



Human Rights in the Commonwealth at a Glance

ANTIGUA & BARBUDA

CORE CONVENTIONS RATIFIED					
	ICCPR	ICCPR OP	ICCPR OPDP	ICESCR	
DATE	-	-	-	-	-
DATE LAST REPORT	-	n/a	n/a	-	-
RESERVATIONS	-	-	-	-	-
	CEDAW	CEDAW OP	CAT	OPCAT	
DATE	01 Aug 1989	05 Jun 2006	19 Jul 1993	-	-
DATE LAST REPORT	21 Sep 1994	n/a	-	n/a	-
RESERVATIONS	0	0	0	-	-
	CRC	CRC OPAC	CRC OPSC	CERD	
DATE	05 Oct 1993	-	30 Apr 2002	25 Oct 1988	-
DATE LAST REPORT	04 Feb 2003	-	-	03 Mar 2006	-
RESERVATIONS	0	-	0	0	-
	MWC	CRPD	CRPD OP	ROME STATUTE	
DATE	-	-	-	18 Jun 2001	-
DATE LAST REPORT	-	-	n/a	n/a	-
RESERVATIONS	-	-	-	n/a	-

NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTION: None. Office of the Ombudsman, established 1995.
No specific human rights mandate.

DEATH PENALTY STATUS: Retentionist

PARTICIPATION IN RECENT HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVES OF THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT:
Regional Commonwealth Seminar on UPR for the Caribbean (with OHCHR), September 2010, Grenada; Meeting of the Commonwealth Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), March 2010, Geneva; Meeting of the Commonwealth Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), November 2009, Trinidad and Tobago



ROME STATUTE (PREAMBLE)

*...grave crimes threaten the
peace, security and well-being
of the world...*



AUSTRALIA

CORE CONVENTIONS RATIFIED					
	ICCPR	ICCPR OP	ICCPR OPDP	ICESCR	
DATE	13 Aug 1980	25 Sep 1991	02 Oct 1990	10 Dec 1975	
DATE LAST REPORT	07 Aug 2007	n/a	n/a	07 Aug 2007	
RESERVATIONS	3	0	0	0	
	CEDAW	CEDAW OP	CAT	OPCAT	
DATE	28 Jul 1983	04 Dec 2008	08 Aug 1989	-	
DATE LAST REPORT	09 Mar 2009	n/a	07 Apr 2005	n/a	
RESERVATIONS	2	0	0	-	
	CRC	CRC OPAC	CRC OPSC	CERD	
DATE	17 Dec 1990	26 Sep 2006	08 Jan 2007	30 Sep 1975	
DATE LAST REPORT	25 Jun 2009	25 Jun 2009	25 Jun 2009	08 Jan 2010	
RESERVATIONS	1	0	0	1	
	MWC	CRPD	CRPD OP	ROME STATUTE	
DATE	-	17 Jul 2008	21 Aug 2009	01 Jul 2002	
DATE LAST REPORT	-	-	n/a	n/a	
RESERVATIONS	-	0	0	n/a	

NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTION: Australian Human Rights Commission established 1986.

DEATH PENALTY STATUS: Abolitionist for all crimes

PARTICIPATION IN RECENT HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVES OF THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT:

Meeting of the Commonwealth Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), October 2010, Scotland; Meeting of the Commonwealth Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), March 2010, Geneva



The Government of Australia revises National Standards for Disability Services

Between April and July 2010 over 1,100 people throughout Australia, including people with a disability, family members, carers and service providers participated in consultations to support a revision of the National Standards for Disability Services. The revision is designed to highlight areas of service provision for persons with disabilities which are in need of improvement.



THE BAHAMAS

CORE CONVENTIONS RATIFIED					
	ICCPR	ICCPR OP	ICCPR OPDP	ICESCR	
DATE	23 Dec 2008	-	-	23 Dec 2008	
DATE LAST REPORT	-	n/a	n/a	-	
RESERVATIONS	1	-	-	0	
	CEDAW	CEDAW OP	CAT	OPCAT	
DATE	06 Oct 1993	-	-	-	
DATE LAST REPORT	27 Jul 2009	n/a	-	n/a	
RESERVATIONS	4	-	-	-	
	CRC	CRC OPAC	CRC OPSC	CERD	
DATE	20 Feb 1991	-	-	05 Aug 1975	
DATE LAST REPORT	05 Jun 2003	-	-	29 Aug 2003	
RESERVATIONS	1	-	-	0	
	MWC	CRPD	CRPD OP	ROME STATUTE	
DATE	-	-	-	-	
DATE LAST REPORT	-	-	n/a	n/a	
RESERVATIONS	-	-	-	n/a	

NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTION: None.

DEATH PENALTY STATUS: Retentionist

PARTICIPATION IN RECENT HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVES OF THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT:

UPR Mid-term Review Meeting, March 2010, UK; UPR Seminar, November 2008, UK



Bahamas makes important steps in ending domestic violence

In December 2008 the Bahamas enacted the Domestic Violence (Protection Orders) Act 2007 in order to eliminate gender-based violence.

BANGLADESH

CORE CONVENTIONS RATIFIED				
	ICCPR	ICCPR OP	ICCPR OPDP	ICESCR
DATE	06 Sep 2000	-	-	05 Oct 1998
DATE LAST REPORT	-	n/a	n/a	-
RESERVATIONS	1	-	-	0
	CEDAW	CEDAW OP	CAT	OPCAT
DATE	06 Nov 1984	02 Sep 2000	05 Oct 1998	-
DATE LAST REPORT	27 Dec 2002	n/a	-	n/a
RESERVATIONS	2	0	0	-
	CRC	CRC OPAC	CRC OPSC	CERD
DATE	03 Aug 1990	06 Sep 2000	06 Sep 2000	11 Jun 1979
DATE LAST REPORT	04 Sep 2007	16 Nov 2004	12 Dec 2005	01 Mar 2000
RESERVATIONS	2	0	0	0
	MWC	CRPD	CRPD OP	ROME STATUTE
DATE	-	30 Nov 2007	12 May 2008	23 Mar 2010
DATE LAST REPORT	-	-	n/a	n/a
RESERVATIONS	-	0	0	n/a

NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTION: Bangladesh National Human Rights Commission, established 2010.

