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**UN Office of the High Commissioner on  
Human Rights**

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- *Promote and protect all human rights*
- *Help empower people*
- *Assist governments*
- *Inject a human rights perspective into programmes*

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- ❖ *Technical assistance*
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- ❖ *Standard-setting / Secretariat of UN human rights mechanisms*



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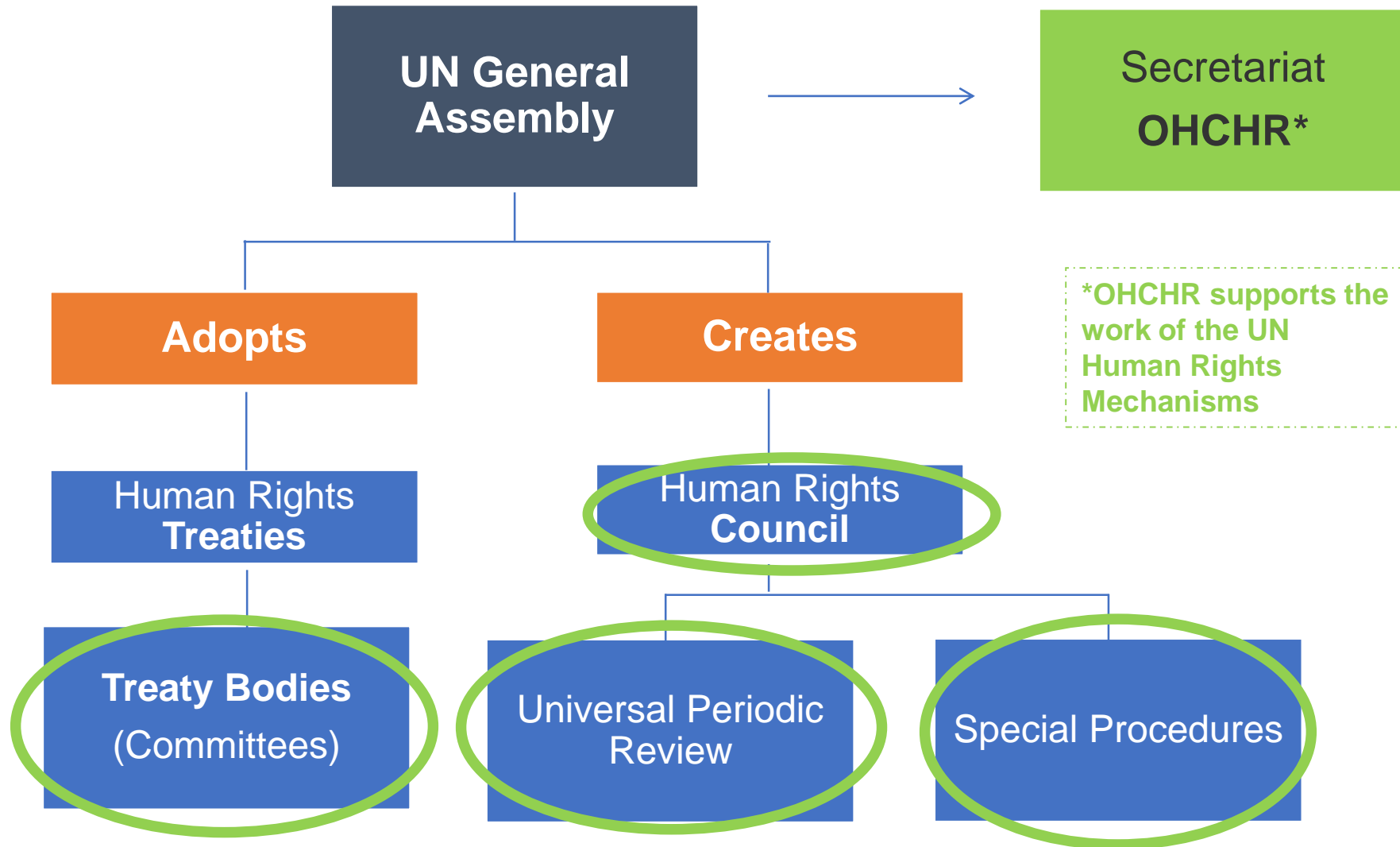


