

The UPR and Domestic Human Rights Protection

Side event to 55th HRC session

Concept Note

Date: 25 March 2024

Time: 14:30-to 15:30

Place: Room XXVII, UNOG

The Permanent Mission of Uruguay, the UPR Academic Network (UPRAN), and UPR Info will be holding a side-event during the 55th session of the UN Human Rights Council entitled "The UPR and Domestic Human Rights Protection."

The purpose of this side event is to share evidence of how the UPR can promote various human rights issues within member states and provide suggestions/recommendations on how member states and civil society can improve their engagement with the UPR process. Some of experiences and lessons learned to be shared will include:

1. How the UPR can be used in promoting transitional justice in post-conflict contexts in Burundi and South Sudan
2. How UPR recommendations can be framed to target devolved governments within the UK and the role of devolved governments in implementing UPR recommendations
3. Aligning recommendations across UN Human Rights Bodies
4. How the UPR can help fill in the gap where there is an absence of a regional human rights system – The Experience of Asia- Pacific States
5. How states and civil society can use the UPR to support the promotion and implementation of UN Declaration on the Rights of Peasants and other People Working in Rural Areas

The project underpinning this even is put together by the UPR Academic Network (UPRAN), an international network of global scholars working on the UN's Universal Periodic Review. Details of some of experiences that will be discussed in published in the book 'Human Rights and the UN Universal Periodic Review Mechanism: A Research Companion'. UPRAN was found by academics at Birmingham City University's Centre for Human Rights (England) and the University of Stirling (Scotland)

What to Expect:

This event is a forum for sharing experiences and best practice on the impact of the UPR process and recommendations. It will help State delegations, CSOs and other stakeholders to identify the significance of their UPR recommendations, discuss how it is addressing human rights issues, and engage with recommendations on how to target the most relevant human rights issues during the review process.

Panellists:

Ms Mona M'BIKAY, UPR Info – Moderator

The panellist for this event will include:

- H.E. Mr. Carlos MATA PRATES – Opening Remarks (TbC)
- Dr Damian ETONE
- Dr Michael LANE
- Professor Elvira Dominguez Redondo
- Dr Louisa Ashley
- Dr Gianni Magazzeni – Closing remarks