



Implementation of UN Human Rights Mechanisms' Decisions in Turkey

WORKSHOP

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PROGRAMME

AÇILIŞ

- 09:00 - 09:20 Reception and registration
- 09:20 - 09:45 **Introduction: A New Actor in the Turkish Human Right Field: A Better Use of UN Mechanisms for the Turkish Civil Society**
- Introduction to the workshop, its scope, our project and the aim of the workshop
Feray Salman, Human Rights Joint Platform
 - Presentation: Why UN mechanisms are important for Turkey (Turkish perspective)
Kerem Altıparmak, International Commission of Jurists
 - Presentation: Why UN mechanisms are important for Turkey (international perspective)
Róisín Pillay, International Commission of Jurists
- 09:45-10:00 Coffee/Tea Break

SESSION 1: UN Mechanisms' Decisions and Reports under International Law

- 10:00 - 11:00 **Session 1a: UN Human Rights Mechanisms: an overview**
- The landscape of UN human rights mechanisms: treaty bodies and charter based bodies. What are their differences and their pros and cons
Theodora Krumova, United Nations
 - Treaty-bodies: how do they work?
Theodora Krumova, United Nations
 - Charter-based bodies: how do they work?
Róisín Pillay, International Commission of Jurists
 - Discussion
- 11:00 - 12:00 **Session 1b: UN Human Rights Mechanisms: implementation of decisions and follow up under international law and comparative examples**
- 1 - At UN Level
 - a - Treaty bodies: how it works; how to access it and use it; case samples
Theodora Krumova, United Nations
 - b - Charter-based bodies: how it works; how to access it and use it; case samples
Róisín Pillay, International Commission of Jurists
 - 2 - Situation of implementation in other countries (a comparative take)
Theodora Krumova, United Nations, Roisin Pillay, International Commission of Jurists
 - 3 - Discussion
- 12:00 - 12:30 **Presentation of cases for brainstorming session**
- 12:30 - 13:30 Luncheon



SESSION 2: The Value of UN Decisions under Turkish Law

13:30 - 15:00 **Does Article 90 of the Constitution include decisions of the UN bodies?**

- 1 - The Legal Value of Treaty and Charter Based UN Mechanisms' Decisions under Article 90 of the Constitution
Kerem Altıparmak, International Commission of Jurists
- 2 -Presentation of Key Decisions on Turkey before UN Human Rights Mechanisms
Betül Durmuş, Koç University

15:00 - 15:30 **Coffee/Tea Break**

SESSION 3: Brainstorming Session: Practical Discussion on How to Use UN Decisions

15:30 - 16:45 **Break-out groups:** How to persuade domestic courts about the binding nature of the decisions of the UN mechanisms

16:45 - 17:15 Discussion in plenary

17:15 - 17:30 Evaluation, steps ahead and end of the workshop