**Group activity**

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| **Type/title of activity** | Understanding article 33 in practice |
| **Total duration** | 1 hour |
| **Venue(s) requirements** | 3 breakout rooms/groups |
| **Equipment needed** | 1 flip chart and markers for each breakout group The three questions and the scenario should be provided to each group They can be written on flip charts or provided as handouts |
| **Other support** | none |

**Activity objective:**

Improve understanding of the functions and roles of national focal points for the Convention and independent implementation and monitoring frameworks as well as their interaction with civil society.

**Dynamics, roles and time required:**

1. The facilitator explains the activity to the audience (purpose, dynamics, etc.) in the main venue, divides participants into *three working groups* and sends them to their breakout rooms or tables (10 min);
2. Group brainstorming on three questions. The working group nominates a rapporteur (30 min);
3. Back in plenary, each rapporteur presents the results of his or her working group’s discussion, highlighting areas for possible interaction between the three actors, followed by a brief discussion among all three groups focusing on similarities and differences between the three points of view (20 min).

CASE STUDY

Country X has just ratified the Convention and its parliament has appointed the Ministry of Social Affairs as focal point. It has not appointed a coordination mechanism (which is optional). The NHRI has been designated as the independent mechanism, and civil society is very keen to play a role in the implementation and monitoring process.

**Group 1** will address the following questions from the perspective of the **focal point**:

* What implementation issues should be prioritized during the first year following ratification?
* What are the main challenges to implementation?
* How should the focal point engage with the NHRI and civil society?

**Group 2** will address the following questions from the perspective of the **NHRI/independent mechanism**:

* What implementation issues should be prioritized during the first year following ratification?
* What are the main challenges to implementation?
* How should the NHRI engage with the focal point and civil society?

**Group 3** will address the following questions from the perspective of **civil society**:

* What implementation issues should the focal point and independent mechanism prioritize during the first year following ratification?
* What are the main challenges to implementation?
* What strategies can you pursue as civil society to strengthen interaction with the focal point and the independent mechanism?