

Sources of Data

The data an NHRI uses must be from trustworthy sources, as it is an element in ensuring that the work of the NHRI is seen as reliable.

National Sources

- The NHRI's own data, studies, investigations, inspections and cases
- State reports
- Annual reports from other national institutions
- Evidenced based studies/research
- Statistical bureaus
- Legislation/legal briefs
- Case law - earlier court rulings
- Reports, studies, etc., by civil society organisations
- Academic studies, analysis etc.

Regional Sources

- Reports, commentary etc. by regional inter-governmental mechanisms (e.g. African Commission of People's and Human Rights)
- Case law by regional courts (if any)
- Reports by regional independent organisations such as regional human rights bodies (e.g. the European Committee on the prevention of Torture)
- Regional civil society organisations (e.g. European Centre for Non Profit Law)

Other International Sources

- Regional and country specific statistics and reports from UN agencies (e.g. UNDP human development report)
- Reports by international civil society organisations (e.g. Amnesty International)

International Sources

OHCHR.org provides a wealth of relevant UN documentation, including:

- List of issues to the state, replies from the state and concluding observations by treaty bodies
- Country inquiries and fact finding mission reports initiated by treaty body or UN Human Rights Council
- State reports to treaty bodies
- Parallel reports by non-state stakeholders to treaty bodies
- General Comments from the UN human rights treaty bodies on interpretation of rights
- Reports by special procedures, working groups etc.
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