DEATH PENALTY STATUS: Retentionist

PARTICIPATION IN RECENT HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVES OF THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT:

Meeting of the Commonwealth Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), October 2010, Scotland; UPR Mid-term Review Meeting, March 2010, UK



The Bangladesh National Human Rights Commission becomes operational

In July 2010 the Bangladesh parliament passed the enabling ordinance for the National Human Rights Commission, making it fully operational. The Commission will have a regional presence, with district chapters that can receive allegations, conduct preliminary investigations and commission trials.

BARBADOS

CORE CONVENTIONS RATIFIED					
	ICCPR	ICCPR OP	ICCPR OPDP	ICESCR	
DATE	05 Jan 1973	05 Jan 1973	-	05 Jan 1973	
DATE LAST REPORT	18 Jul 2006	n/a	n/a	16 Feb 1983	
RESERVATIONS	1	0	-	3	
	CEDAW	CEDAW OP	CAT	OPCAT	
DATE	16 Oct 1980	-	-	-	
DATE LAST REPORT	21 Nov 2000	n/a	-	n/a	
RESERVATIONS	0	-	-	-	
	CRC	CRC OPAC	CRC OPSC	CERD	
DATE	09 Oct 1990	-	-	08 Nov 1972	
DATE LAST REPORT	12 Sep 1996	-	-	29 Jun 2004	
RESERVATIONS	0	-	-	0	
	MWC	CRPD	CRPD OP	ROME STATUTE	
DATE	-	-	-	10 Dec 2002	
DATE LAST REPORT	-	-	n/a	n/a	
RESERVATIONS	-	-	-	n/a	

NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTION: None. Office of the Ombudsman, established 1981.
No specific human rights mandate.

DEATH PENALTY STATUS: Retentionist

PARTICIPATION IN RECENT HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVES OF THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT: Barbados Human Rights Seminar, September 2010, Barbados; UPR Mid-term Review Meeting, March 2010, UK; Meeting of the Commonwealth Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), March 2010, Geneva; Meeting of the Commonwealth Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), November 2009, Trinidad and Tobago; UPR Seminar, November 2008, UK



Barbados establishes Human Rights Unit

Following their appearance at the UPR in December 2008 Barbados set up a dedicated Human Rights Unit within their Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade.

BELIZE

CORE CONVENTIONS RATIFIED					
	ICCPR	ICCPR OP	ICCPR OPDP	ICESCR	
DATE	10 Jun 1996	-	-	-	
DATE LAST REPORT	-	n/a	n/a	-	
RESERVATIONS	3	-	-	-	
	CEDAW	CEDAW OP	CAT	OPCAT	
DATE	16 May 1990	09 Dec 2002	17 Mar 1986	-	
DATE LAST REPORT	05 Aug 2005	n/a	18 Apr 1991	n/a	
RESERVATIONS	0	2	0	-	
	CRC	CRC OPAC	CRC OPSC	CERD	
DATE	02 May 1990	01 Dec 2003	01 Dec 2003	14 Nov 2001	
DATE LAST REPORT	28 Feb 2003	-	-	-	
RESERVATIONS	0	0	0	0	
	MWC	CRPD	CRPD OP	ROME STATUTE	
DATE	14 Nov 2001	-	-	05 Apr 2000	
DATE LAST REPORT	-	-	n/a	n/a	
RESERVATIONS	0	-	-	n/a	

NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTION: None. Office of the Ombudsman, established 1999.
No specific human rights mandate.

DEATH PENALTY STATUS: Retentionist

PARTICIPATION IN RECENT HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVES OF THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT:

Meeting of the Commonwealth Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), March 2010, Geneva; Meeting of the Commonwealth Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), November 2009, Trinidad and Tobago



ROME STATUTE (PREAMBLE)

...all peoples are united by common bonds, their cultures pieced together in a shared heritage...



BOTSWANA

CORE CONVENTIONS RATIFIED					
	ICCPR	ICCPR OP	ICCPR OPDP	ICESCR	
DATE	08 Sep 2000	-	-	-	
DATE LAST REPORT	13 Oct 2006	n/a	n/a	-	
RESERVATIONS	2	-	-	-	
	CEDAW	CEDAW OP	CAT	OPCAT	
DATE	13 Aug 1996	21 Feb 2007	08 Sep 2000	-	
DATE LAST REPORT	20 Oct 2008	n/a	-	n/a	
RESERVATIONS	0	2	1	-	
	CRC	CRC OPAC	CRC OPSC	CERD	
DATE	05 Oct 1993	-	30 Apr 2002	25 Oct 1988	
DATE LAST REPORT	10 Jan 2003	-	-	23 Mar 2005	
RESERVATIONS	1	0	0	0	
	MWC	CRPD	CRPD OP	ROME STATUTE	
DATE	-	-	-	11 Mar 2003	
DATE LAST REPORT	-	-	n/a	n/a	
RESERVATIONS	-	-	-	n/a	

NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTION: None. Office of the Ombudsman, established 1997. The Office makes reference to human rights in its mission statement.

DEATH PENALTY STATUS: Retentionist

PARTICIPATION IN RECENT HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVES OF THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT:

Regional Commonwealth Seminar on UPR for Southern Africa, September 2010, South Africa; Meeting of the Commonwealth Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), November 2009, Trinidad and Tobago



Botswana establishes The Office for People with Disabilities in the Office of the President

In March 2010 Botswana established The Office for People with Disabilities in the Office of the President. The office is mandated to develop and implement policies and programmes to create a wholesome physical and social environment which allows persons with disabilities to maximise their potential in private and public life.

BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

CORE CONVENTIONS RATIFIED						
	ICCP	ICCP OP	ICCP OPDP	ICESCR		
DATE	-	-	-	-	-	-
DATE LAST REPORT	-	n/a	n/a	-	-	-
RESERVATIONS	-	-	-	-	-	-
	CEDAW	CEDAW OP	CAT	OPCAT		
DATE	24 May 2006	-	-	-	-	-
DATE LAST REPORT	-	n/a	-	n/a	-	n/a
RESERVATIONS	3	-	-	-	-	-
	CRC	CRC OPAC	CRC OPSC	CERD		
DATE	27 Dec 1995	-	21 Nov 2006	-	-	-
DATE LAST REPORT	20 Dec 2001	-	-	-	-	-
RESERVATIONS	4	-	0	-	-	-
	MWC	CRPD	CRPD OP	ROME STATUTE		
DATE	-	-	-	-	-	-
DATE LAST REPORT	-	-	n/a	n/a	-	n/a
RESERVATIONS	-	-	-	n/a	-	n/a

NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTION: None.

DEATH PENALTY STATUS: Abolitionist in practice

PARTICIPATION IN RECENT HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVES OF THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT:

UPR Mid-term Review Meeting, March 2010, UK; Commonwealth Human Rights Workshop for Police Trainers, June 2009, Malaysia; UPR Seminar, November 2008, UK



CRPD ARTICLE 12 (1)

... persons with disabilities have the right to recognition everywhere as persons before the law...



CAMEROON

CORE CONVENTIONS RATIFIED				
	ICCPR	ICCPR OP	ICCPR OPDP	ICESCR
DATE	27 Jun 1984	27 Jun 1984	-	27 Jun 1984
DATE LAST REPORT	25 Nov 2008	n/a	n/a	26 Nov 2008
RESERVATIONS	0	0	-	0
	CEDAW	CEDAW OP	CAT	OPCAT
DATE	23 Aug 1994	07 Jan 2005	19 Dec 1986	-
DATE LAST REPORT	29 Mar 2007	n/a	09 Jan 2009	n/a
RESERVATIONS	0	0	0	-
	CRC	CRC OPAC	CRC OPSC	CERD
DATE	11 Jan 1993	-	-	24 Jun 1971
DATE LAST REPORT	03 Apr 2008	-	-	26 Nov 2008
RESERVATIONS	0	-	-	0
	MWC	CRPD	CRPD OP	ROME STATUTE
DATE	-	-	-	-
DATE LAST REPORT	-	-	n/a	n/a
RESERVATIONS	-	-	-	n/a

NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTION: National Commission on Human Rights and Freedoms, established 2006.

DEATH PENALTY STATUS: Abolitionist in practice

PARTICIPATION IN RECENT HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVES OF THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT:

Meeting of the Commonwealth Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), October 2010, Scotland; UPR Mid-term Review Meeting, March 2010, UK (NHRI participation); Meeting of the Commonwealth Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), March 2010, Geneva; Meeting of the Commonwealth Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), November 2009, Trinidad and Tobago; UPR Seminar, November 2008, UK (NHRI participation)



Cameroon launches human rights awareness raising campaign

In October 2010 Cameroon's National Commission on Human Rights and Freedoms launched a human rights promotion and protection sensitisation campaign. The campaign aims to raise awareness on eight specific themes which include HIV/AIDS, torture, corruption, education, persons with disabilities, human dignity, rights of women and rights of detainees.



CORE CONVENTIONS RATIFIED				
	ICCPR	ICCPR OP	ICCPR OPDP	ICESCR
DATE	19 May 1976	19 May 1976	25 Nov 2005	19 May 1976
DATE LAST REPORT	27 Oct 2004	n/a	n/a	17 Aug 2005
RESERVATIONS	0	0	0	0
	CEDAW	CEDAW OP	CAT	OPCAT
DATE	10 Dec 1981	18 Oct 2002	24 Jun 1987	-
DATE LAST REPORT	17 Aug 2007	n/a	11 Oct 2004	n/a
RESERVATIONS	0	0	0	-
	CRC	CRC OPAC	CRC OPSC	CERD
DATE	13 Dec 1991	07 Jul 2000	14 Sep 2005	14 Oct 1970
DATE LAST REPORT	20 Nov 2009	16 Sep 2004	03 Feb 2009	03 Feb 2006
RESERVATIONS	2	0	0	0
	MWC	CRPD	CRPD OP	ROME STATUTE
DATE	-	11 Mar 2010	-	07 Jul 2000
DATE LAST REPORT	-	-	n/a	n/a
RESERVATIONS	-	1	-	n/a

NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTION: Canadian Human Rights Commission, established 1978.

DEATH PENALTY STATUS: Abolitionist for all crimes

PARTICIPATION IN RECENT HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVES OF THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT:

Meeting of the Commonwealth Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), October 2010, Scotland; Meeting of the Commonwealth Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), March 2010, Geneva; UPR Mid-term Review Meeting, March 2010, UK (NHRI participation); Meeting of the Commonwealth Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), November 2009, Trinidad and Tobago; UPR Seminar, November 2008, UK (NHRI participation)



Canada ratifies CRPD

In March 2010 Canada ratified the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.



CYPRUS

CORE CONVENTIONS RATIFIED				
	ICCPR	ICCPR OP	ICCPR OPDP	ICESCR
DATE	02 Apr 1969	15 Apr 1992	10 Sep 1999	02 Apr 1969
DATE LAST REPORT	28 Dec 1994	n/a	n/a	20 Jul 2007
RESERVATIONS	0	0	0	0
	CEDAW	CEDAW OP	CAT	OPCAT
DATE	01 Aug 1989	05 Jun 2006	19 Jul 1993	-
DATE LAST REPORT	04 Mar 2004	n/a	29 Jun 2001	n/a
RESERVATIONS	0	0	0	0
	CRC	CRC OPAC	CRC OPSC	CERD
DATE	07 Feb 1991	02 Jul 2010	06 Apr 2006	21 Apr 1967
DATE LAST REPORT	03 Aug 2009	-	-	07 Nov 2000
RESERVATIONS	0	1	0	0
	MWC	CRPD	CRPD OP	ROME STATUTE
DATE	-	-	-	07 Mar 2002
DATE LAST REPORT	-	-	n/a	n/a
RESERVATIONS	-	-	-	n/a

NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTION: National Institute for the Protection of Human Rights within the Office of the Law Commissioner.

