

**Regional consultation on draft guidelines on the effective implementation  
of the right to participate in public affairs**

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**Welcome, introduction and opening remarks**

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**Session 1: The right to participate in public affairs: Scope, content, and related guidance at the international, regional and national levels.**

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**Session 2: Ensuring an enabling environment for the effective exercise of the right to participate in public affairs: pre-requisites**

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**Session 3: Enjoyment of the equal right to participate in public affairs by all: overcoming challenges, creating opportunities and sharing good practices**

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<b>Session 4: Various forms and levels of participation, including emerging new forms</b>		
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<b>Session 5: The right to participate at the regional and international level, including within international organizations</b>		
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