

Initiatives at the international level on National Mechanisms for Implementation, Reporting and Follow-up

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Why institutionalize state engagement with regional and UN mechanisms?

- **Continued** and **exponential** growth of international and regional human rights mechanisms and an **increasing** number of **recommendations** addressed to States
- Quality and timely reporting requires **sustained technical expertise** and **follow-up and implementation** of recommendations at the national level.

Ad hoc mechanisms are no longer viable



Permanent vs. Ad hoc

- Enhanced coordination, institutional memory (especially for the period between report submission and review)
- Better use of resources
- Horizontal links
- Better monitoring of the implementation of recommendations
- National consistency
- Streamlining international and bilateral technical assistance



What is a national mechanism for implementation, reporting and follow-up?

A government structure responsible, on behalf of the State, to:

- **Coordinate and prepare reports** for regional and international human rights mechanisms.
- **Coordinate and monitor** the follow-up and national implementation of treaty obligations and recommendations/decisions emanating from these mechanisms.

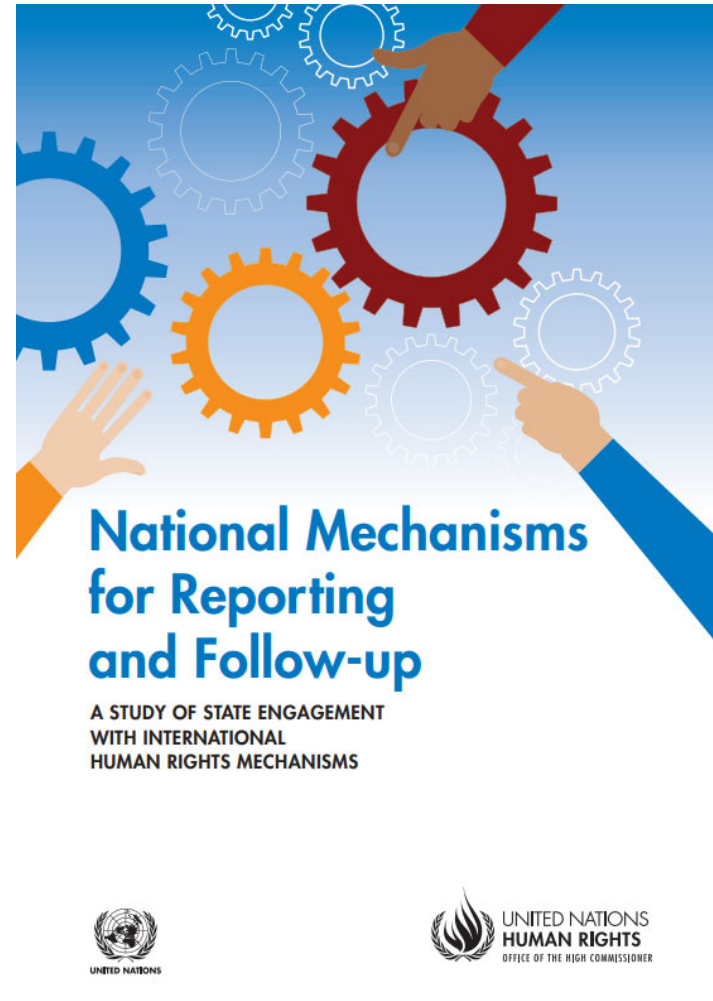
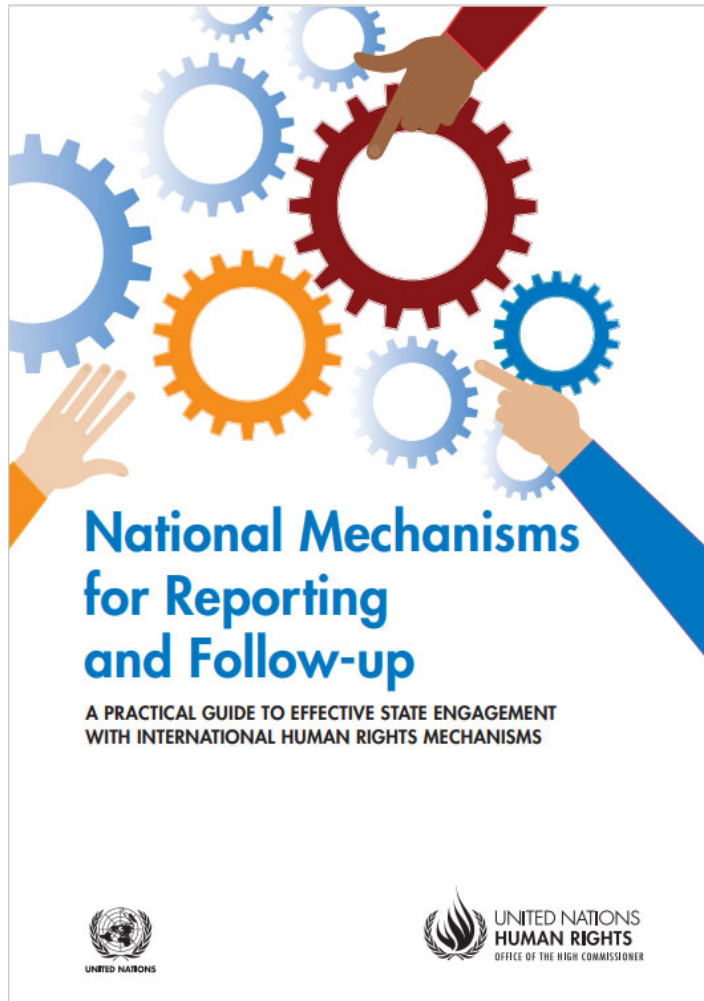


International calls for institutionalized mechanisms

- UN General Assembly resolution 68/268 on 'Strengthening and enhancing the effective functioning of the human rights treaty body system' - 2014
- Recommendations by States during the UPR and reviews by treaty bodies
- The Study and Practical Guide on National Mechanisms for Reporting and Follow-up - 2016



OHCHR Guide and Study on national mechanisms



Initiatives at the UN Human Rights Council

- ‘Group of Friends’ at the UN Human Rights Council (adding the concept of implementation)
- Human Rights Council resolution mandating OHCHR to organise 5 regional consultations (HRC 42/30)
- OHCHR Report on regional consultations – 50th session of the Council (A/HRC/50/64)
- Resolution HRC 51/33 - October 2022



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Background

In September 2019, the [Human Rights Council adopted resolution 42/30](#) on "Promoting international cooperation to support national mechanisms for implementation, reporting and follow-up" requesting the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (hereafter OHCHR) "to organize five regional consultations to exchange experiences and good practices relating to the establishment and development of national mechanisms for implementation, reporting and follow-up, and their impact on effective implementation of human rights obligations and