

Day 2 | Session 5: The UN ecosystem: An overview

Wednesday, 30 June, 2021 [6:30 - 8:00 UTC]

Objective: This session will provide an overview of the different spaces available in the UN ecosystem. Understanding these spaces will help the participants identify spaces where they want to advocate on digital rights. Through looking at examples of important standards these spaces have created or instances of success, participants will be aided in modelling their advocacy. Limitations or failures of these spaces will help us understand areas that need more work.

- UN ecosystem
 - General Assembly (GA)
 - Internet Governance Forum (IGF)
 - International Telecommunications Union (ITU)
 - Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
 - Gender - Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)
 - World Trade Organisation (WTO)
- Which spaces can you be at?
- UN interaction with regional bodies and other institutions (like the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)) - upcoming sessions
- Successes for the digital rights movement at the UN
- Challenges in engaging with these spaces

**Reading materials and Tables are hyperlinked, please click the text to access*

Reading Materials:

1. [United Nations, *The United Nations System*](#)
2. [Advocates for Human Rights, *Advocacy at the United Nations*](#)
3. [International Telecommunication Union, *ICTs in Support of Human Rights, Democracy and Good Governance*](#)
4. [Sheetal Kumar and Deborah Brown, *UN First Committee Process on Responsible State Behaviour in Cyberspace: An Explainer*](#)

5. International Service for Human Rights, *Third Committee of the United Nations General Assembly: A Practical Guide for NGOs*
6. Lisa Cornish, *Engaging private sector within the UN framework: What are the challenges?*
7. UN Women, *What is International Human Rights Advocacy?*

Representations:

1. Reporting cycle under Human Rights treaties
2. ICT Related Recommendations of the High-Level Review on UN Sanctions
3. Mapping International ICT Decision Making
4. United Nations System: Explainer
5. Navigating the UN
6. UN Spaces for Advocacy

Exercise:

1. **Group1 exercise**
2. **Group 2 exercise**
3. **Group 3 exercise**

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