

REFERENCE: GANHRI 2023 Annual Meeting Invitation

Geneva, 1st February 2023

Dear National Human Rights Institutions,
Dear Regional Chairpersons, and regional secretariats,
Dear Partners,

We are delighted to invite you to participate in the **GANHRI 2023 Annual Meeting**, which will be held **from 14 to 16 March 2023 in Geneva**, Switzerland, at the United Nations Palais des Nations.

After three years of meeting virtually due to the global health situation, we are thrilled we will have an opportunity to finally meet again in person.

The GANHRI Annual Meeting is our annual global gathering, bringing together members from around the globe and our partners, to exchange and learn from each other, review our work and decide collectively on next steps moving forward.

2023 is a significant milestone for international human rights. It marks 30 years since the United Nations General Assembly gave strong endorsement for the establishment and strengthening of national human rights institutions (NHRIs) in accordance with the Paris Principles. In addition, this year also marks the 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration on Human Rights, which provides the foundation for the work of NHRIs in all regions.

At a time when human rights and those defending them are particularly under pressure, our Annual Meeting will be an opportunity to mark these anniversaries, recalling the centrality of human rights in our everyday lives; and highlight the action taken by NHRIs today to address the pressing human rights issues facing communities around the globe.

We look forward to your active participation and contribution throughout.

The program of the events is:

- 14 March, morning: Meetings of the four Regional Networks**
- 14 March, afternoon: GANHRI Bureau Meeting (Bureau members only)**
- 15 March, morning: GANHRI General Assembly**
- 15 March, afternoon: Knowledge exchange of good practices**

16 March, all day: GANHRI Annual Conference to mark the 30th anniversary of the Paris Principles and the 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration on Human Rights

All **supporting documents** including concept note and agenda will be made available in all GANHRI working languages on the following password protected page.
<https://ganhri.org/2023-am-general-assembly/>

The password for accessing the documentation will be sent to participants once registered via the registration link below.

Please **register for the meeting through the following link:** <https://indico.un.org/event/1001235/> by 10 March 2023.

Please note that we are unable to cover the costs related to your participation in these events, therefore we encourage you to make your own booking arrangements as soon as possible.

When making your reservation plans, also kindly consider that the 52nd session of the UN Human Rights Council will be held from 27 February to 31 March 2023 at the Palais des Nations. For an overview of meetings hosted at the UN please visit: [Calendar of UN meetings](#)

In light of the ongoing renovation works in the Palais des Nations, we highly recommend you carefully consider the enclosed **logistic note** which provides guidance on how and where to request accreditation and a detailed plan of the premises.

For further information about GANHRI 2023 please visit GANHRI website at: <https://ganhri.org/event/ganhri-2023-annual-meeting/>. For any questions, please contact us as: annual_meeting@ganhri.org.

We look forward to welcoming you all in Geneva in March.

Yours sincerely,

Maryam Abdullah Al Attiyah
GANHRI Chairperson
Chairperson, National Human Rights Committee, Qatar



Vladlen Stefanov
Chief, NIRMS, OHCHR



GANHRI 2023 ANNUAL MEETING

PROGRAMME

14 - 16 March 2023 | Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland

Tuesday 14 March 2023		
Time (CET)	Item	Documents/Remarks
10:00-14:45	REGIONAL NETWORKS MEETINGS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asia Pacific Forum (APF): 10:00-12:15, Building E, Room XXIII Network of African NHRIs (NANHRI): 10:00-12:15, Room Tempus Network of the Americas (RINDHCA): 10:00-12:15, Room Motta RI 02-03 European Network of NHRIs (ENNHRI): 12:30-14:45, Room Tempus 	[see separate agenda]
15:00-18:00	BUREAU MEETING <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chaired by Maryam Al Attiyah, GANHRI Chairperson Room Tempus 	[see separate agenda]

