Participation of civil society/NHRIs in the States parties reporting procedure

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| **Treaty body** | **Written information** | **Oral briefings** | **Informal briefings** |
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| Human Rights Committee | **For country reviews**: 4 weeksbefore the [Committee session](https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/TreatyBodyExternal/SessionsList.aspx?Treaty=CCPR)**For lists of issues**:8 weeksbefore the relevant session**For lists of issues under the simplified reporting procedure**:8 weeks beforethe relevant session**For the procedure on follow-up to concluding observations**: 12 weeks beforethe relevant session. The information should not exceed 3,500 words.Send your report directly to the **Secretariat** (ohchr-ccpr@un.org) in electronic form in Word format for accessibility purposes and optionally also in PDF format.  | **Sessions**: Closed meetings, interpretation provided.Contact the **Secretariat** no later than 2 weeks before the session.(ohchr-ccpr@un.org) | **Lunchtime briefings**with Committee members may be arranged. No interpretation is provided. Contact the **CCPR Centre** no later than 2 weeks before the session (info@ccprcentre.org).  |
| Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights | **For country reviews**:No later than 4 weeksbefore the [Committee session](https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/TreatyBodyExternal/SessionsList.aspx?Treaty=CESCR) (same applies for follow-up assessments). **For lists of issues**:No later than 10 weeksbefore the meeting of the pre-sessional working group and should be transmitted in Word format through the [CESCR’s online submissions system](https://cescrsubmissions.ohchr.org/Account/Login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2f). The link is always available from the webpage of the [Committee session/PSWG](https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/TreatyBodyExternal/SessionsList.aspx?Treaty=CESCR). | **Sessions**: Informal briefings with the Committee are held outside of official meeting time. **PSWG**: Closed briefings with interpretation during official meeting time. | **Informal briefings** with Committee members may be arranged for organisations having submitted information. No interpretation is provided. Requests will be accommodated in accordance with the availability of Committee members.It is possible to engage with the Committee remotely.Inform through the [**CESCR’s online submissions system**](https://cescrsubmissions.ohchr.org/) about intentions to participate in informal briefings and provide the relevant contact details. |
| Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination | **For country reviews**:Any time after the review of the State party has been scheduled**,** but no later than 3 weeksprior to the [Committee session](https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/TreatyBodyExternal/SessionsList.aspx?Treaty=CERD). **For lists of themes**: The deadline is indicated on the Committee’s webpage. The deadline is 12 weeks prior to the session.**For lists of issues under the simplified reporting procedure**: Deadlines for submissions are given on the [Committee's web page](https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/TreatyBodyExternal/SessionsList.aspx?Treaty=CERD).Send your report directly to the **Secretariat** (OHCHR-cerd@un.org) in electronic form in Word format for accessibility purposes and optionally also in PDF format. | **Sessions**: Private in person/online meetings, interpretation provided.Contact the **Secretariat** no later than 3 weeks before the session. | [**Lunchtime briefings**](https://unitednations-my.sharepoint.com/personal/christian_jiang_un_org/Documents/Microsoft%20Teams%20Chat%20Files/tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/TreatyBodyExternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=INT/CERD/INF/7827&Lang=en)of 1 hour of Committee members by civil society organizations may be arranged. No interpretation is provided. Requests will be accommodated in accordance with the availability of Committee members.Contact the Secretariat no later than 3 weeks before the session**.** |
| Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women | **For country reviews**: 4 weeks[[1]](#footnote-1)before the [Committee session](https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/TreatyBodyExternal/SessionsList.aspx?Treaty=CEDAW).**For lists of issues**:4 weeks1before the meeting of the pre-sessional working group.**For lists of issues under the simplified reporting procedure**: 4 weeks1before the meeting of the pre-sessional working group.Send your report directly to the **Secretariat** (ohchr-cedaw@un.org) in electronic form in Word format. | **Sessions**: Public meetings, interpretation provided.**Pre-sessional working group**: Closed meetings, interpretation provided.Contact the **Secretariat** (ohchr-cedaw@un.org) with copy to **IWRAW-Asia Pacific** (iwraw-ap@iwraw-ap.org) no later than 2 weeks before the session / 4 weeks before the meeting of the pre-sessional working group. | **Private lunchtime briefings**by civil society organizations with Committee members may be arranged. No interpretation is provided. For **NHRIs** who have been accredited with A status, they may request a presentation to the constructive dialogue not exceeding 5 minutes.[[2]](#footnote-2) Contact the **Secretariat** (ohchr-cedaw@un.org) with copy to **IWRAW-Asia Pacific** (iwraw-ap@iwraw-ap.org), no later than 2 weeks before the session / 4 weeks before the meeting of the pre-sessional working group. |