DEATH PENALTY STATUS: Abolitionist for all crimes

PARTICIPATION IN RECENT HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVES OF THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT:

UPR Seminar; November 2008, UK

Cyprus establishes a department for social inclusion for persons with disabilities

In January 2009 Cyprus established the Department for Social Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities. The new department is mandated to establish a reliable and credible database for the assessment of disability, restructure the vocational training and rehabilitation sector for persons with disabilities, and modernise social benefit schemes. In July 2009 a bill was also laid before the House of Representatives for the introduction of a quota system in recruiting persons with disabilities into places of work.



DOMINICA

CORE CONVENTIONS RATIFIED				
	ICCPR	ICCPR OP	ICCPR OPDP	ICESCR
DATE	17 Jun 1993	-	-	17 Jun 1993
DATE LAST REPORT	-	n/a	n/a	-
RESERVATIONS	0	-	-	0
	CEDAW	CEDAW OP	CAT	OPCAT
DATE	15 Sep 1980	-	-	-
DATE LAST REPORT	21 Jan 2009	n/a	-	n/a
RESERVATIONS	0	-	-	-
	CRC	CRC OPAC	CRC OPSC	CERD
DATE	13 Mar 1991	20 Sep 2002	20 Sep 2002	-
DATE LAST REPORT	21 Jan 2003	-	-	-
RESERVATIONS	0	0	0	-
	MWC	CRPD	CRPD OP	ROME STATUTE
DATE	-	-	-	12 Feb 2001
DATE LAST REPORT	-	-	n/a	n/a
RESERVATIONS	-	-	-	n/a

NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTION: None.

DEATH PENALTY STATUS: Retentionist

PARTICIPATION IN RECENT HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVES OF THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT:
None.



CRPD ARTICLE 25

... States Parties recognize that persons with disabilities have the right to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health without discrimination on the basis of disability...



CORE CONVENTIONS RATIFIED					
	ICCPR	ICCPR OP	ICCPR OPDP	ICESCR	
DATE	-	-	-	28 Aug 1995	
DATE LAST REPORT	-	n/a	n/a	-	
RESERVATIONS	-	-	-	-	
	CEDAW	CEDAW OP	CAT	OPCAT	
DATE	-	-	-	13 Aug 1993	
DATE LAST REPORT	14 Jan 2009	n/a	-	n/a	
RESERVATIONS	0	-	-	-	
	CRC	CRC OPAC	CRC OPSC	CERD	
DATE	-	-	11 Jan 1973	-	
DATE LAST REPORT	12 Jun 1996	-	-	20 Jun 2006	
RESERVATIONS	0	-	-	5	
	MWC	CRPD	CRPD OP	ROME STATUTE	
DATE	-	-	-	29 Nov 1999	
DATE LAST REPORT	-	-	n/a	n/a	
RESERVATIONS	-	-	-	n/a	

NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTION: Fiji Human Rights Commission, established 1999.

DEATH PENALTY STATUS: Abolitionist for all ordinary crimes

PARTICIPATION IN RECENT HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVES OF THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT:

None.



Fiji Cabinet endorse National Policy on Persons Living with Disabilities

In November 2009 Fiji's Cabinet endorsed a National Policy on Persons Living with Disabilities. The policy provides a framework for addressing disability in Fiji and aims to develop a more inclusive society, create greater awareness of the needs of people with disabilities and identify priority areas for action to dismantle barriers hindering the full participation of people with disabilities in the social and economic life of the Fiji Islands.

5 In December 2006 following a military takeover of the democratically elected government, Fiji was part suspended from the Commonwealth. In September 2009 Fiji was fully suspended from the Commonwealth pending the restoration of democracy and the rule of law in the country. At the time of writing this suspension continues.



THE GAMBIA

CORE CONVENTIONS RATIFIED				
	ICCPR	ICCPR OP	ICCPR OPDP	ICESCR
DATE	22 Mar 1979	09 Jun 1988	-	29 Dec 1978
DATE LAST REPORT	25 Apr 1983	n/a	n/a	-
RESERVATIONS	1	0	-	0
	CEDAW	CEDAW OP	CAT	OPCAT
DATE	16 Apr 1993	-	-	-
DATE LAST REPORT	04 Apr 2003	n/a	-	n/a
RESERVATIONS	-	-	-	0
	CRC	CRC OPAC	CRC OPSC	CERD
DATE	08 Aug 1990	-	08 Apr 2010	29 Dec 1978
DATE LAST REPORT	20 Nov 1999	-	-	30 Oct 1980
RESERVATIONS	-	0	0	-
	MWC	CRPD	CRPD OP	ROME STATUTE
DATE	-	-	-	28 Jun 2002
DATE LAST REPORT	-	-	n/a	n/a
RESERVATIONS	-	-	n/a	n/a

NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTION: None. Office of the Ombudsman, established 1999. The Office has a specific human rights brief within its mandate.

DEATH PENALTY STATUS: Abolitionist in practice

PARTICIPATION IN RECENT HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVES OF THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT:

UPR Mid-term Review Meeting, March 2010, UK; UPR Seminar, September 2009, Malawi; UPR Seminar, November 2008, UK



The Gambia discusses draft national disability policy
In July 2009 The Gambian Ministry of Health and Social welfare organised a meeting for relevant stakeholders from around the country to discuss a draft national disability policy. The policy document aims to promote equal opportunities for enhanced empowerment, participation and protection of the rights of the persons with disabilities irrespective of gender, age and type of disability. The document is also designed to help the department put in place necessary structures and a programme of activities that will address the welfare of persons with disabilities.