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# The United Nations Human Rights Mechanisms



# Core international human rights instruments

*Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948)*

## CCPR

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights 1976

## CESCR

International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights 1976

## CERD

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination 1969

## CAT

Convention against Torture and other Inhuman, Degrading Treatment or Punishment 1987

## CED

Convention on Enforced Disappearances 2010

## CEDAW

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women 1981

## CRC

Convention on the Rights of the Child 1990

## CMW

Convention on the rights of Migrant Workers and members of their families 2003

## CRDP

Convention on the rights of persons with disabilities 2008

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# *UN Report of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights - "Enhancing capacity-building for local governments to incorporate human rights into all their work"*

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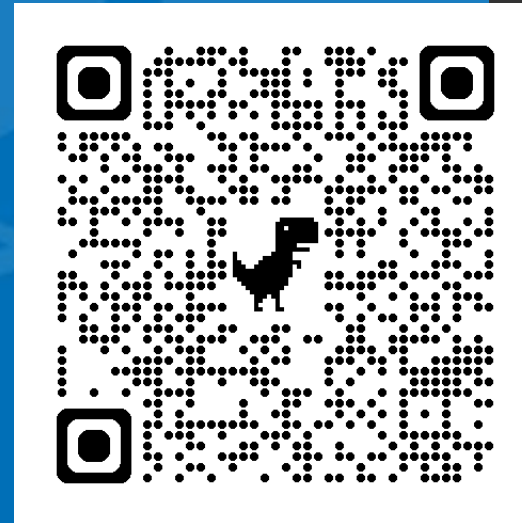
Promotion and protection of all human rights, civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights, including the right to development

### **Summary of the expert meeting on enhancing capacity-building for local governments to incorporate human rights into all their work**

**Report of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights**

#### *Summary*

The present report, prepared pursuant to Human Rights Council resolution 51/12, reflects the discussions held at the expert meeting on enhancing capacity-building for local governments to incorporate human rights into all their work, which was held on 28 August 2023. The report also draws on 28 written submissions received from Member States, local governments, civil society organizations, national human rights institutions and other stakeholders in response to the call for inputs.



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# Recent US Cooperation with UN Human Rights Mechanisms

## *Recent country visits (2023 – 2024)*

- ❖ *EMLER*
- ❖ *Special Rapporteur on racism*
- ❖ *Special rapporteur on education*
- ❖ *Special Rapporteur on anti-terrorism (technical visit to Guantanamo)*

## *Last reviews*

- ❖ *UPR (2021)*
- ❖ *CERD (2022)*
- ❖ *Human Rights Committee (2023)*

*Expected for 2025: CAT, UPR*



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# National Human Rights Institutions

## *The Paris Principles*

- ❖ *Broad mandate*
- ❖ *Broad functions*
- ❖ *Independence from government*
- ❖ *Pluralism*
- ❖ *Adequate powers*
- ❖ *Adequate resources*
- ❖ *Cooperative work*
- ❖ *International engagement*



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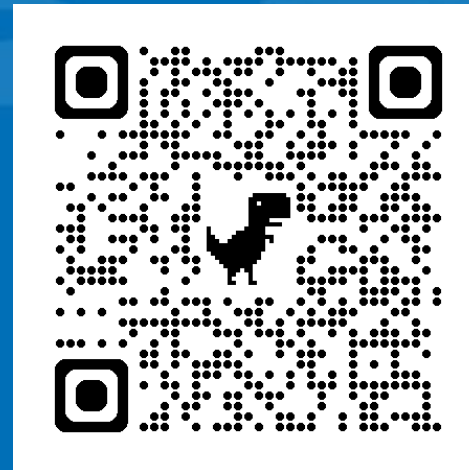
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