

# THE GLOBAL NETWORK OF R2P FOCAL POINTS

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# UN NORM: R2P AND ITS "THREE PILLARS"

1: R2P = protect own population against 4 specific atrocity crimes:

- \* genocide
- \* crimes against humanity
- \* war crimes
- \* ethnic cleansing

2: IC has responsibility to assist others in this regard

3: IC has responsibility to step in, if government manifestly fails

# R2P: AGREED IN UNGA RES. IN 2005



## MORE INFORMATION ON R2P?

\* UN Office on Prevention of Genocide and R2P with its two Special Advisers:  
<https://www.un.org/en/genocideprevention/>



\* Global Centre for R2P:  
<https://www.globalr2p.org>



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# GLOBAL NETWORK OF R2P FOCAL POINTS: ITS ORGANISATION

- ➔ FP = senior official, often in MFA, to facilitate and catalyse government work on R2P
- \* network of 61+2 Focal Points
- \* annual meetings since 2010
- \* steering group + secretariat (= Global Centre for R2P)
- \* recognised in UNSG reports



# GLOBAL NETWORK OF R2P FOCAL POINTS: ITS ACTIVITIES

→ annual meetings with case-studies and workshops as **main** activity

- \* "co-production" of FP manual
- \* occasional webinars
- \* occasional regional meetings
- \* few joint letters/statements
- \* but: zero country-specific actions





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# GLOBAL NETWORK OF R2P FOCAL POINTS: ITS ADDED VALUE

- ➔ provides a safe space for capacity-building and practice
- \* no political statements/discussions
- \* no/few talking points, but focus on practice
- \* peer-to-peer learning/sharing
- \* creates new links between capitals



# GLOBAL NETWORK OF R2P FOCAL POINTS: ITS CHALLENGES

- \* *annual* meetings = FP once a year?
- \* FP for R2P = only in MFAs?
- \* resources? (for FPs and for secretariat)
- \* rotation and expertise
- \* very "diverse" network
- \* no accountability (no public reports...)

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**Global Network of R2P Focal Points**  
Washington, D.C., USA | 15-16 September 2022  
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R2P FOCAL POINTS  
PREVENTING MASS ATROCITY CRIMES

## Africa

1. Angola
2. Botswana
3. Côte d'Ivoire
4. Democratic Republic of the Congo
5. Ghana
6. Kenya
7. Liberia
8. Morocco
9. Mozambique
10. Nigeria

32. United States of A

## Europe

33. Albania
34. Austria
35. Belgium
36. Bosnia and Herzegovina
37. Bulgaria
38. Croatia
39. Czech Republic
40. Denmark
41. Finland

## MORE ON THE GLOBAL NETWORK OF R2P FOCAL POINTS

\* “Never again? The role of the global network of R2P focal points in preventing atrocity crimes“

\* Martin Mennecke, NQHR, vol. 39 (2021), 161-181

\* open access version:

<https://portal.findresearcher.sdu.dk/en/publications/never-again-the-role-of-the-global-network-of-r2p-focal-points-in>

\* Global Centre for R2P: <https://www.globalr2p.org/the-global-network-of-r2p-focal-points/>