CORE CONVENTIONS RATIFIED					
	ICCPR	ICCPR OP	ICCPR OPDP	ICESCR	
DATE	07 Sep 2000	07 Sep 2000	-	07 Sep 2000	
DATE LAST REPORT	-	n/a	n/a	-	
RESERVATIONS	0	0	-	0	
	CEDAW	CEDAW OP	CAT	OPCAT	
DATE	02 Jan 1986	-	07 Sep 2000	-	
DATE LAST REPORT	23 Feb 2005	n/a	26 Nov 2009	n/a	
RESERVATIONS	0	-	0	-	
	CRC	CRC OPAC	CRC OPSC	CERD	
DATE	05 Feb 1990	-	-	08 Sep 1966	
DATE LAST REPORT	19 Mar 2004	-	-	05 Jun 1998	
RESERVATIONS	0	-	-	0	
	MWC	CRPD	CRPD OP	ROME STATUTE	
DATE	07 Sep 2000	-	-	20 Dec 1999	
DATE LAST REPORT	-	-	n/a	n/a	
RESERVATIONS	0	-	-	n/a	

NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTION: Commission on Human Rights and Administrative Justice, established 1993.

DEATH PENALTY STATUS: Abolitionist in practice

PARTICIPATION IN RECENT HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVES OF THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT:

Meeting of the Commonwealth Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), October 2010, Scotland; UPR Mid-term Review Meeting, March 2010, UK (NHRI and state participation); Meeting of the Commonwealth Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), March 2010, Geneva; Meeting of the Commonwealth Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), November 2009, Trinidad and Tobago; UPR Seminar, November 2008, UK (NHRI and state participation)



Ghana strengthens child labour monitoring

In August 2010 Ghana's Minister of Employment announced the creation of a new database system for monitoring and tracking information on child labour issues. The Child Labour Monitoring System (CLMS) is designed to facilitate effective child-labour interventions by identifying child labourers and linking them to sustainable alternatives such as schooling and skills training.



GRENADA

CORE CONVENTIONS RATIFIED				
	ICCPR	ICCPR OP	ICCPR OPDP	ICESCR
DATE	06 Sep 1991	-	-	06 Sep 1991
DATE LAST REPORT	-	n/a	n/a	-
RESERVATIONS	0	-	-	0
	CEDAW	CEDAW OP	CAT	OPCAT
DATE	30 Aug 1990	-	-	-
DATE LAST REPORT	26 Mar 2010	n/a	-	n/a
RESERVATIONS	0	-	-	-
	CRC	CRC OPAC	CRC OPSC	CERD
DATE	05 Nov 1990	-	-	-
DATE LAST REPORT	26 May 2008	-	-	-
RESERVATIONS	0	-	-	-
	MWC	CRPD	CRPD OP	ROME STATUTE
DATE	-	-	-	-
DATE LAST REPORT	-	-	n/a	n/a
RESERVATIONS	-	-	-	n/a

NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTION: None.

DEATH PENALTY STATUS: Abolitionist in practice

PARTICIPATION IN RECENT HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVES OF THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT:

Regional Commonwealth Seminar on UPR for the Caribbean (with OHCHR), September 2010, Grenada; UPR Seminar, September 2009, Malawi



Grenada hosts UPR Training

In September 2010 Grenada hosted the Commonwealth & OHCHR Regional UPR Seminar in the Caribbean, facilitating the training of nine countries preparing to undergo UPR.



CORE CONVENTIONS RATIFIED					
	ICCPR	ICCPR OP	ICCPR OPDP	ICESCR	
DATE	15 Feb 1977	05 Jan 1999	-	15 Feb 1977	
DATE LAST REPORT	01 Feb 1999	n/a	n/a	28 Jun 1995	
RESERVATIONS	2	1	-	0	
	CEDAW	CEDAW OP	CAT	OPCAT	
DATE	17 Jul 1980	-	19 May 1988	-	
DATE LAST REPORT	10 May 2010	n/a	05 Dec 2008	n/a	
RESERVATIONS	0	-	-	0	
	CRC	CRC OPAC	CRC OPSC	CERD	
DATE	14 Jan 1991	11 Aug 2010	30 Jul 2010	15 Feb 1977	
DATE LAST REPORT	29 Apr 2010	-	-	20 Dec 2004	
RESERVATIONS	1	0	0	0	
	MWC	CRPD	CRPD OP	ROME STATUTE	
DATE	07 Jul 2010	-	-	24 Sep 2004	
DATE LAST REPORT	-	-	n/a	n/a	
RESERVATIONS	-	-	-	n/a	

NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTION: The 1999 Constitutional reform in Guyana made provision for the establishment of a Human Rights Commission.

DEATH PENALTY STATUS: Retentionist

PARTICIPATION IN RECENT HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVES OF THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT:

Meeting of the Commonwealth Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), March 2010, Geneva



Guyana launches national strategy for persons with disabilities.

At a seminar in March 2010 Guyana's Minister of Health launched a National Rehabilitation Services Strategy. The strategy is the result of collaborative work between the Pan American Health Organization, WHO, the Guyana Ministry of Health, and the Director of Rehabilitation Services. A seminar was organised to introduce the new strategy and to promote understanding about community-based rehabilitation. It is hoped that the strategy will produce concrete interventions that will result in real and meaningful improvements for persons with disabilities in Guyana.



CORE CONVENTIONS RATIFIED					
	ICCPR	ICCPR OP	ICCPR OPDP	ICESCR	
DATE	10 Apr 1979	-	-	10 Apr 1979	
DATE LAST REPORT	29 Nov 1995	n/a	n/a	23 Dec 2006	
RESERVATIONS	2	-	-	2	
	CEDAW	CEDAW OP	CAT	OPCAT	
DATE	09 Jul 1993	-	-	-	
DATE LAST REPORT	18 Oct 2005	n/a	-	n/a	
RESERVATIONS	1	-	-	-	
	CRC	CRC OPAC	CRC OPSC	CERD	
DATE	11 Dec 1992	30 Nov 2005	16 Aug 2005	03 Dec 1968	
DATE LAST REPORT	10 Dec 2001	-	-	26 Jan 2006	
RESERVATIONS	0	0	0	0	
	MWC	CRPD	CRPD OP	ROME STATUTE	
DATE	-	01 Oct 2007	-	-	
DATE LAST REPORT	-	-	n/a	n/a	
RESERVATIONS	-	0	-	n/a	

NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTION: National Human Rights Commission, established 1993.

