

UPR INFO PRE-SESSIONS 42

UPR Info is organising UPR Pre-sessions 42 during the **week of 28 November to 2 December 2022** and will take place in person, in Geneva. These meetings will take place in advance of the 42nd UPR Working Group and will include sessions on the following countries: [Czech Republic](#), [Argentine Republic](#), [Gabonese Republic](#), [Republic of Ghana](#), [Peru](#), [Guatemala](#), [Republic of Benin](#), [Republic of Korea](#), [Switzerland](#), [Islamic Republic of Pakistan](#), [Republic of Zambia](#), [Japan](#) and [Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka](#). As Ukraine's UPR has been postponed to a later date, please note that this country's Pre-session will not take place at the Pre-sessions 42 and will be scheduled once the final date will be communicated by the United Nations.

Thanks to the generous support of our donors, UPR Info will offer a travel grant to successful applicants from the Gabonese Republic, the Republic of Benin and the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka only. The grant includes accommodation, airfare and per diems for up to 5 days in Geneva. To apply for the grant, please fill out one of the following forms: [Gabonese Republic](#), [Republic of Benin](#) or [Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka](#). Due to limited financial resources, not all applicants will be selected to receive this grant. For organizations that do not require a grant, please apply via the normal [link](#).

OBJECTIVES

The purpose of the Pre-sessions is to offer Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) and National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) an opportunity to brief permanent delegations on the human rights situation in the States under review. They provide space for civil society to engage directly in a dialogue with States, ensuring that their suggestions and recommendations are taken into consideration by recommending States in advance of the Working Group.

FORMAT

Usually, the Pre-sessions take place one month before the Universal Periodic Review Working Group, which is scheduled to take place from 23 January to 3 February 2022. CSOs and NHRIs will be invited to present their assessment of the human rights situation in the country since the previous review **and will participate in a question-and-answer session** with recommending States following the presentation of the statements. With the principles of **transparency and universality** in mind, all Permanent Missions are invited, including the State under review.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

The Pre-sessions will offer an exchange of information on the human rights situation of the forthcoming State under review. States will receive **up-to-date information and recommendations in advance of the 42nd UPR Working Group session**. **Recommending States will also have the opportunity to ask questions of NHRI and civil society representatives to gain insight on the situation on the ground from a first-hand**

perspective. The information given will reflect the reality of the human rights situation in the country under review and will represent the concerns of all stakeholders on the ground.

WHAT TO EXPECT

The Pre-sessions are a **forum for collaboration and information sharing**. The meetings fill an expressed need from both State delegations and CSOs to meet prior to the UPR Working Group session to identify, discuss, and further develop recommendations to ensure focused attention to the most relevant human rights issues during the review.

The application process to speak at the Pre-sessions will be opened on UPR Info's website www.upr-info.org until 23 September 2022. Applicants are required to fill out the online application form available [here](#), providing information on their engagement in the promotion of human rights.

For a comprehensive overview of the event, applicants are invited to consult [UPR Info Pre-sessions: Empowering human rights voices from the ground](#).

For more information on the Pre-sessions and UPR Info, please visit our website at www.upr-info.org.

UPR INFO

UPR Info is a non-profit, non-governmental organisation (NGO) based in Geneva, Switzerland. The organisation aims at promoting human rights through the UPR. It raises awareness and provides capacity-building tools to all UPR stakeholders, including UN Member States, CSOs, and NHRIs. UPR Info is the first NGO entirely dedicated to the UPR.

Since the inception of the UPR mechanism in April 2008, the organisation has developed a unique expertise on the process itself. This knowledge is widely recognised by stakeholders, notably by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR). UPR Info is regularly invited to participate in conferences and to provide training on the UPR.

UPR Info's [website](#) and [database](#) are the first source of information on the UPR for stakeholders, including Geneva-based permanent missions as well as national and international CSOs, providing them with useful tools for their participation in the UPR mechanism.