

Global Network on National Human Rights Action Planning



Workshop on
Uncovering 30 Years of NHRAPing
Lessons from the Five Continents

4– 6 June 2025

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Time	Workshop Agenda
Day One 4 June 2025 Wednesday	
9.30 am - 10.00 am BST BRITISH SUMMER TIME	Registration University of Liverpool, School of Law and Social Justice, Ground Floor, Events Space
10.00 am - 10.30 am	Opening Session Welcome Address by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Professor Tim Jones, Vice Chancellor of the University of Liverpool ◇ Professor Valsamis Mitsilegas, Dean of School of Law and Social Justice ◇ Dr Azadeh Chalabi, Founder of the Network and Workshop Organiser
10.30 am – 12.00 pm	Panel 1 – <i>Origins, Developments and Evaluation of NHRAPing: 30 Years On</i> Chair Mr Sergey Dikman Adviser on Strategic Co-operation Development, Directorate of Human Rights, Council of Europe <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) NHRAPs: An Underused Tool for Human Rights Protection Professor Michael O’Flaherty Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe 2) The Origins of National Action Plans Mr Bill Barker Author of the UNOHCHR Handbook on NHRAP 3) 30 Years of NHRAPing in Practice: Successes and Challenges Mr David Johnson Former UNOHCHR Regional Representative and NHRAP Focal Point 4) The Human Rights Action Planning Work of the Danish Institute for Human Rights: International work supporting NHRI and governmental actors’ action planning Dr Stéphanie Lagoutte Senior Researcher, Danish Institute for Human Rights 5) A Longitudinal Study of 30 Years of NHRAPing Dr Azadeh Chalabi Senior Lecturer in Law, University of Liverpool, Author of <i>National Human Rights Action Planning</i> (OUP, 2018)
12.00 pm – 13.00 pm	Lunch Break - SLSJ Lobby

13.00 pm – 14.30 pm	<p>Panel 2 – <i>European Experience in NHRAPing I</i></p> <p>Chair Professor Padraig McAuliffe Professor in Law, University of Liverpool</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Spain’s National Human Rights Plan Professor José García-Añón Director of the University Institute of Human Rights, University of Valencia 2) The National Human Rights Action Planning in Greece: Best Practices and Challenges Professor Maria Gavouneli and Dr Christos Tsevas Greek National Commission for Human Rights 3) Strengthening Coordination and Human Rights Perspectives: Insights from Finland’s NHRAPs Ms Anna Saarela and Ms Nanni Olsson Ministry of Justice, Finland 4) A Compass Without a Needle: Lithuania’s Human Rights Landscape Dr Jolita Miliuvienė Parliamentary Ombudsperson of Lithuania
14.30 pm – 14.45 pm	Coffee Break
14.45 pm – 16.15 pm	<p>Panel 3 – <i>NHRAPing in Scotland: From A to Z</i></p> <p>Chair Dr Amanda Cahill-Ripley Senior Lecturer in Law, University of Liverpool</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Building the Evidence Base: informing and Monitoring Scotland’s National Action Plan for Human Rights Dr Alison Hosie Research Officer at the Scottish Human Rights Commission 2) Measuring Success Through Co-production Professor Jo Edson Ferrie Scotland Professor of Sociology, University of Glasgow 3) Making Rights Real: The Legacy of SNAP1 and How we’re using human rights as a tool for change Ms Clare MacGillivray Director of Making Rights Real, Scotland 4) 2013 – 2030 Scotland’s National Action Plan for Human Rights: 96 actions. Development, Delivery and Learning Charlie McMillan Co-chair of SNAP 2 Leadership Panel, Scotland 5) Scotland’s NHRAP: Some Reflections Ms Lucy Mulvagh Director of Policy, Research and Impact, Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland

	6) Discussant Mr Nick Bland Deputy Director for Equality and Inclusion, Scottish Government
16.15 pm – 16.30 pm	Coffee Break
16.30 pm – 18.00 pm	Panel 4 – European <i>Experience in NHRAPing II</i> Chair Mr Vincent Hitabatuma Federal Institute for the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights (Belgium) 1) Presentation on the case of NHRAPing in Germany Michael Windfuhr German Institute for Human Rights 2) National Human Rights Action Planning in the Netherlands: Lessons Learned and Current Initiatives Ms Anne Dijkman; and Ms Sanne Staaltjens and Dr Jan-Willem Rossem The Netherlands Institute for Human Rights; Ministry of Interior Affairs and Kingdom Relations, the Netherlands 3) National Human Rights Planning in Italy: A Patchwork of Practices Dr Pietro de Perini and Professor Paolo De Stefani University Human Rights Centre A. Papisca; University of Padova and University of Padua 4) Armenia’s Human Rights Strategy Action Plan (2023–2025): Milestones and Implementation Insights Ms Mariam Chiflikyan Adviser to the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia 5) Experience from Norway: A paradigm NHRAP, then other ways forward? Ms Kristin Høgdahl Senior Policy Advisor Norwegian Human Rights Institute 6) Strengthening Human Rights Protections - The Journey in Wales Ms Melissa Wood Project Manager and Researcher, Legislative Options Working Group (Wales)

Day Two 5 June 2025 Thursday

9.00 am - 10.00 am BST

Panel 1 – *Asia Pacific Experience of NHRAPing I*

Chair Mr Ashley Bowe
Chief of Party at Pacific Community

- 1) **National Human Rights Action Plan: The Aotearoa New Zealand experience**
Ms Meg de Ronde
Chief Executive New Zealand Human Rights Commission (Te Kāhui Tika Tangata)
- 2) **20 Years of Making NHRAP in South Korea: Achievements and Challenges**
Dr Pillkyu Hwang and Ms Yoojin Oh
Gonggam Human Rights Law Foundation and National Forensic Hospital, Ministry of Justice of South Korea
- 3) **The Establishment of South Korea's National Action Plan for the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights (NAP) and How It Aligns with Local Governments' Action Plans**
Dr Myunghye Lee
Research Director at Korea Human Rights Policy Institute

10:00 am – 11:30 am

Panel 2 – *Digitalisation and NHRAPing*

Chair Ms Marie-Eve Boyer
Human Rights Officer UNOHCHR

- 1) **SIMORE Plus: A mechanism to enhance the implementation of the human rights agenda**
Minister Belén Morra
Human Rights Director, Human Rights General Unit, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Paraguay
- 2) **Next-Gen NHRAPs: Smart Planning for Human Rights**
Dr Domenico Zipoli
Geneva Academy, Human Rights Platform
- 3) **Measuring What Matters: How to measure human rights progress**
Ms Thalia Kehoe Rowden
Co-Executive Director of the Human Rights Measurement Initiative, New Zealand
- 4) **Driving human rights action planning and implementation using technology: A Case Study of IMPACT OSS**
Mr Ashely Bowe
Chief of Party at Pacific Community-SPC
- 5) **Discussant**
Mr Timo Franz
Impact Open Source Software Trust

