

# Engagement with UN human rights mechanisms

## General Introduction

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**HUMAN RIGHTS**  
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# Three UN Mechanisms relevant to Equality Bodies

- Treaty bodies
- Special Procedures
- Universal Periodic Review
- *Universal Human Rights Index*  
<https://uhri.ohchr.org/en/>

# Why are they relevant?

- Dedicated focus
- General obligation

# Opportunities and ways

- Country visits
- General guidance and thematic reports
- Problematic legislation, serious cases
- Examination / Review of States

# Useful links

- **Recap table**

[https://academy.ishr.ch/un\\_bodies\\_comparison\\_table](https://academy.ishr.ch/un_bodies_comparison_table)

- **Treaty Bodies**

<https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/Pages/TreatyBodies.aspx>

- **Special Procedures**

<https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/SP/Pages/Welcomepage.aspx>

- **Universal Periodic Review**

<https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/UPR/Pages/UPRMain.aspx>

*Thank you!*

