

Mainstreaming the UN Paris Principles

What are they and why do they matter?"

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After this session, you will:

- Have a **better understanding** of the UN Paris Principles
- Identify the Paris Principles as a source of **common ground** with other institutions, fostering cooperation
- Gather some ideas how the Paris Principles might **guide** your work to address securitization

Question 1 & 2

1) How 'old' are the Paris Principles?

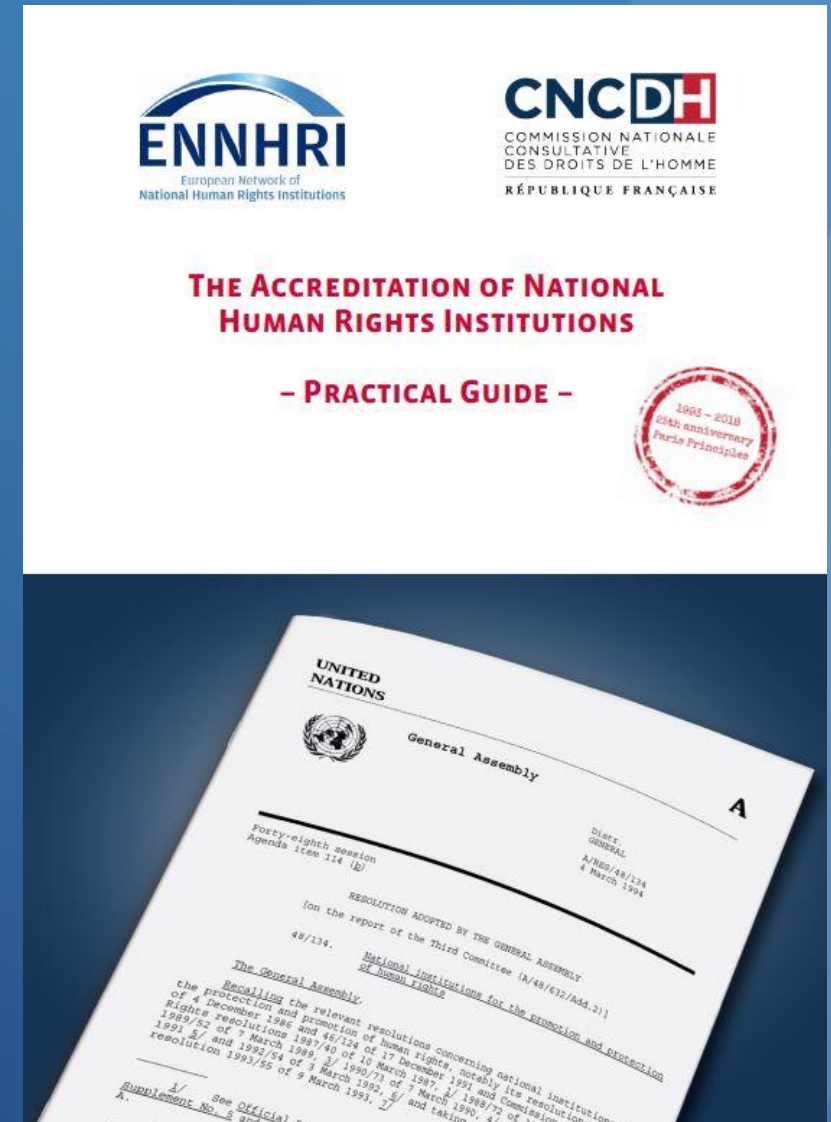
2) What is the significance of the Paris Principles?

UN Paris Principles

- standards for National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) – endorsed by the UN General Assembly in a resolution in 1993
- General Observations by the Sub-Committee on Accreditation (SCA);
- NHRI Recognition at UN level (e.g. GA resolutions), regional level (CoE -Recommendation – ENNHRI's Baseline Study)

UN Paris Principles & accreditation:

- NHRIs are periodically accredited before the GANHRI Sub-Committee on Accreditation (SCA).
- Accreditation means that NHRIs are evaluated with reference to the Paris Principles
- Why is accreditation important?



Question 3

3) What are the criteria/requirements covered by the PP

- Establishment under primary law or the Constitution
- Broad mandate to promote and protect human rights
- Independence
- Adequate resources
- Pluralism
- Cooperation with civil society organization and other national bodies
- Engaging with international bodies

UN Paris Principles

I invite you to see the UN Paris Principles as:



a compass



Let's be stronger,
independent and
effective!



our common DNA



Let's communicate
and work together!



a ladder



Let's build on what we
have for further
recognition and
stronger standing!

NHRIs and securitization

Impact on NHRIs

- [General Observation 2.5](#) NHRIs during the situation of a coup d'état or a state of emergency
- [General observation 2.6](#) Limitation of power of NHRIs due to national security

Impact on human rights

- migration, state of emergency, use of emerging technologies, anti-terrorism law, limitations to freedom of assembly and restricting civic space, law enforcement

Thank you!

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