

## **GANHRI Working Group on Sustainable Development**

### **Members of Working Group:**

- The Americas region: Defensoría del Pueblo, Argentina
- The Asia-Pacific region: Komisi Nasional Hak Asasi Manusia (Komnas HAM), Indonesia
- The African region: Commission on Human Rights and Administrative Justice, Ghana
- The European region: Danish Institute for Human Rights
- The GANHRI chairmanship: German Institute for Human Rights

### **Working Group meetings and decisions taken**

Meeting in Geneva in March 2017.

- The Danish Institute for Human Rights took over the chairmanship as Ecuador left the Working Group.
- Decided that initial GANHRI WG work plan will be approved by GANHRI WG members by May 2017 (attached).

### **Summary of the Working Group Work Plan**

The GANHRI Working Group on Sustainable Development will pursue the following objectives through its work plan:

1. NHRIs have access to capacity-building and share analysis, methods, tools and resources that strengthen their key role with regards to national SDG implementation and review
2. GANHRI and its regional networks engage in regional and global follow-up and review mechanisms related to the 2030 Agenda, to ensure that the human rights commitments reflected in the goals and targets are upheld, including the principles of equality and non-discrimination
3. GANHRI and its regional networks engage in strategic alliances and partnerships, to contribute to concerted efforts aimed at ensuring that the implementation and review of the 2030 Agenda and related targets, indicators and strategies contribute to the realisation of internationally recognised human rights.

In addition to the above objectives, the GANHRI Working Group will pursue a distinct objective to:

4. Consolidate the GANHRI Working Group on Sustainable Development, and enhance its outreach and contributions to the work of GANHRI, its regional networks and individual members, in line with the Mérida Declaration.

### **Activities and results undertaken from February-August 2017**

#### **1. Capacity-building, shared analysis, methods, tools and resources**

- Contribution to ENNHRI meeting on poverty measures within Europe. Workshop concluded with 21 participants from European NHRIs. Compilation of ENNHRI thematic report to the HLPF 2017. May 2017.
- GANHRI WG and Special Envoy participation in NHRI Academy, incl. facilitation of session on SDGs and human rights. May 2017.
- GANHRI WG and Special Envoy supervised drafting and provided input for the report, “NHRIs engaging with the SDGs”, in preparation for its launch at the HLPF 2017.  
<http://nhri.ohchr.org/EN/IHRS/SustDevGoals/Pages/default.aspx> June-July 2017.

## **2. Engagement of GANHRI and regional networks in regional and global follow-up and review mechanisms**

- Advocacy for enhanced opportunities for NHRI participation in the HLPF and other forums. Collaboration with GANHRI on organisation of GANHRI Special Envoy mission to NYC in May 2017.
- Contribution to GANHRI report to the 2017 HLPF on shrinking space for civil society in countries undergoing Voluntary National Review. GANHRI chair and secretariat. Report presented at HLPF 2017. [http://nhri.ohchr.org/EN/News/Documents/20170709\\_GANHRI-BackgroundPaper%20-HLPF17-ShrinkingSpace\\_final.pdf](http://nhri.ohchr.org/EN/News/Documents/20170709_GANHRI-BackgroundPaper%20-HLPF17-ShrinkingSpace_final.pdf). July 2017.
- Organisation of 3-hours Learning, Training and Practice Session on human rights and sustainable development at the HLPF. GANHRI Special Envoy/DIHR. July 2017.
- HLPF side-event: “The function of International Human Rights Mechanisms and the role of National Human Rights Institutions in supporting the implementation of the 2030 Agenda”. OHCHR-UNDP-GANHRI tripartite partnership. July 2017
- GANHRI WG participation in UNECE Regional Sustainable Development Forum, 24-25 April 2017.

## **3. Engagement in strategic alliances, partnerships and events**

- GANHRI-UNICEF event (in partnership with OHCHR): “The role of NHRIs in the promotion and protection of children’s rights; Contributions to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda”. Approx. 80 participants. GIHR and Special Envoy participating. Geneva, March 9, 2017.

## **4. Consolidation of the GANHRI Working Group on Sustainable Development**

- Finalisation and approval of initial GANHRI WG work plan by GANHRI WG members. April-May 2017.
- Regular reporting to the GANHRI Bureau and General Meeting (annual and as requested)
- Establishment of dedicated section on the SDGs at GANHRI website for sharing of information, documents, statements, for NHRIs and the wider public. GANHRI secretariat. Established in June 2017: <http://nhri.ohchr.org/EN/IHRS/SustDevGoals/Pages/default.aspx>

## **Future activities of the Working Group**

*Provide a list of future activities of the Working Group as per its work plan and decisions adopted during the Working Group meetings*

### **1. Capacity-building, shared analysis, methods, tools and resources**

- NANHRI training on ESCR, with a module on the 2030 Agenda (in the context of the ongoing GANHRI EU.NHRI project). GANHRI-NANHRI. 11-15 December 2017
- Americas regional training on ESCR, with a module on the 2030 Agenda (in the context of the ongoing GANHRI EU.NHRI project). TBC.
- NANHRI 11<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference focusing on the 2030 Agenda. November 2017
- Seminar for NHRIs to exchange on tools, e.g. mapping UPR-recommendations to SDGs and/or mapping human rights obligations as formulated in the Concluding Observations and SDGs (e.g.

the mapping on UPR-recommendations and SDGs done by Argentina<sup>1</sup>, and tool on UPR-recommendations developed by New Zealand). GIHR. Tentatively Geneva, March 2018

- Organisation of a content-related exchange on one of the upcoming topics (e.g. transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies or Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality) of the global thematic reviews to be conducted under the HLPF. GIHR. Continuous, up to July 2018 session of HLPF

### **3. Engagement in strategic alliances, partnerships and events**

- GANHRI-CIVICUS event on nexus between human rights monitoring and SDGs. GANHRI and CIVICUS
- Participation at 2<sup>nd</sup> UN World Data Forum. GANHRI Special Envoy/DIHR. End 2018

### **4. Consolidation of the GANHRI Working Group on Sustainable Development**

- Meeting of the Working Group members, coordination, strategizing and planning. DIHR and Working Group members. 2018
- Establishment of an intranet for the Working Group members, for sharing of draft documents and information. GANHRI secretariat. 2017

### **Working Group proposals to the Bureau where decisions might be required**

*It is recommended for the Bureau to formalise the establishment of the GANHRI Working Group on Sustainable Development, including approval of its Terms of Reference.*

### **Annex**

Attached: GANHRI Working Group on Sustainable Development work plan, updated October 2017

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<sup>1</sup> <http://npa.hrc.co.nz/#/>