



COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS CESCR

Ground floor conference room, Palais Wilson - Geneva

INFORMATION NOTE

CESCR Committee Members

The CESCR Committee consists of 18 members, serving in their personal capacity. For the details about CESCR membership, see: <http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/cescr/members.htm>

Venue

The session and the meeting of the pre-session working group of the Committee take place in Geneva at the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Palais Wilson, ground floor conference room.

Documentation

The reports of the States parties to be considered as well as other relevant documentation such as the lists of issues adopted by the pre-session working group, the States parties' replies thereto, the submissions received by the Committee and the concluding observations are posted on the webpage of each session:

<http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/cescr/sessions.htm>

The provisional agenda as well as the tentative programme of work are also found on each session's page.

Adoption of list of issues

At the meeting of the pre-session working groups, CESCR adopts lists of issues relating to the reports of States parties in advance of the dialogue. States parties are in turn expected to submit replies to the lists of issues.

Adoption of concluding observations and list of issues

Following the consideration of the States parties' reports, CESCR adopts in a closed meeting concluding observations that will assist the States parties in the implementation of the Covenant. These concluding observations outline positive aspects, principal subjects of concern and the Committee's recommendations on how to address challenges faced by the States parties.

Once adopted, the concluding observations are posted on the CESCR webpage under the relevant session.

Parallel reports for the Committee

The Committee welcomes written information, which should be as specific, reliable and objective as possible, from international, regional, national and local organizations as well as national human rights institutions. Parallel submissions prepared by coalitions, rather than individual organizations, and covering a broad range of economic, social and cultural rights are also encouraged.

All submissions to CESCR should:

- Be submitted in English, French or Spanish. It is very useful if you could submit a report and/or summary translated into English. Please note that **the UN Secretariat does not translate these reports.**
- Be transmitted to the CESCR Secretariat **a month and a half before the beginning of the session with respect to States for examination at a given session, and two months before the beginning of the meeting of the pre-session working group with respect to States upon which list of issues will be adopted.**

- Be transmitted to the CESC Secretariat electronically, and thereafter in **20 paper copies** for the session and **7 paper copies** for the pre-session working group by mail. *OHCHR does not reproduce submissions.*

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Accreditation

Representatives of organizations who wish to attend the CESC session or the meeting of the pre-session working group are requested to submit the full name of the organization, names of the representatives, and proposed dates of attendance to CESC Secretariat **ten days before the beginning of the session or the pre-session** so that arrangements can be made with the Accreditation Office for the issuance of the United Nations ground passes to enter United Nations premises. To claim the ground pass, all applicants are required present their passports or government-issued ID (with photo) at the security. For more information, please follow the procedure on the link below [http://unog.ch/80256EE60057E07D/\(httpPages\)/205B83FEAF802AF880256EF4002BD3EA?OpenDocument](http://unog.ch/80256EE60057E07D/(httpPages)/205B83FEAF802AF880256EF4002BD3EA?OpenDocument)

Please note that OHCHR is not in a position to send letters of invitations to attend CESC

sessions or assist with travel or accommodation arrangements.

Informal meetings and lunchtime briefings

Organizations that have submitted reports to the Committee may make a brief *oral presentation* on the afternoon of the first Monday of the session and/or organize *lunchtime briefings*, typically from 13.45 to 14.45 pm, usually the day before the dialogue. The accommodation of request for lunchtime briefings will depend on the availability of the Committee members. Likewise, organizations which have submitted information for the meeting of the pre-session working group.

Please contact the CESC Secretariat as soon as possible at the latest **three weeks before the session** to confirm attendance at the Monday briefing and/or to inform about proposed lunchtime briefings with the members of the Committee.

The dialogue between the Committee and States parties is held in public and is webcasted live at <http://www.treatybodywebcast.org/>

Further information

For more information on how to participate in the work of the Committee, please consult the information on working methods available on the OHCHR website: <http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/cescr/workingmethods.htm>