11.30 am – 11.45 am

Coffee Break

11.45 am – 13.00 pm	<p>Panel 3 – NMIRFs and NHRAPs</p> <p>Chair and Discussant Dr Domenico Zipoli Senior Researcher of the Geneva Academy, Human Rights Platform</p> <p>1) National Mechanisms for Implementation, Reporting and Follow-up and NHRAPs: Areas of Convergence Ms Marie-Eve Boyer Human Rights Officer UNOHCHR</p> <p>2) The Role of NMIRFs in Drafting NHRAPs Professor Santiago Florio Independent Expert at UN Committee on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights; HR & Labour Standards Paraguay</p> <p>3) UNFPA’s strategic engagement with NMIRFs and their National Human Rights Action Plans to advance the rights of women and girls Mr Alfonso Barragues Deputy Chief, Division for External Relations Geneva Representation Office, UNFPA</p> <p>4) The Portuguese Experience with NMIRFs: Best Practices and Challenges Ms Sara Ágoas Head of the Human Rights Unit, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Portugal</p> <p>5) Paraguay’s Experience of NMIRFs Ms Ana Rolón Candia Permanent Mission of Paraguay to the United Nations other International Organizations in Geneva</p>
13.00 pm – 14.00 pm	Lunch Break - SLSJ Lobby
14.00 pm – 15.00 pm	<p>Panel 4 – <i>Future of the Global Network on NHRAPing</i></p> <p>Rendall Building, Lecture Theatre 2</p> <p>◇ Coordination, Partnerships, Future Hosts and the Format</p>
15.00 pm – 15.45 pm	<p>Panel 5 – <i>African Experience of NHRAPing and NMIRFs</i></p> <p>Chair Mr Martin Browne Legal Consultant with UN OHCHR</p> <p>1) From Planning to Implementation: How NMIRFs Support the National Action Plan for Human Rights – Focus on the Interministerial Delegation for Human Rights Ms Fatima Barkan Secretary General of the Interministerial Delegation for Human Rights, Kingdom of Morocco</p> <p>2) NHRAPing in Kenya: Past, Present, and Future Dr Francis E A Owakah and a Representative from the Kenyan National Commission on Human Rights Director of the University of Nairobi’s Centre for Human Rights and Peace; KNCHR</p>

15.45 pm – 16.45 pm	<p>Panel 6 – <i>NHRAPing in Europe III</i></p> <p>Chair Professor Jo Edson Ferrie Scotland Professor of Sociology at the University of Glasgow</p> <p>1) The importance of the adoption of a concrete NHRAP in Albania as an important instrument to guarantee the effectiveness of the Commissioner for Protection from Discrimination Mr Robert Gajda, PhD Commissioner for Protection from Discrimination in Albania</p> <p>2) Good Practices and Challenges Facing NHRAPing in Different Countries and in Ukraine Mr Dmytro Lubinets Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights</p> <p>3) Austria’s path to a National Action Plan for Human Rights: Obstacles, Pitfalls and Lessons learnt Mag. Johannes Carniel Human Rights Lawyer at the Austrian Ombudsman Board</p> <p>4) Human Rights in Estonian Strategic Documents Ms Margit Sarv Acting Head of NHRI activities at the Office of the Chancellor of Justice in Estonia</p>
16.45 pm – 17.00 pm	Coffee Break
17.00 pm – 18.00 pm	<p>Panel 7 – <i>South and North American Experience of NHRAPing</i></p> <p>Chair Professor José García-Añón Director of the University Institute of Human Rights, University of Valencia</p> <p>1) Canadian Human Rights Implementation: A Story of Paradoxes Dr Amanda Dale Research Fellow Human Rights Research and Education Centre at the University of Ottawa Faculty of Law, Canada</p> <p>2) Does a plan actually lead to action? Argentina and its NHRP (2017-2020) Dr Victoria Kandel Institute of Justice and Human Rights, National University of Lanús, Argentina</p>
18.30 pm – 20.30 pm	<p>Reception</p> <p>Hope Street Hotel Rooftop 40 Hope Street, Liverpool L1 9DA</p>

