

## Human Rights Go Local: What Works

Academy & Conference on Human Rights at the Local and Regional Levels 2023

*"Governing the city by human rights objectives:  
Management concepts and instruments"*

1– 8 February 2023

### Programme outline

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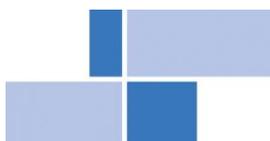
The Academy takes place from 1 to 8 February 2023.

- The first two days of the Academy are dedicated to collecting and exchanging knowledge on the topic from around the world.
- A networking event for next generation human rights professionals will be held on 3 February.
- After a two-day break, the participants will reunite on 6 February to synthesise findings and proposals for the Outcome Document.
- The 7 February enables a deeper exchange and the development of cooperation among participants. Ideas for joint projects and contact details can be exchanged.
- On 8 February, the closing Conference will take place.

### Aims, approach and target groups

The Academy aims to facilitate exchange on eye-level between different actors, regions and governance levels. The event is cooperative in that it uses a peer-to-peer learning and multi-actor approach to collaboratively generate credible knowledge and encouragements to human rights at the local and regional levels. There are no lectures or traditional teaching methods. The goal of the event is to bring together, match and synthesise different experiences, attempts, approaches, and visions in relation to our topic. The organisers believe that everyone who attends the Academy has something meaningful to contribute and can learn from it, regardless of their degree of knowledge or experience. Participants are strongly urged to participate actively in all sessions.

Please find more information on the methods of the Academy in the FAQ section of the Website.



## Tentative agenda

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### Wednesday, 1 February 2023: Stocktaking: Human rights objectives in public management

Day 1 is devoted to stocktaking and to seeing how local authorities all over the world implement human rights objectives in public management. The goal is to collect and map successful concepts and effective approaches. Participants discuss the approaches and instruments in their respective regions and pinpoint their thematic priorities and methods. Linkages between SDGs human rights and common principles, such as equality and participation, are made.

**11:30-11:45**

#### **Opening remarks**

Representatives of the Academy's Steering Group

**11:45-12:00**

#### **Introduction and organisational matters**

Klaus Starl | UNESCO Centre  
Gerd Oberleitner | UNESCO Chair

**12:00-13:00**

#### **Plenary Session A**

*Governing the city by human rights objectives: Management Concepts and Instruments<sup>1</sup>*  
UNESCO Centre

*Instruments and mechanisms of UNH for human rights-budgeting and public management*  
UN-Habitat

*Human rights in municipal work and service delivery: actors of change*  
Fundamental Rights Agency

13:00-13:30

Break

**13:30-15:30**

#### **Workshop Session A: Concept and Foundation**

2 parallel workshop sessions in breakout rooms

The Workshops first collect instruments, approaches and convincing arguments for applying a HRBA to public management in different regions in the world takes place. Then, the preconditions, drivers and barriers of implementing a HRBA to public management are discussed. Finally, the workshops will establish a content-basis for the encouragements to local authorities for the O.D. Thereby, inspirations from international organisations, city networks or domestic inspiration are collected. Moreover, the recommendations / needs of participants for the way forwards are discussed.

**15:30-16:00**

#### **Closing**

Klaus Starl | UNESCO Centre  
Gerd Oberleitner | UNESCO Chair

#### **Thoughts on the day**

University of Graz

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<sup>1</sup> All titles are working titles



## **Thursday, 2 February 2023: Implementing human rights in public management: what works?**

The second day facilitates in-depth exchange on “what works” regarding including human rights objectives in public management. Participants are invited to discuss the procedural challenges and solutions. Moreover, an exchange of experiences with negotiation strategies, monitoring tools or means to foster public participation in processes shall be stimulated. The second day is to share best practices, collect methods of integrating human rights objectives, discuss lessons learned and the transferability of approaches.

