

Mainstreaming the Paris Principles in the daily work of NHRIs

Importance for your work on
protection of human rights
defenders and as HRDs

After this session, you will:

- Have a better understanding of what are the Paris Principles, why they are relevant and how you can use it in your work;
- Identify the Paris Principles as a source of common ground with other institutions, fostering cooperation.
- Consider how the Paris Principles (and other documents of reference) can strengthen your national, regional and international work as a human rights defender and in supporting other HRDs.

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!



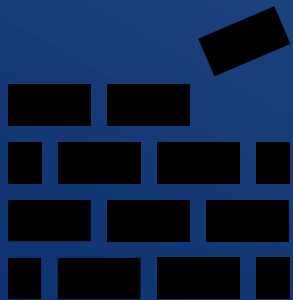
a ladder



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

Sources:

- UN Paris Principles, as adopted by the GA;
- General Observation by the Sub-Committee on Accreditation (SCA);
- CoE Committee of Minister Recommendation
- NHRI Recognition at UN level (e.g. GA resolutions), regional level (CoE + EU), including in relation to HRD protection;



But never below the
UN Paris Principles!

Joint exercise: connecting the UN Paris Principles with your work in relation to protection of human rights defenders

- Broad human rights mandate;
- Competence to promote and protect human rights;
- Independence;
- Pluralism;
- Adequate resources;
- Engaging with international bodies;
- Cooperation with civil society organization and other national bodies;

What does this mean? How is it applicable or important to my work in relation to HRDs?

ENNHRI Rule of Law Report: deteriorating context of human rights defenders

- Growing challenges and worrying trends, also in Europe.
- Legal measures unduly restricting civic space
- Restrictions to freedom of association; harassment and violence against protestors
- Growing negative attitudes, orchestrated attacks, stigmatisation
- Threats, attacks and harassment



NHRIs under threat / at risk:

- Growing challenges and worrying trends, also in Europe.
- Substantive obstacle to carrying out their work in compliance with UN PPs
- Increasing threats and attacks against NHRIs
- ENNHRI support with partners + examples
- Support at national level, including by other HRDs



Conclusion:

The Paris Principles are there to guide your work,
make you stronger and help you connect!

They provide a solid basis both for your work as a
Human Rights Defender and in supporting other
HRDs.

Have a fantastic NHRI Academy!