DEATH PENALTY STATUS: Retentionist

PARTICIPATION IN RECENT HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVES OF THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT:

Meeting of the Commonwealth Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), October 2010, Scotland; Meeting of the Commonwealth Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), March 2010, Geneva



State level conference held in Rajasthan on mainstreaming disability

In September 2010 a state-level conference on mainstreaming disability in development was held in Rajasthan. The state government announced plans to conduct a survey to find out how many people in the state have a disability. The state will also provide unique identification numbers and certificates so that persons with disabilities can access relevant benefits.



JAMAICA

CORE CONVENTIONS RATIFIED					
	ICCPR	ICCPR OP	ICCPR OPDP	ICESCR	
DATE	03 Oct 1975	-	-	03 Oct 1975	
DATE LAST REPORT	20 Jul 2009	n/a	n/a	06 Jan 2010	
RESERVATIONS	0	-	-	0	
	CEDAW	CEDAW OP	CAT	OPCAT	
DATE	19 Oct 1984	-	-	-	
DATE LAST REPORT	13 Feb 2004	n/a	-	n/a	
RESERVATIONS	1	-	-	-	
	CRC	CRC OPAC	CRC OPSC	CERD	
DATE	14 May 1991	09 May 2002	-	04 Jun 1971	
DATE LAST REPORT	16 May 2000	-	-	13 Apr 2001	
RESERVATIONS	0	0	-	0	
	MWC	CRPD	CRPD OP	ROME STATUTE	
DATE	25 Sep 2008	30 Mar 2007	-	-	
DATE LAST REPORT	-	-	n/a	n/a	
RESERVATIONS	0	0	-	n/a	

NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTION: None. Office of the Public Defenders, established 2000.
No specific human rights mandate.

DEATH PENALTY STATUS: Retentionist

PARTICIPATION IN RECENT HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVES OF THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT:
Regional Commonwealth Seminar on UPR for the Caribbean (with OHCHR), September 2010, Grenada; Meeting of the Commonwealth Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), March 2010, Geneva; Meeting of the Commonwealth Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), November 2009, Trinidad and Tobago



Jamaica works towards a Human Rights Charter

Jamaica has introduced to Parliament a Constitutional Amendment Bill which will establish a Human Rights Charter. The Charter, which is in the final stages of Parliamentary acceptance, is due to be in force in early 2011 and proposes that Parliament shall pass no law and establish no organ of the state which abrogates, abridges or infringes the fundamental rights of citizens. It will also place an obligation on the state to promote universal respect for, and observance of, human rights and freedoms for all persons in Jamaica.



CORE CONVENTIONS RATIFIED				
	ICCPR	ICCPR OP	ICCPR OPDP	ICESCR
DATE	01 May 1972	-	-	01 May 1972
DATE LAST REPORT	22 Aug 2010	n/a	n/a	07 Sep 2006
RESERVATIONS	0	-	-	0
	CEDAW	CEDAW OP	CAT	OPCAT
DATE	09 Mar 1984	-	21 Feb 1997	-
DATE LAST REPORT	16 Oct 2006	n/a	06 Jun 2007	n/a
RESERVATIONS	0	-	0	-
	CRC	CRC OPAC	CRC OPSC	CERD
DATE	30 Jul 1990	28 Jan 2002	-	13 Sep 2001
DATE LAST REPORT	20 Sep 2005	-	-	-
RESERVATIONS	0	0	-	0
	MWC	CRPD	CRPD OP	ROME STATUTE
DATE	-	19 May 2008	-	15 Mar 2005
DATE LAST REPORT	-	-	n/a	n/a
RESERVATIONS	-	0	-	n/a

NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTION: Kenya National Commission on Human Rights, established 2002.

DEATH PENALTY STATUS: Abolitionist in practice

PARTICIPATION IN RECENT HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVES OF THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT:

Meeting of the Commonwealth Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), October 2010, Scotland; Regional Commonwealth Seminar on UPR for Southern Africa, September 2010, South Africa; Meeting of the Commonwealth Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), March 2010, Geneva; Meeting of the Commonwealth Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), November 2009, Trinidad and Tobago; UPR Seminar, September 2009, Malawi (NHRI and state participation)



Death Penalty in Kenya deemed unconstitutional

In July 2010 the Court of Appeal in Kenya declared that the mandatory death penalty for murder is inconsistent with the spirit of the Kenyan Constitution. The judgment raises important questions on the application of the death penalty in the country.



KIRIBATI

CORE CONVENTIONS RATIFIED						
	ICCPR	ICCPR OP	ICCPR OPDP	ICESCR		
DATE	-	-	-	-	-	-
DATE LAST REPORT	-	n/a	n/a	-	-	-
RESERVATIONS	-	-	-	-	-	-
	CEDAW	CEDAW OP	CAT	OPCAT		
DATE	17 Mar 2004	-	-	-	-	-
DATE LAST REPORT	-	n/a	-	n/a	-	n/a
RESERVATIONS	0	-	-	-	-	-
	CRC	CRC OPAC	CRC OPSC	CERD		
DATE	11 Dec 1995	-	-	-	-	-
DATE LAST REPORT	15 Aug 2005	-	-	-	-	-
RESERVATIONS	3	-	-	-	-	-
	MWC	CRPD	CRPD OP	ROME STATUTE		
DATE	-	-	-	-	-	-
DATE LAST REPORT	-	-	n/a	n/a	-	n/a
RESERVATIONS	-	-	-	n/a	-	n/a

NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTION: None.

