

Overview of Issues

Cluster 1 are issues covered in February

(a few remaining to be covered in April - marked with *)

1. Webcasting to enhance the accessibility and visibility of treaty bodies at country level
2. Video-conferencing
3. A handbook on expectations, availability and required workload and a centralized treaty body elections website
4. Proposals for policies and processes with respect to the nomination and elections of experts to the treaty bodies
5. Open public space for all State Parties to present their potential candidates or nominees for treaty bodies
6. Other measures to enhance the visibility and accessibility of the treaty body system
7. “Simplified reporting procedure” (list of issues)
8. The reduction of translation of summary records or their replacement by webcasting
9. Submission of common core documents and regular updates*
10. Addressing backlogs and coordinated requests for additional meeting time*
11. Strict adherence to page limitations*
12. Reduction in annual reports of treaty bodies*

Cluster 2 on Capacity building

1. Capacity-building activities relating to reporting
2. A standing national reporting and coordination mechanism

Cluster 3 on Treaty body interaction with State Parties and other stakeholders

1. Aligned methodology for the constructive dialogue between States Parties and treaty bodies
2. Focused treaty body concluding observations
3. Further institutionalization of engagement with other United Nations partners
4. Dual chambers
5. Aligned consultation process for the elaboration of General Comments/General recommendations
6. Friendly settlements
7. Aligned models of interaction among treaty bodies, national human rights institutions and civil society organizations
8. Strengthening the meetings of State Parties

Cluster 4 on Treaty body coordination and coherence

1. Establishment of a treaty body jurisprudence database on individual cases including information on their follow-up
2. Joint treaty body working group on communications
3. Review of good practices regarding the application of rules of procedure and methods of work and adoption of common guidelines
4. Reprisals
5. The treaty bodies’ follow-up procedures

Cluster 5 on Master calendar

Side-discussions (April or May)

1. Guidelines on independence and impartiality of members of the human rights treaty bodies in the exercise of their functions
2. Enhancing the capacity of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture