

The Steps of the Top-down Method

Step 1: Recommendations

The method is to collect:

- The recent UN Concluding Observations from treaty bodies
- UPR recommendations
- Regional monitoring mechanisms (if any) recommendations

and sort them according to the wording of the recommendations.

Then systemise the recommendations according to the seriousness of the wording. In other words, screen the recommendations, identify and categorize them according to their wording, for example 'alarmed', 'seriously concerned' or 'take note.'

Step 2: Cases and Communication

Find individual cases or communications related to the issues that were identified by the recommendations.

Step 3: Civil Society Organisations and Other Agencies

Check whether civil society or other agencies have raised the same issues.

Conclusion

Once you have completed these three steps, some issues will stand out and that may guide the NHRI to determine the priorities for its work area.

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