

Civil Society Sponsored Constructive Dialogue in Advance of the May 2015 Universal Periodic Review (UPR)

Hosted by the U.S. Human Rights Network and the Columbia Law School Human Rights Institute

UN Church Center
777 1st Avenue, East 44th Street, 10th Floor
New York, NY 10017
March 27, 2015, 9:30 am – 12:00 pm EST

The Universal Periodic Review (UPR) was established by the UN General Assembly as a peer review of the human rights record of all UN Member States. The ultimate aim of the Review is to improve the human rights situation in all countries, and hold governments accountable to their commitments and obligations. The United States is scheduled to participate in its second UPR by the UN Human Rights Council on May 11, 2015, in Geneva.

In anticipation of the second U.S. UPR review, the U.S. Human Rights Network and the Columbia Law School Human Rights Institute are hosting an event to give U.S. civil society an opportunity to share their perspective on human rights concerns with UN mission representatives. These conversations will inform the questions and recommendations that countries offer during the Review in Geneva.

The event will begin with a welcome keynote by Ejim Dike, executive director of the U.S. Human Rights Network, followed by brief (one-minute) presentations from human rights advocates. We will conclude with the opportunity for human rights advocates and UN mission representatives to discuss specific issues. Lunch will be provided.

9:30 am: Registration and Opening Remarks (coffee will be served)

10:00 am: Advocate Presentations

11:00 am-noon: Table Talks

Lunch will follow

Please RSVP by Wednesday, March 18, 2015 to UPR327@gmail.com

In your RSVP, please include the following:

(1) Full name; (2) Organizational affiliation (if any); (3) Advocacy issue; (4) USHRN Working Group (if any); (5) Whether you will be giving brief (no longer than one-minute) prepared statement

Participants are encouraged to bring one-page fact sheets to share with UN mission representatives. Advocates unable to attend are also encouraged to submit fact sheets to UPR327@gmail.com

For more information, please contact: UPR327@gmail.com

Save the Date for additional civil society events related to the U.S. UPR:

- March 26, 2015, University of the District of Columbia Law School, Washington, D.C.
- April 16, 2015, University of the District of Columbia Law School, Washington, D.C.
- April 17, 2015, Roosevelt House at Hunter College, CUNY, New York, N.Y.

Details will be posted: <http://www.ushrnetwork.org>