### **11:45-12:00 Introduction and organisational matters**

Klaus Starl | UNESCO Centre  
Gerd Oberleitner | UNESCO Chair

### **12:00-13:00 Plenary Session B**

*Gender budgeting at Barcelona City Council*  
Directorate of Gender Services and Time Policies, City of Barcelona

*Strengthening Participatory Democracy and Human Rights at the Local Level in Georgia*

Expert on the European Charter of Local Self-Government, the local consultant of the project, Congress of Local and Regional Authorities at the Council of Europe, Office Georgia together with a Mayor of a Georgian Local authority, who speaks about participatory budgeting

*Balanced Score Card*  
City of Graz, Strategical Organisational Development

*Approaches in the City of Umhlathuze, South Africa*  
Deputy Municipal Manager (tbc)

*Practices from Asia Pacific cities*  
Programme Officer at RWI in Jakarta

13:00-13:30 Break

### **13:30-15:30 Workshop Session B: Implementation and Follow-up**

2 parallel workshop sessions in breakout rooms

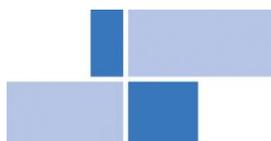
The workshops in-depth discuss the content-related and procedural challenges, as well as mitigating measures / coping strategies during the implementation and follow-up process. Moreover, the workshops collect the needs of local authorities regarding the implementation and follow-up process as basis for the O.D. and its explanatory remarks.

### **15:30-16:00 Closing**

Klaus Starl | UNESCO Centre  
Gerd Oberleitner | UNESCO Chair

### **Thoughts on the day**

Gyonggu Shin | Executive Director at International Human Rights Training Center of Gwangju Metropolitan City



## Friday, 3 February 2023: Networking opportunities for the next generation

On Day 3, next generation human rights professionals will have an informal place to engage and connect with established human rights experts and practitioners. The networking day seeks to establish a link between today's stakeholders and tomorrow's actors in order to exchange practical knowledge of working in the field, discuss the realization of future perspectives and aspirations, and provide insight into the opportunity to professionalize in human rights, a field of professional activity that is becoming increasingly important at the local level.

**13:30-15:30**                      **4 parallel workshop sessions**

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## Monday, 6 February 2023: Bridging the international and the local level towards sustainable results

On Day 4, participants will be given the opportunity to share their future visions and recommendations for governing the city by human rights objectives. The plenary session discusses, how international organisations can support local authorities governing the city by human rights objectives and vice versa. The speeches provide impulses for the encouragements in the Outcome Document, which will then be collaboratively finalised during the workshop sessions.

**11:45-12:00**                      **Introduction and organisational matters**

Klaus Starl | UNESCO Centre  
Gerd Oberleitner | UNESCO Chair

**12:00-13:00**                      **Plenary Session C**

*A Human Rights-Based Approach to the Public Procurement of Local and Regional Governments*  
OHCHR

*How to overcome structural racism through public management? Insights from the UNESCO Roadmap against racism and discrimination*  
UNESCO Headquarters

*Human rights literacy at the local level through decentralisation processes (Local Self-Governance Code)*  
Congress of Local and Regional Authorities at the Council of Europe (tbc)

*How can international organisations support local governments in the implementation of a HRBA to public management? The example of the City of Francisco Morato, Brazil*  
Project Manager, SDG Localization and Local Governments, Human Rights at the Local Level, Communications Specialist

13:00-13:30                      Break

**13:30-15:30**                      **Workshop Session C: Outcome Document**

3 parallel workshop sessions in breakout rooms

The workshops of the day are dedicated to synthesizing the findings from the previous days of discussion and collaboratively finalizing an Outcome Document aimed at local governments. The



Outcome Document shall draw together a step-by-step guidance for local governments on how to best implement a human rights-based approach to different instruments of public management.

**15:30-16:00**

**Closing**

Klaus Starl | UNESCO Centre  
Gerd Oberleitner | UNESCO Chair

**Thoughts on the day**

A youth representative from the Asian Pacific area on collaboration between the youth and local governments (tbc)

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**Tuesday, 7 February 2023: Networking and cooperation-building**

Day 4 offers participants the opportunity to exchange contact details, build working relationships and deepen experiences. Information on methods and tools will be provided later on.

**12:00-16:00**

**Networking Day**

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**Wednesday, 8 February 2023: High Level Conference to discuss and present the Outcome Document**

A Conference will take place with high-level representatives to discuss and present the outcomes of the Academy and to make concrete proposals to local authorities on how to integrate human rights objectives in public management. The Outcome Document will be presented as a step-by-step guideline for local authorities' accountability to implement human rights at the local level.

**12:00-14:00**

**High Level Conference**