DEATH PENALTY STATUS: Abolitionist for all crimes

PARTICIPATION IN RECENT HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVES OF THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT:

UPR Seminar, September 2009, Malawi



Kiribati finalises action plan on disability

Kiribati is currently finalising its National Action Plan on Disability. The policy has been developed in response to the growing need to address disability issues in the wider community.



CORE CONVENTIONS RATIFIED					
	ICCPR	ICCPR OP	ICCPR OPDP	ICESCR	
DATE	09 Sep 1992	06 Sep 2000	-	09 Sep 1992	
DATE LAST REPORT	08 Apr 1998	n/a	n/a	-	
RESERVATIONS	0	0	-	0	
	CEDAW	CEDAW OP	CAT	OPCAT	
DATE	22 Aug 1995	24 Sep 2004	12 Nov 2001	-	
DATE LAST REPORT	16 Aug 2010	n/a	-	n/a	
RESERVATIONS	0	-	0	-	
	CRC	CRC OPAC	CRC OPSC	CERD	
DATE	10 Mar 1992	24 Sep 2003	24 Sep 2003	04 Nov 1971	
DATE LAST REPORT	27 Apr 1998	-	-	15 Jun 1998	
RESERVATIONS	0	0	0	0	
	MWC	CRPD	CRPD OP	ROME STATUTE	
DATE	16 Sep 2005	02 Dec 2008	-	06 Sep 2000	
DATE LAST REPORT	-	-	n/a	n/a	
RESERVATIONS	-	0	-	n/a	

NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTION: None. Office of the Ombudsman, established 1993. The Office has a specific reference to human rights within its mandate.

DEATH PENALTY STATUS: Retentionist

PARTICIPATION IN RECENT HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVES OF THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT:

Meeting of the Commonwealth Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), March 2010, Geneva; UPR Seminar, September 2009, Malawi



Lesotho ratifies CRPD

In December 2008 Lesotho ratified the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. By acceding to the CRPD Lesotho elevated disability beyond social welfare or charity to being a central issue of human rights and social development. The ratification also means Lesotho is now state party to all eight main human rights treaties and the Rome Statute.



CORE CONVENTIONS RATIFIED					
	ICCPR	ICCPR OP	ICCPR OPDP	ICESCR	
DATE	22 Dec 1993	11 Jun 1996	-	22 Dec 1993	
DATE LAST REPORT	-	n/a	n/a	-	
RESERVATIONS	0	0	-	0	
	CEDAW	CEDAW OP	CAT	OPCAT	
DATE	12 Mar 1987	-	11 Jun 1996	-	
DATE LAST REPORT	20 Oct 2008	n/a	-	n/a	
RESERVATIONS	0	-	0	-	
	CRC	CRC OPAC	CRC OPSC	CERD	
DATE	02 Jan 1991	21 Sep 2010	07 Oct 2009	11 Jun 1996	
DATE LAST REPORT	17 Oct 2007	-	-	-	
RESERVATIONS	0	0	0	0	
	MWC	CRPD	CRPD OP	ROME STATUTE	
DATE	-	27 Aug 2009	-	19 Sep 2002	
DATE LAST REPORT	-	-	n/a	n/a	
RESERVATIONS	-	0	-	n/a	

NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTION: Malawi Human Rights Commission, established 1998.

DEATH PENALTY STATUS: Abolitionist in practice

PARTICIPATION IN RECENT HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVES OF THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT:

Meeting of the Commonwealth Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), October 2010, Scotland; Regional Commonwealth Seminar on UPR for Southern Africa, September 2010, South Africa (NHRI participation); Meeting of the Commonwealth Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), March 2010, Geneva; Meeting of the Commonwealth Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), November 2009, Trinidad and Tobago; UPR Seminar, September 2009, Malawi (NHRI and state participation)



Malawi ratifies CRPD

In August 2009 Malawi ratified the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. The Convention affirms broad protections for people with disabilities, including the right to life, freedom from discrimination, equal recognition before the law, and access to justice, education, employment and health.



MALAYSIA

CORE CONVENTIONS RATIFIED						
	ICCPR	ICCPR OP	ICCPR OPDP	ICESCR		
DATE	-	-	-	-	-	-
DATE LAST REPORT	-	n/a	n/a	-	-	-
RESERVATIONS	-	-	-	-	-	-
	CEDAW	CEDAW OP	CAT	OPCAT		
DATE	05 Jul 1995	-	-	-	-	-
DATE LAST REPORT	22 Mar 2004	n/a	-	n/a	-	n/a
RESERVATIONS	4	-	-	-	-	-
	CRC	CRC OPAC	CRC OPSC	CERD		
DATE	17 Feb 1995	-	-	-	-	-
DATE LAST REPORT	21 Dec 2006	-	-	-	-	-
RESERVATIONS	8	-	-	-	-	-
	MWC	CRPD	CRPD OP	ROME STATUTE		
DATE	-	19 Jul 2010	-	-	-	-
DATE LAST REPORT	-	-	n/a	n/a	-	n/a
RESERVATIONS	-	2	-	n/a	-	n/a

NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTION: Human Rights Commission of Malaysia (SUHAKAM), established 2000.

DEATH PENALTY STATUS: Retentionist

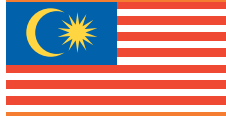
PARTICIPATION IN RECENT HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVES OF THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT:

Meeting of the Commonwealth Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), October 2010, Scotland; UPR Mid-term Review Meeting, March 2010, UK; Meeting of the Commonwealth Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), March 2010, Geneva; Commonwealth Human Rights Workshop for Police Trainers, June 2009, Malaysia; UPR Seminar, November 2008, UK



Malaysia becomes state party to CRPD

In July 2010 Malaysia ratified the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. This new commitment shows that Malaysia is taking positive steps to fulfil one of its pledges as a member of the United Nations Human Rights Council, that is to adopt more international human rights instruments.