Wednesday 15 March 2023 Room TEMPUS		
GENERAL ASSEMBLY		
Chaired by Maryam Al Attiyah, GANHRI Chairperson		
Time (CET)	Item	Documents/Remarks
10:00-10:15	Welcome and opening remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maryam Al Attiyah, GANHRI Chairperson 	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amina Bouayach, GANHRI Secretary • Regional Chairpersons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Evaristo Hilarious Mugwadi, Regional Chairperson, Africa ◦ Raquel Caballero de Guevara, Regional Chairperson, Americas ◦ Doohwan Song, Regional Chairperson, Asia-Pacific ◦ Sirpa Rautio, Regional Chairperson, Europe 	
10:15-10:20	Item 01: Adoption of the draft agenda	01. Draft agenda
10:20-10:25	Item 02: Adoption of the draft Record of Decisions (RoD) of the last General Assembly (March 2022)	02. Draft RoD March 2022
10:25-10:30	Item 03: Ratification of new/renewed Bureau members	03. List of elected Bureau members for ratification by the GA
10:30-10:50	Item 04: Status of the organization: Progress Report, including updates from Working Groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Katharina Rose, GANHRI Geneva Representative 	04. Progress Report since March 2022, with annexes
10:50-10:25	Item 05: Updates from the regions and Partners <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Africa • Americas • Asia-Pacific • Europe • Vladlen Stefanov, OHCHR • Sarah Rattray, UNDP 	05. Updates from regions and partners
10:25-10:35	Item 06: Presentation and Approval of the Financial and Audit report	06. Financial and audit report

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Devendra Singh, Chairperson Finance Committee (India) 	
11:35-11:50	Item 07: Presentation and Ratification of the 2023 draft Work Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Katharina Rose, GANHRI Geneva Representative 	07. Draft 2023 Work Plan
11:50-11:55	Item 08: Presentation and Consideration of draft 2023 Budget <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Katharina Rose, GANHRI Geneva Representative 	08. Draft 2023 Budget
11:55-12:20	Item 09: Update on Accreditation and SCA matters including SCA retreat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ammar Dwaik, SCA Chairperson (Palestine) Cynthia Radert, OHCHR/NIRMS, SCA Secretariat 	09a. SCA reports (March and October session) 09b. Outcomes from the SCA retreat
12:20-12:40	Item 10: Discussion and Adoption of Proposed Statute Amendments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amina Bouayach, GANHRI Secretary Regional Chairpersons 	10. Draft Statute amendments
12:40-13:00	Item 11: Update on the 14th International Conference "Torture and Ill-Treatment: the Role of NHRIs" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maryam Al Attiyah, GANHRI Chairperson NHRI Ukraine and NHRI Denmark as hosts Vladlen Stefanov, OHCHR Amina Bouayach, Secretary Regional Chairpersons 	11. Draft Concept Note for the 14 th International Conference



Break 13:00 – 15:00		
KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE ON GOOD PRACTICES <i>Chaired by Amina Bouayach, Secretary</i>		
Time (CET)	Item	Documents/Remarks
15:00-17:00	Torture and Ill-Treatment: The role of NHRIs	[see separate concept note and programme]
GENERAL ASSEMBLY (CONT.)		
17:10-17:45	Item 12: Presentation and Adoption of the new Strategic Plan (2022-2027) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maryam Al Attiyah, GANHRI Chairperson Amina Bouayach, GANHRI Secretary Regional Chairpersons 	12. Strategic Plan (2022-2027)
17:45-18:00	Closing Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional Chairpersons Amina Bouayach, GANHRI Secretary Maryam Al Attiyah, GANHRI Chairperson 	
18:00	Awarding of Accreditation certificates to NHRIs having received A status accreditation in 2021 and 2022	

Thursday 16 March 2023 Room TEMPUS		
ANNUAL CONFERENCE Chaired by Maryam Al Attiyah, GANHRI Chairperson		
Time (CET)	Item	Documents/Remarks
10:00-10:30	Annual Conference High-level opening	[see separate concept note and programme]
10:30-13:00	Annual Conference	
Break 13:00 – 15:00		
15:00-18:00	Annual Conference, cont.	