

# Treaty Body Reform: How to Get Involved

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**However, It remains important that the intergovernmental process is informed by NGOs who have experience of working with the treaty bodies and we encourage the widest base of NGOs to engage with these consultations, even if those experiences do not appear immediately to relate to the big reform issues.** There are several different ways to get involved. Please see the schedule of relevant meetings below for reference.

## **Observing the State consultations**

The State consultations and informal-informals are open to NGOs for observation (not participation). These meetings are held at the UN in New York. As relevant meeting dates approach, check the daily [UN Journal](#) for times and locations.

## **Participating in the NGO hearings**

No further NGO hearings have been scheduled at this time. In order to stay up to date, you can subscribe to [email updates from the Civil Society Section](#). If further hearings are held, please note that you must register in order to participate in the hearing, whether your NGO has ECOSOC status or not. As the date approaches, check the daily [UN Journal](#) for times and locations.

It may be possible to provide video-conferencing to other locations around the world. If this is of interest to your organization, please contact [m.sinclair@ishr.ch](mailto:m.sinclair@ishr.ch).

If you are not able to participate in the hearing you may also have another NGO read a statement on your behalf.

## **Making written submissions to the co-facilitators**

You may make written submissions to the co-facilitators of the process: Mr Thorvardur Atli Thorsson [th@mfa.is](mailto:th@mfa.is) and Mr Arief Adnan from the mission of Indonesia [arief.adnan@indonesiamission-ny.org](mailto:arief.adnan@indonesiamission-ny.org).

## **Organising side events**

NGOs are able to organise side events at the UN, as long as these are co-sponsored by States.

## **Stay updated**

Please write to [m.sinclair@ishr.ch](mailto:m.sinclair@ishr.ch) if you would like to receive regular updates on the treaty body strengthening process, including further opportunities to get involved.

## **Schedule of relevant meetings**

- 12 February 2013: Informal meeting
- 19-21 February 2013: Thematic discussions, followed by informal-informals
- 26 February 2013: Informal interactive hearing with civil society
- 12-17 April 2013: Thematic discussions, followed by informal informals
- 6 May 2013: Informal interactive hearing with civil society

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- 22 May 2013: Informal interactive hearing with civil society

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