



Promoting and strengthening  
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Madame President,

We believe that meaningful and inclusive youth participation should be further encouraged by the Human Rights Council. UPR Info has the pleasure to launch today in collaboration with OHCHR UPR Branch and the Padua University, the UPR Padua Model. This education programme mirrors the UPR process and the interactive dialogue. It not only contributes to raise awareness on the Universal Periodic Review but also to build capacity of university students to be steward of a world where equality, human rights and non-discrimination are nurtured. A *Handbook* realized by the collective work of master’s students of the University of Padua is now freely available on the website of the University of Padua, OHCHR and UPR Info.

The Padua UPR Model aligns with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the fourth phase of the World Programme for Human Rights Education focusing on youth.

UPR Info encourages States and other UPR stakeholders to promote the use of the UPR Padua Model as an additional way to increase the civil society active participation in the multi-level machinery of human rights promotion and protection.

Integrating it in university curriculum will foster inclusive and peaceful society embracing a human rights culture which values democratic principles.

I thank you.