National Mechanisms for Reporting and Follow-up

Briefing for UPR delegations
National Challenges

- **Ongoing growth** in human rights mechanisms (int’l and regional), reporting requirements, and number of human rights recommendations addressed to States

- **Timely and quality reporting** demand sustainable technical expertise

- Quality reporting requires **effective follow-up and implementation** of recommendations by many Ministries and at the local level

Ad-hoc arrangements are not viable anymore!
What is a National Mechanism for Reporting and Follow-up (NMRF)?

- Coordinate and prepare reports to and engage with the international and regional human rights mechanisms (including treaty bodies, the universal periodic review and special procedures).
- **Coordinate and track national follow-up and implementation** of the treaty obligations and recommendations/decisions emanating from these mechanisms.

The national mechanism performs these functions in **coordination** with ministries, specialized State bodies (such as the national statistics office), Parliament and the Judiciary, as well as in **consultation** with the national human rights institution(s) and civil society.
What are the main types of NMRFs?

- **Ad-hoc**
- Based within a ministry
- **Inter-ministerial**
- Separate institution
Four key capacities

An effective NMRF should have the following **four key capacities**:

- Engagement capacity
- Coordination capacity
- Consultation capacity
- Information management capacity
Treaty Body Capacity Building Programme (TBCBP)

- Treaty body strengthening process – GA resolution 68/268
- The programme became fully operational in 2015 (10 staff members based in OHCHR regional offices and 6 in Geneva)
- Reports every 2 years to the General Assembly on its achievements
- Organizes regional or sub-regional training-of-trainers (ToT) workshops for State officials
- Provides assistance to requesting States on (1) National Mechanisms for Reporting and Follow-up (NMRFs) and on (2) the preparation of Common Core Documents and treaty specific reporting.
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