



HOW TO SURVIVE YOUR FIRST UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW

GOOD PRACTICE EXAMPLE FROM SLOVAKIA



IGNORING UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW
AS A TOOL FOR IMPROVING THE EQUALITY
AND NON-DISCRIMINATION IN MY
COUNTRY.



GETTING INSPIRED BY PEER EQUALITY
BODIES AND SMASHING IT HARD AT
FOLLOWING UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW
OF MY COUNTRY!

WHAT IS UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW?

It is a **state-driven** process, under the auspices of the **UN Human Rights Council**, which provides the opportunity for each State to declare what actions they have taken to improve the human rights situations in their countries and to fulfil their human rights obligations.

PROS AND CONS FOR AN EQUALITY BODY?



A wide range of human rights issues discussed, including **EQUALITY** and **NON-DISCRIMINATION**.

Possibility to push for a **REAL CHANGE** on the ground through tailored-made recommendations.

Great **PLATFORM** for engaging with like-minded **STAKEHOLDERS** and **POLICYMAKERS** to get insight information.

The process is highly **POLITICAL** and does not have to reflect a true needs on the ground.

Some of the recommendations are vague, sometimes, almost **NON-IMPLEMENTABLE**.

Among participating non-state actors and other stakeholders, A-status NHRIs comes always first in the process.



BIG DECISION...

Draft your own alternative report.

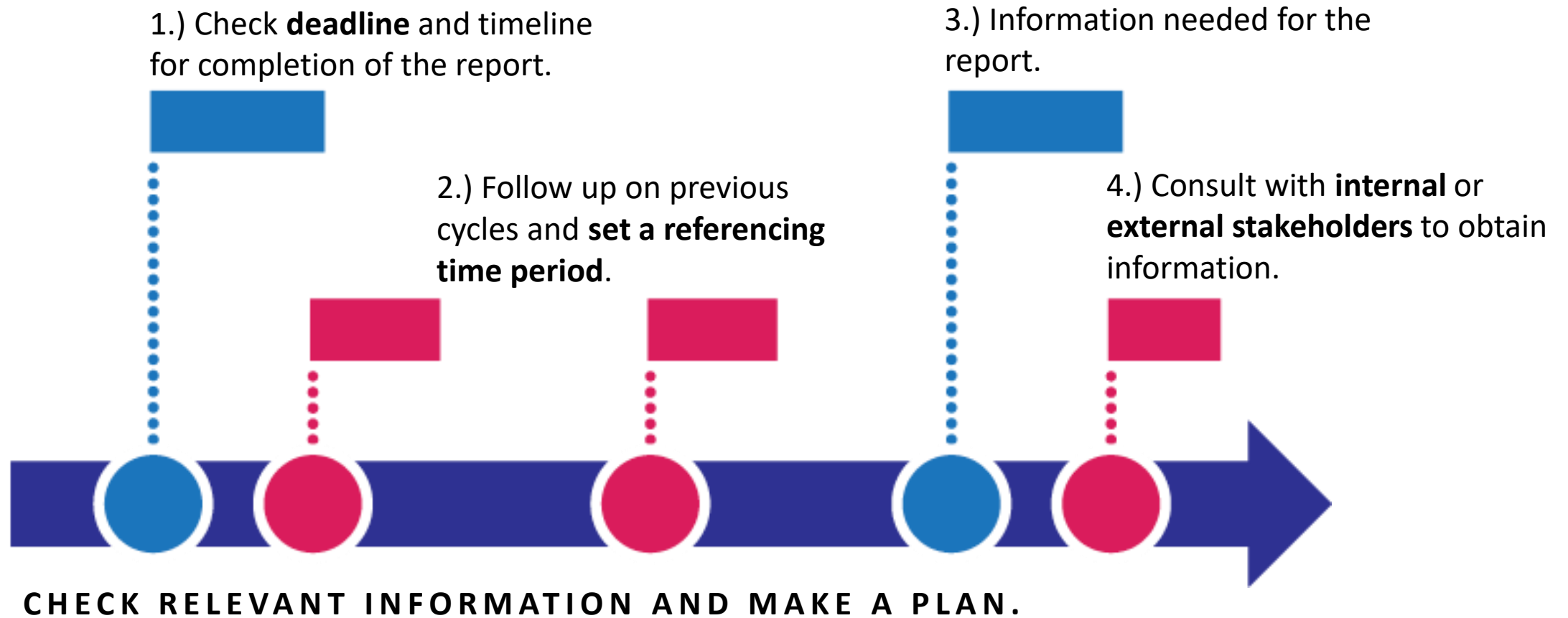
or

Join the consortium of relevant stakeholders.

or

Participate on drafting the state report.





