

## 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.



## 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*  
UNESCO Centre
- Instruments and mechanisms of UNH for human rights-budgeting and public management*  
UN-Habitat
- Linkages between SDGs and Human Rights in Public management at the local level (working title)*  
Fundamental Rights Agency
- 13:00-13:30                    Break
- 13:30-15:30**                    **2 parallel workshop sessions in breakout rooms**  
**15:30-16:00**                    **Closing and thoughts on the day**  
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### 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*

Experts 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 (tbc)

*Practices from Graz and Styria*  
tbc

*Practices from South America, South-East Asia and Africa to be identified*

13:00-13:30

Break

**13:30-15:30**

**2 parallel workshop sessions in breakout rooms**

**15:30-16:00**

**Thoughts on the day**

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

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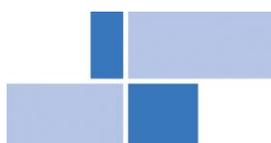
**Monday, 6 February 2023: Bridging the international and the local level towards sustainable results**

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



<b>12:00-13:00</b>	<b>Plenary Session C</b>
	<i>A Human Rights-Based Approach to the Public Procurement of Local and Regional Governments</i> OHCHR
	<i>How to overcome structural racism through public management? Insights from the UNESCO Roadmap against racism and discrimination</i> (suggestion) UNESCO Headquarters (tbc)
	<i>Human rights literacy at the local level through decentralisation processes (Local Self-Governance Code)</i> Congress of Local and Regional Authorities at the Council of Europe (tbc)
13:00-13:30	Break
<b>13:30-15:30</b>	<b>3 parallel workshop sessions in breakout rooms</b>
<b>15:30-16:00</b>	<b>Closing and thoughts on the day</b>

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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

**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.

