In December 2016, over 100 Ugandan CSOs gathered in a five-day workshop to develop a CSO suggested implementation matrix outlining their expectations for the third cycle of the UPR. The matrix, divided into thematic clusters, was discussed and refined by the participants. The workshop aimed to encourage cooperation between civil society organisations (CSOs) and the Government during the implementation process. In the matrix, CSOs identified key areas for improvement and recommended specific actions for the Government to address.

In the matrix, CSOs recommended increased monitoring and assessment in partnership with the Government. They also emphasized the importance of translating recommendations into concrete actions that can improve human rights on the ground. CSOs encouraged States to make mid-term assessments of the implementation of recommendations, in addition to the final assessments at the end of the cycle.

The workshop was seen as a successful advocacy effort for civil society organisations (CSOs) preparing for the 27th cycle of the UPR. It highlighted the need for continuous dialogue between CSOs and the Government to ensure the implementation of human rights recommendations. CSOs working in the third cycle of the UPR are committed to this principle and four others through the 26th Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of the Human Rights Council (HRC).

UPR info and the international community welcome the UPR third cycle. Read more on the issues and actions that States have taken to implement recommendations. In only three steps:

1. Visit any of the country pages on our website: http://www.upr.info.org
2. Follow the trend, from the first cycle, to submit mid-term assessments of the implementation of recommendations.
3. Make an intervention. We encourage States to participate in the UPR Pre-sessions.

Increased monitoring and assessment in partnership with the Government

UPR info encourages States to demonstrate commitment to implementation actions. In the third cycle of the UPR, CSOs are preparing for the implementation of recommendations. In the first cycle of the UPR, the implementation process often faced challenges, with States having to meet deadlines and CSOs struggling to keep up with the pace. To address this, CSOs have suggested increased monitoring and assessment in partnership with the Government.

Follow-up Programme

We have a unique occasion, with the beginning of the third UPR cycle, to improve the follow-up programme. CSOs are encouraged to contribute to the follow-up process by providing feedback on the implementation of recommendations. CSOs are invited to join the follow-up programme and share their experiences with the UPR.

Submit mid-term assessments

CSOs are informed of the importance of submitting mid-term assessments of the implementation of recommendations. States are encouraged to make mid-term assessments, in addition to the final assessments at the end of the cycle. CSOs are reminded of the importance of translating recommendations into concrete actions that can improve human rights on the ground.

Make an intervention

CSOs are encouraged to make an intervention in the UPR Pre-sessions. They are invited to participate in the Pre-sessions of the Human Rights Council (HRC) and make an intervention to support the implementation of recommendations.