**In-Country Pre-session in Botswana**

- Israel: 23rd January;
- Montenegro and United Arab Emirates: 22nd January;
- Barbados: 19th January;
- Burundi and Luxembourg: 18th January;
- Bahamas and Botswana: 17th January;
- Mali and Romania: 16th January;

The bright future in the field of international human rights that such a quality internship has prepared me for was a challenging but rewarding experience; from training human rights interns to giving me the opportunity to expand my knowledge of this particular UN mechanism and prepare for the demands of the profession, the internship was a great experience.

Tenar Lorente, Junior Programme Officer (former intern).

Thanks to the organisations that have joined the #WePayOurInterns initiative in 2017, we hope even more will be available after the 34th HRC in 2017. If you have any suggestions on how we can continue to improve our database, so stay tuned in 2018. We have big plans for the website and Pre-sessions Programme!

In 2017, we launched the In-Country Programme, bringing the world to Geneva with the In-Country Pre-sessions Program, and the World with the In-Country Programme, with former Executive Director Mr. Roland Chauville passing the baton to Ms. Mona M'Bikay.

This year marked the start of the third cycle, starting with session 27, the Pre-sessions are held in Palais des Nations. This month, the Pre-sessions will be held on 15-26 January.


The Pre-sessions Guide, Empowering Human Rights Voices from the Ground Up, is now available in Spanish, Russian, and fundamental freedoms for all.

The key dates of the Universal Periodic Review of the Working Group will be held on 15-26 January.

The In-Country Programme will continue into next year and beyond with activities in Cambodia; Cote d'Ivoire; DRC; Ghana; Jordan; Mongolia; and Nepal. The In-country Pre-sessions will continue into next year.

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The following States will be reviewed:

**29th Session of the UPR Working Group: 15-26 January**

- Afghanistan
- Albania
- Angola
- Armenia
- Austria
- Azerbaijan
- Bangladesh
- Barbados
- Belarus
- Belgium
- Bhutan
- Bolivia
- Brazil
- Bulgaria
- Burkina Faso
- Burundi
- Cambodia
- Cameroon
- Canada
- Cape Verde
- Central African Republic
- Chad
- Chile
- China
- Colombia
- Comoros
- Congo
- Costa Rica
- Croatia
- Cuba
- Cyprus
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Djibouti
- Dominica
- Dominican Republic
- Ecuador
- Egypt
- El Salvador
- Equatorial Guinea
- Estonia
- Ethiopia
- Fiji
- Finland
- France
- Gabon
- Gambia
- Georgia
- Germany
- Ghana
- Greece
- Grenada
- Guatemala
- Guinea
- Guinea-Bissau
- Guyana
- Haiti
- Honduras
- Hungary
- India
- Indonesia
- Ireland
- Isle of Man
- Israel
- Italy
- Jamaica
- Japan
- Jordan
- Kazakhstan
- Kenya
- Kiribati
- Kuwait
- Kyrgyzstan
- Latvia
- Lebanon
-Lesotho
- Liberia
- Libya
- Liechtenstein
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg
- Madagascar
- Malawi
- Malaysia
- Maldives
- Mali
- Malta
- Marshall Islands
- Mauritania
- Mauritius
- Mexico
- Mongolia
- Montenegro
- Morocco
- Myanmar
- Namibia
- Nepal
- Netherlands
- New Zealand
- Nicaragua
- Niger
- Nigeria
- Norway
- Oman
- Pakistan
- Palau
- Panama
- Papua New Guinea
- Paraguay
- Peru
- Philippines
- Poland
- Portugal
- Qatar
- Romania
- Russian Federation
- Rwanda
- Saint Kitts and Nevis
- Saint Lucia
- Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
- Samoa
- San Marino
- São Tomé and Príncipe
- Saudi Arabia
- Senegal
- Serbia
- Seychelles
- Sierra Leone
- Singapore
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- Somalia
- South Africa
- South Korea
- Spain
- Sri Lanka
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