

**NEW PUBLICATION ON TREATY BODIES' INDIVIDUAL COMMUNICATION PROCEDURE: PROVIDING
REDRESS AND REPARATION TO VICTIMS OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS**

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The individual communications procedure and other procedures like the urgent actions procedure under the Convention against Enforced Disappearances were developed to enforce the rights enshrined in the corresponding treaties and provide victims with an effective remedy before an international body. They also represent a key entry point for victims of human rights violations to the United Nations human rights system.

This event marks the launch of our new publication [Treaty Bodies' Individual Communication Procedures: Providing Redress and Reparation to Victims of Human Rights Violations](#), which addresses the handling of individual communications and tackles efficiency questions related to this procedure.

This publication forms part of our work on the 2020 Treaty Body (TB) Review. In May 2018, we published a first report to contribute to this process: Optimizing the UN Treaty Body System. Compared to the periodic reviews based on state reports, the issue of communications has received little attention in the debate, hence the need to fill this gap. The 2020 review offers an important opportunity to strengthen the procedures and thus improve victims' rights protection.

AGENDA

- Welcome Coffee
- Welcome and Introductory Remarks, Felix Kirchmeier, Coordinator of the Geneva Human Rights Platform
- Background on the Publication on Individual Communications, Kamelia Kemileva, Geneva Human Rights Platform
- Presentation of the Publication, Claire Callejón, Associate Research Fellow, Geneva Academy
- NGO Litigations – Perspective, Gabriella Citroni, Senior Legal Advisor, Trial International
- Questions and Answers on Individual Communications

REGISTRATION

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