Partnership Strategies

UNITED NATIONS OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

Partnership Strategies

- PARIS PRINCIPLES
  - Composition – representatives of:
    - NGOs
    - Trends in philosophical or religious thought
    - Universities and qualified experts
    - Parliament
    - Government departments (advisory only

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- PARIS PRINCIPLES
  - « develop relations with non-governmental organisations devoted to promoting and protecting human rights...to protecting vulnerable groups (especially…physically and mentally disabled persons)
  - Close relations with:
    - Parliament
    - Government

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- PARIS PRINCIPLES
  - Cooperate with the United Nations and other organisations in the United Nations system, the regional institutions and the national institutions of other countries

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- PARIS PRINCIPLES
  - Treaty Bodies – implicit by virtue of reporting process, harmonisation of legislation, and « where necessary express an opinion on the subject with due respect for their independence. »

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- GOVERNMENTS
  - Advisory role on:
    - Legislation
      - Any legislative provisions …intended to preserve and extend the protection of human rights…it shall if necessary recommend the adoption of new legislation
    - Policy
      - Recommendations, proposals and reports on any matters concerning the promotion and protection of human rights
      - Influence public policy – including in budgetary processes and economic development plans

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- GOVERNMENTS
  - Systemic issues (from complaints, public inquiries, etc).
    - Draws the attention of the Government to situations in any part of the counrty where human rights are violated and making proposals to it for initiatives to put an end to such situations
  - Independent watchdog/arbiter
  - Expert services
  - Bridge to civil society

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- PARLIAMENT
  - Annual reports
  - Periodic reports
  - Encourage action by elected officials
  - Access to opposition as well as Government of the day

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- NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS – develop relations with
  - Bridge to Government
  - An active voice on their behalf
  - Ensure their inclusion – particulalry those working with PwDs
  - Share strategies and critical assessment
  - Assist in finding workable solutions between the parties

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- UNITED NATIONS
  - Ad Hoc Committee
  - OHCHR
    - Networking
    - Best practices
    - Awareness raising
    - Website
    - Link to international events
  - UNDP
  - Department for Economic and Social Affairs
  - Other UN agencies

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- TREATY BODIES
  - Input to State Party reports
  - Briefings
  - Shadow reports (highlighting lack of attention paid to PwDs)
  - Monitoring mechanisms at the national level to complement the international
- SPECIAL MECHANISMS

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- MEDIA

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- NATIONAL INSTITUTIONS
  - International Co-ordinating Committee of National Institutions
  - Regional Networks: APF, Americas; Africa; Europe
  - Specialised Network on PwDs with NI and Specialised agency focal points
  - Other jurisdicational national entities