| Committee against Torture | **For country reviews**:4 weeks before the [Committee session](https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/TreatyBodyExternal/SessionsList.aspx?Treaty=CAT).**For lists of issues**:15–20 weeksbefore the session (check deadlines on the [Committee's web page](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CAT/Pages/NGOsNHRIs.aspx)).**For lists of issues under the simplified reporting procedure**:15–20 weeksbefore the session. Send your report directly to the **Secretariat** (ohchr-cat@un.org) in electronic form in Word format for accessibility purposes and optionally also in PDF format. | **Session**: Closed meetings, interpretation provided.Contact the **World Organisation Against Torture** (cat@omct.org) no later than three weeks before the session.Copy the Secretariat in your communications.  |  |
| Committee on the Rights of the Child | **For country reviews**: 3 weeks before the [Committee session](https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/TreatyBodyExternal/SessionsList.aspx?Treaty=CRC).**For lists of issues**: 12 weeks before the meeting of the pre-sessional working group.**For lists of issues under the simplified reporting procedure:** Reports before the preparation of LOIPR: 3 months before the adoption of LOIPR.**Reports after submission of State party’s report:** 1 month before the pre-session preceding the session.[OHCHR | Simplified reporting procedure](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CRC/Pages/ReportingProcedure.aspx)Submit electronically through the [Child Rights Connect website](http://www.childrightsconnect.org/upload-session-reports). | **Pre-sessional working group**: Closed and confidential meetings, interpretation provided.Meeting with children. Childrenmay also participate in reporting to the CRC. See [Working methods for the participation of children in the reporting process of the Committee on the Rights of the Child](https://undocs.org/CRC/C/66/2). |  |
| Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families | **For country reviews**: 4 weeks before the [Committee session](https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/TreatyBodyExternal/SessionsList.aspx?Treaty=CMW).**For lists of issues**: 4 weeks before the session. **For lists of issues under the simplified reporting procedure**: 4 weeks before the session.Send your report directly to the **Secretariat** (ohchr-cmw@un.org) in electronic form in Word format for accessibility purposes and optionally also in PDF format. | **Sessions:**Public meeting, interpretation provided.Contact the **Secretariat** no later than 4 weeks before the session. | **Lunchtime or evening briefings** Decision 31/3 adopted by the CMW at its 31st session provides non-governmental organizations, including migrant’s organisations and NHRIs with the option of not attending the public informal meeting of the Committee on States parties to be reviewed but rather opt out for a one hour private meeting with the Committee would they want to protect the confidentiality of the information to be provided as well as their own safety and security. No interpretation is provided. CSOs/NHRIs wishing to organize such briefings should contact the CMW Secretariat to coordinate well in advance of the session. |
| Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities | **For country reviews**: At least 3 weeks before the [Committee session](https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/TreatyBodyExternal/SessionsList.aspx?Treaty=CRPD).**For lists of issues**: At least 3 weeks before the session or the meeting of the pre-sessional working group.**For list of issues under the simplified reporting procedure**: at least 16 weeksbefore the session or the meeting of the pre-sessional working group.Send your report directly to the **Secretariat** (ohchr-crpd@un.org) in electronic form, in Word format. | **Sessions:**Closed meetings, interpretation provided.**Pre-sessional working group**: Closed, interpretation provide.Contact the **Secretariat** no later than 4 weeks before the session/meeting of the pre-sessional working group.  | **Lunchtime briefings, video calls or tele-conferences**with Committee members may be arranged. No interpretation is provided. Organizers are requested to ensure accessibility services, such as captioning. Contact the Secretariat (ohchr-crpd@un.org) at least 4 weeks before the session.  |
| Committee on Enforced Disappearances | **For country reviews**: 4 weeks before the [Committee session](https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/TreatyBodyExternal/SessionsList.aspx?Treaty=CEDAW).**For lists of issues**: 12 weeks before the session.Send your report directly to the **Secretariat** (ohchr-ced@un.org) in electronic form, in Word format for accessibility purposes and optionally also in PDF format. | **Sessions:** Closed meetings, interpretation provided.Contact the **Secretariat** no later than 1 month before the session**.** | **Informal briefings, video calls or tele-conferences**with Committee members may be arranged. No interpretation is provided.Contact the **Secretariat** no later than 1 month before the session. |

1. For 2024, the deadline for submissions for CEDAW sessions and PSWGs will change to 6 weeks prior to the plenary session for both session and PSWG submissions. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. <https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/Treaties/CEDAW/Shared%20Documents/1_Global/INT_CEDAW_INF_81_33422_E.docx> (Section IX) [↑](#footnote-ref-2)