading your passport size photo is mandatory, a valid national passport or government issued ID bearing a photograph, and must appear in person. Kindly ensure your registration well in advance. The registrations will remain open until **1 April 2024**.

Please note that OHCHR will not assist with travel or accommodation costs relating to the participation of NHRIs.

Meetings

Representatives of NHRIs accredited by GANHRI who have submitted a report may address the Committee during *informal meetings* to present country-specific information on States parties whose reports are before the Committee and should indicate this before **30 March 2024**. **Such informal meetings might take place in-person and remotely.**

NHRIs representatives are kindly requested to contact the CERD Secretariat (ohchr-cerd@un.org) preferably before **1 April 2024** to confirm their attendance **in-person or remotely**.

CERD Concluding observations

Following the consideration of the States parties' reports during the **112th CERD** session, the Committee will formulate concluding observations that will assist the States parties concerned in the implementation of the Convention. These concluding

observations outline positive aspects, principal subjects or concerns and the Committee's recommendations on how to address challenges faced by the

States parties. Once the concluding observations have been adopted, the documents will be posted on our [web page](#).