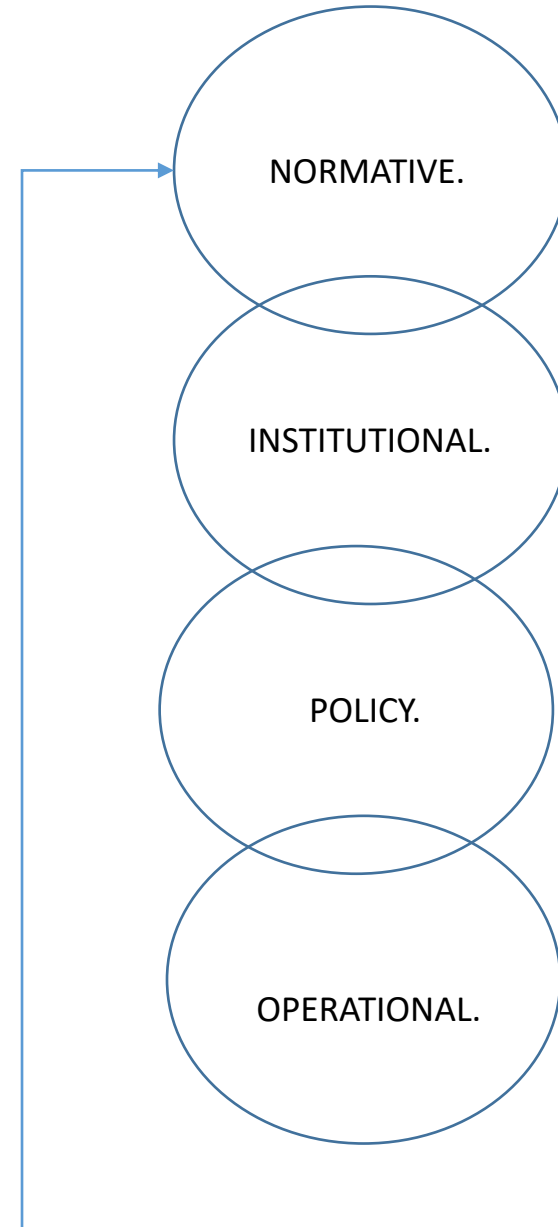
HOW TO CREATE THE CONTENT?



What recommendations concerning non-discrimination and equality were given the State in previous cycles?

Which accepted recommendations concerning non-discrimination and equality were not implemented?

*What are the major **developments** in field of non-discrimination and equality from the previous cycle?*



DRAFTING A REPORT.

- 1.) Tailor your report directly to the UPR, do not use your annual report or other inputs you submitted to other human rights mechanism.
- 2.) Identify our organization properly. Use letterhead and include brief information and contact details. *Brief description of the organization and its activities does not count toward the overall word count.*
- 3.) You got only 2815 words for individual submission and 5630 words for joint submission. Use them wisely. *Cover page, endnotes and annexes does not count within the word limit.*
- 4.) For referencing, you should use endnotes only. Do not include any substantial information to the endnotes (Such information will not be considered!).
- 5.) Number all paragraphs and pages.



- 6.) When referencing implementation of certain recommendation from previous cycle use its recommendation number and recommending country.
- 7.) Follow up information and analysis should be given on progress made in the implementation of recommendations, regressive actions (if any) and identification of actions that remain to be taken for the full implementation.
- 8.) If using indicators (e.g. implemented, partially implemented or non-implemented), provide relevant explanation.
- 9.) Use credible and reliable information. First hand information should be given a priority. Second hand information must be referenced. Do not rely solely on media reports.
- 10.) Avoid listing all treaties ratifications, copying concluding observations and recommendations of UN treaty bodies or special procedures.
- 11.) Use SMART recommendations (specific, measurable, achievable, result-oriented and time-bound). No more than 3 – 4 per topic.
- 12.) Add your mid-term report (if you have one) to the annex.

Don't let them overwhelm you...

YOU GOT THIS!!!



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WHERE DO INFORMATION FROM EQUALITY BODIES GO?

What is the Universal Periodic Review based on?

- 1.) Information prepared by the concerned State which usually have a form of a national report
- 2.) A compilation prepared by the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (includes all information contained in the reports of treaty bodies, special procedures and other relevant official United Nations documents
- 3.) A summary of additional, credible and reliable information provided by other relevant stakeholders which should be also taken into consideration by the Human Rights Council.



PROMOTE YOUR FINDINGS.



Translate your report and publish it on the official website of your institution, so it is widely accessible.



Organize a meeting with key national stakeholders and present your findings and recommendations.



Discuss your recommendations with other states. Use embassies available in your country or attend relevant UPR Info events.

MID-TERM REPORTING IS THE KEY.

Inform relevant public bodies about their role in the implementation of the recommendations and the follow-up phase.

Organize round tables with relevant stakeholders and representatives of civil society do discuss and collect information about the state of implementation of relevant recommendations.

Inform individual States about the implementation of recommendations that they gave your country and provide your feedback and follow-up recommendations.

Draft and submit alternative follow-up report on your own or in consortium.

PARTICIPATE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION.

Plan your annual activities to contribute towards the implementation of the recommendations. In general, the recommendations can be grouped in clusters (e.g. by vulnerable groups) are general enough to opt for various activities, tools and projects.

EXAMPLES MAY INCLUDE:

- Participate on a legislative and policy-making processes (when preparing implementing legislation or national action plans).
- Conduct communication campaigns on relevant issues.
- Collect data and conduct research relevant to the recommendations.
- Casework, casework, casework!

LETS GET VISUAL!



Negative impacts



Positive impacts



Expertise



Half-time!



Equality Body

Geneva



Friends



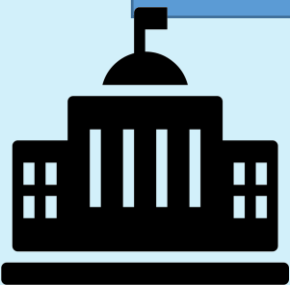
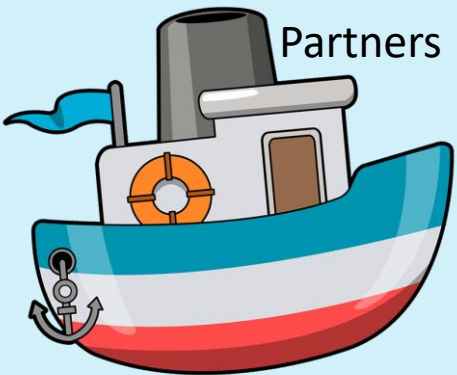
Challenges



Foes



Partners



Public sector

Homeland



Communities



Private sector

MISSION



ACCOMPLISHED!