

Universal Periodic Review: Giving children's rights a stronger voice!

As part of our work monitoring the inclusion of children's rights across UN and regional human rights mechanisms, CRIN are currently assessing the extent to which children's rights are addressed in the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) process.

The overall objective is to measure the effectiveness of the UPR as a platform for promoting the full range of children's rights, and to assess which advocacy activities are most effective.

Please visit [CRIN's UPR homepage](#) to view our child rights references reports for sessions 1 to 8 inclusive.

Aims of questionnaire:

1. Understand how NGOs have engaged with the UPR and ascertain what tools were used.
2. Collect successful advocacy examples from NGOs and share with others.
3. Assess how CRIN and partners could better support NGOs engaging with the UPR.

Outcomes:

- CRIN will be producing and disseminating a report based on the responses to the questionnaire.
- Anonymity: CRIN will not be making the names of NGOs public.

PART 1 – Pre-Review

Please mark next to the appropriate answers with an 'X'

Your organisation:

1. What is the name of your organisation? _____
2. Which of the following categories does your organisation fit into?

A National NGO	
An International NGO (or a branch of an INGO)	
Other, if so what?	

Writing a report for the UPR:

1. a) Did you submit a report to the UPR?	YES		NO	
If 'yes', was it:	Individually			
	As part of a Coalition (joint submission)			

(b) If you submitted as part of a Coalition, was it:

An existing Coalition	
Part of a Coalition established for the purpose of this report	

2. Did you focus on a particular area of child rights?

- Thematic issues _____
- General country focus _____
- If thematic, which ones?

3. (a) Have you used the OHCHR guidelines for submitting a report to the UPR?

YES	
NO	

(b) Have you used the NGO Group for the CRC's working group guidelines for submitting a report to the UPR?

YES	
NO	

If 'yes', were they useful? How could the guidelines be improved?

Writing a report for the CRC or other human rights mechanisms:

1. Have you submitted alternative reports or individual cases to the following treaty bodies?

UN Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC)	
UN Human Rights Committee (CCPR)	
UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR)	
UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)	
UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD)	
UN Committee Against Torture (CAT)	
UN Committee on Migrant Workers (CMW)	
UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)	
International Labour Organisation (ILO)	
UN Special procedures (if yes, which one?)	

Regional Human Rights mechanism (if yes, which one and how did you use it?)	

2. Do you submit the same information for the UPR as you do for the CRC (or other bodies)?

YES	
NO	

Lobbying on the UPR:

At a national level:

1. Have you done any lobbying at the national level?	YES		NO	
If 'yes', with whom?				

2. Did you meet with your government before their visit to Geneva for the review meeting?	YES		NO	
3. Did your government consult with you when they prepared their report? If 'yes', how? (For example, one broad consultation with all civil society actors, thematic consultation) -----	YES		NO	
4. Did you involve children in the reporting process?	YES		NO	
5. Do you have a child rights specific Ombudsman?	YES		NO	

6. Do you have a national human rights institution?	YES		NO	
7. If 'yes' to Qu. 5 or 6, did you co-operate with them on the UPR? Or on the CRC and reporting to other Treaty Bodies? -----	YES		NO	

At the international Level:

1. Have you done any lobbying at the international level?	YES		NO	
If 'yes', with whom?				

2. Do you have anyone representing you in Geneva, from your organisation or another organisation ? If 'yes', what type of representative? -----	YES		NO	
3 Are you in contact with your mission in Geneva regarding the UPR?	YES		NO	

-----***PART 2 - During-Review and adoption of the UPR outcome report***-----

1. Did you have the opportunity to attend the review meeting in Geneva?	YES		NO	
2a Did you (or one someone else on your behalf) make a statement at the plenary meeting?	YES		NO	
2b If not, did another organisation make a statement on your behalf? If 'yes', who? -----	YES		NO	

3. Did you lobby the troika* ?	YES		NO	
4. Did you lobby other countries to ask questions or make recommendations?	YES		NO	
5. If you were not in Geneva, did you follow the meeting?	YES		NO	
Did you watch the UN web cast?	YES		NO	
6. Did you communicate the outcomes of the plenary meeting with your partners?	YES		NO	

**Troika – As explained in Resolution 5/1: “A group of 3 rapporteurs from different regions appointed by their governments, will be formed to facilitate the review, including the preparation of the report of the Working Group ”*

-----**PART 3 - Post-Review**-----

1. Were any of your points raised during the review?	YES		NO	
2. Were any of your points included in the final recommendations from the review?	YES		NO	
3.If they were, would you attribute this to your reporting or to your lobbying prior to the review meeting?				
A) To lobbying	YES		NO	
B) To reporting	YES		NO	
C) Both	YES		NO	
4. Have you disseminated the final recommendations from the UPR? If 'yes', to whom (e.g. media, other NGOs, ...)	YES		NO	

5. Do you have plans to follow up on the final recommendations from the review?	YES		NO	
If 'yes', with which ones?				

6. Does your government have any plans for following up on the final recommendations?	YES		NO		Don't know	
7. Will you be monitoring your government's follow up activities with regards to the final recommendations? If 'yes', how? -----	YES		NO			

PART 4 – Evaluation of overall advocacy plan

1. Did you think your work on the UPR was worth your efforts?	YES		NO	
Why? -----				
2. What appeared to be most effective in the advocacy process?				
Report submission	YES		NO	
Lobbying: national or international (please state which)	YES		NO	
Other, please specify -----				
3. Is there anything you would do differently in your approach to the UPR next time? -----				
4. a) Is the UPR part of your organisation's core work?	YES		NO	
b) Will the UPR be part of your long term plans?	YES		NO	

If 'no', why?				
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c) Did you have to persuade your own organisation to work on the UPR?	YES		NO	
If 'yes', what was the resistance to working on the UPR?				
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5. Are the UPR recommendations similar to the CRC concluding observations?	YES		NO	
If 'no', how do they differ?				

----- **Part 5 – Finally!** -----

1. Are you aware of the work CRIN have been doing on the UPR?	YES		NO	
If 'yes', has it been useful and what further information would you like to see?				
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2. Are you a member of CRIN?	YES		NO	
3. Are you a member of the NGO Group for the CRC?	YES		NO	
Please detail any further information that you feel necessary to share with us regarding the UPR reporting process.				
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4. Would you mind if we contacted you to follow up on this questionnaire with a phone interview?	YES		NO	
If 'yes', please let us know the most convenient number to reach you on.				
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Thank you for your time.

CRIN will be assessing the responses from NGOs completing this questionnaire and will disseminate a report highlighting key findings and good examples of successful advocacy towards the UPR.

For any questions concerning this questionnaire or the Universal Periodic Review in general:

- Contact Ed Renshaw at CRIN at ed@crin.org

or

- Visit [CRIN's UPR](#) section on our website