Day Three 6 June 2025 Friday

9:00 am – 10:30 am	<p>Panel 1 – <i>Asia Pacific Experience of NHRAPing II</i></p> <p>Chair Dr Azadeh Chalabi, Senior Lecturer in Law, University of Liverpool</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The Positioning and Role of Taiwan’s National Human Rights Commission in National Human Rights Action Plan Dr Wen-cheng Lin Commissioner of the National Human Rights, Taiwan (ROC) 2) Bridging Plans and Reality: Taiwan’s Experience in Drafting, Implementing, and Monitoring NHRAPs Ms Tzu-hsien Wu Section Chief at the Department of Human Rights and Transitional Justice, Executive Yuan, Taiwan (ROC) 3) Thailand’s Experience on Developing and Implementing the National Human Rights Plan Ms Nareeluc Pairchaiyapoom Department of Rights and Liberties Protection International Human Rights Division Ministry of Justice, Thailand 4) National Human Rights Action Plan in Federal Nepal: Prospects, Challenges and Experiences Mr Rajendra Thapa Joint Secretary Office of the Prime Minister and Council of Ministers, Singh Durbar, Nepal 5) The Contribution of National Human Rights Action Plans (NHRAPs) in Southeast Asia to the Regional Human Rights Governance in ASEAN Ms Yuyun Wahyuningrum Executive Director of ASEAN Parliamentarians for Human Rights Representative of Indonesia to AICHR (2019-2024)
10.30 am – 10.45 am	Coffee Break
10.45 am – 12.15 pm	<p>Panel 2 – <i>Participation, Commitment and Cooperation in NHRAPing</i></p> <p>Chair Dr Jolita Miliuvienė, Parliamentary Ombudsperson of Lithuania</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Reflecting Council of Europe Standards in National Human Rights Action Plans: the Role of Technical Co-operation Mr Sergey Dikman Adviser on Strategic Co-operation Development, Directorate of Human Rights, Council of Europe 2) Georgian NHRI’s Experience and Work on NHRAPs Dr Tamar Gvaramadze First Deputy Public Defender of Georgia 3) Active, Free, and Meaningful Participation - Lessons from the Right to Development Mr Martin Browne Legal Consultant with UN OHCHR 4) Human Rights Action Plan as The Political Commitment Professor Muharrem Kiliç Board Member & Chairman the Human Rights and Equality Institution of Türkiye

	5) UNDP's Role in Shaping and Digitalizing NHRAPs: Key Lessons Learned Ms Ainura Bekkoenova Regional Advisor, Rule of Law and Human Rights, UNDP Europe and Central Asia
12.15 pm – 13.15 pm	Lunch Break - SLSJ Lobby
13.15 pm – 14.15 pm	Panel 3 – NHRIs and NHRAPs Chair Dr Stéphanie Lagoutte, Senior Researcher, Danish Institute for Human Rights 1) Having a National Human Rights Institution: The Malta Experience Judge Emeritus Dr Joseph Zammit McKeon Parliamentary Ombudsman of Malta 2) The (lacking) Establishment of a NHRI in Italy: Problems and Perspectives Professor Giorgio Repetto Professor of Constitutional Law, Department of Law, Università di Perugia, Italy 3) The role of the Ombudsperson Institution in Kosovo in setting priorities for NHRAP and their impact Ms Anita Cavdarbasha Korenica Deputy Ombudsperson of the Republic of Kosovo
14.15 pm – 14.30 pm	Coffee Break
14.30 pm – 15.30 pm	Panel 4 – South American Experience of NHRAPing and Measuring Mechanisms Chair Mr David Johnson, International Expert on NHRAPs 1) Turning international obligations and recommendations into measuring frameworks: The Mexican Judiciary's Contribution Mr Arturo Guerrero Zazueta Director General Human Rights, Gender Equality and International Affairs of the Federal Judiciary Council in Mexico 2) National and Regional UPR Coalitions: how civil society can participate in the NMIRFS/SIMORES (National Mechanisms for Human Rights Monitoring) Ms Fernanda Brandão Lapa Executive Director of the Institute for Development of Human Rights (IDDH Brazil) 3) Implementing Human Rights Obligations in Brazil Mr Rogerio Campos Advisory Officer in the Ministry of Human Rights and Citizenship, Brazil
15.30 pm – 16.00 pm	Panel 5 – Summary and Conclusion ◇ Global Network on NHRAPing: Next Steps