MALDIVES

CORE CONVENTIONS RATIFIED					
	ICCPR	ICCPR OP	ICCPR OPDP	ICESCR	
DATE	19 Sep 2006	19 Sep 2006	-	19 Sep 2006	
DATE LAST REPORT	17 Feb 2010	n/a	n/a	-	
RESERVATIONS	1	0	-	0	
	CEDAW	CEDAW OP	CAT	OPCAT	
DATE	01 Jul 1993	13 Mar 2006	20 Apr 2004	15 Feb 2006	
DATE LAST REPORT	08 Jun 2005	n/a	-	n/a	
RESERVATIONS	1	0	0	0	
	CRC	CRC OPAC	CRC OPSC	CERD	
DATE	11 Feb 1991	29 Dec 2004	10 May 2002	24 Apr 1984	
DATE LAST REPORT	01 Mar 2006	22 Aug 2007	22 Aug 2007	07 Jan 2010	
RESERVATIONS	2	0	0	-	
	MWC	CRPD	CRPD OP	ROME STATUTE	
DATE	-	05 Apr 2010	-	-	
DATE LAST REPORT	-	-	n/a	n/a	
RESERVATIONS	0	-	n/a	n/a	

NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTION: Human Rights Commission of the Maldives, established 2006.

DEATH PENALTY STATUS: Abolitionist in practice

PARTICIPATION IN RECENT HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVES OF THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT:

Meeting of the Commonwealth Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), October 2010, Scotland; Human Rights Leadership Seminar for Senior Police, June 2010, Maldives; UPR Mid-term Review Meeting, March 2010, UK (NHRI participation); Meeting of the Commonwealth Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), March 2010, Geneva; Meeting of the Commonwealth Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), November 2009, Trinidad; UPR Seminar, September 2009, Malawi (NHRI and state participation); Commonwealth Human Rights Workshop for Police, March 2009, Maldives; UPR Seminar, November 2008, UK (NHRI participation)

Maldives introduces Act to protect persons with disabilities

In July 2010 a bill protecting the rights of people with special needs was ratified by the President of the Maldives. The Act sets out principles and procedures for providing protection and financial assistance to people with special needs and a council to protect their rights. The new Act also takes positive steps to domesticate the legal provisions provided for in the UN Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities, which the Maldives ratified in April 2010.



CORE CONVENTIONS RATIFIED				
	ICCPR	ICCPR OP	ICCPR OPDP	ICESCR
DATE	13 Sep 1990	13 Sep 1990	29 Dec 1994	13 Sep 1990
DATE LAST REPORT	18 May 1993	n/a	n/a	07 Feb 2003
RESERVATIONS	6	0	0	0
	CEDAW	CEDAW OP	CAT	OPCAT
DATE	08 Mar 1991	-	13 Sep 1990	24 Sep 2003
DATE LAST REPORT	18 May 2009	n/a	29 Sep 1998	n/a
RESERVATIONS	5	-	0	0
	CRC	CRC OPAC	CRC OPSC	CERD
DATE	30 Sep 1990	09 May 2002	28 Sep 2010	27 May 1971
DATE LAST REPORT	05 May 2010	08 Nov 2005	-	06 Jul 2010
RESERVATIONS	0	0	0	0
	MWC	CRPD	CRPD OP	ROME STATUTE
DATE	-	-	-	29 Nov 2002
DATE LAST REPORT	-	-	n/a	n/a
RESERVATIONS	-	-	-	n/a

NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTION: None. Office of the Ombudsman, established 1995.
No specific human rights mandate.

DEATH PENALTY STATUS: Abolitionist for all crimes

PARTICIPATION IN RECENT HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVES OF THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT:

UPR Mid-term Review Meeting, March 2010, UK; UPR Seminar, November 2008, UK



Malta ratifies CRC Optional Protocol
In September 2010 Malta ratified the Optional Protocol on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography. By signing the Protocol Malta has made an enhanced legal commitment to criminalise activities related to the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography and to punish perpetrators of these offences.



MAURITIUS

CORE CONVENTIONS RATIFIED				
	ICCPR	ICCPR OP	ICCPR OPDP	ICESCR
DATE	12 Dec 1973	12 Dec 1973	-	12 Dec 1973
DATE LAST REPORT	27 May 2004	n/a	n/a	03 Mar 2008
RESERVATIONS	0	0	-	0
	CEDAW	CEDAW OP	CAT	OPCAT
DATE	09 Jul 1984	31 Oct 2008	09 Dec 1992	21 Jun 2005
DATE LAST REPORT	09 Mar 2010	n/a	08 Jun 1998	n/a
RESERVATIONS	1	0	0	0
	CRC	CRC OPAC	CRC OPSC	CERD
DATE	26 Jul 1990	12 Feb 2009	-	30 May 1972
DATE LAST REPORT	07 May 2004	-	-	22 Mar 1999
RESERVATIONS	0	0	-	0
	MWC	CRPD	CRPD OP	ROME STATUTE
DATE	-	08 Jan 2010	-	05 Mar 2002
DATE LAST REPORT	-	-	n/a	n/a
RESERVATIONS	-	3	-	n/a

NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTION: National Human Rights Commission established 2001.

DEATH PENALTY STATUS: Abolitionist for all crimes

PARTICIPATION IN RECENT HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVES OF THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT:

Meeting of the Commonwealth Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), October 2010, Scotland; Regional Commonwealth Seminar on UPR for Southern Africa, September 2010, South Africa; UPR Mid-term Review Meeting, March 2010, UK (NHR); Meeting of the Commonwealth Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), March 2010, Geneva; Workshop on National Action Plan on Human Rights, October 2009, Mauritius; Police and Prison Service Training, June 2009, Mauritius; UPR Seminar, November 2008, UK (state and NHRI participation)



Mauritius launches disability publication with the Commonwealth Secretariat

In September 2010 the Ministry of Social Security in Mauritius, with the Commonwealth Secretariat, launched a Commonwealth publication on the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. The publication, printed in English and Braille, advocates full and equal enjoyment of human rights for people with disabilities.

MOZAMBIQUE

CORE CONVENTIONS RATIFIED				
	ICCPR	ICCPR OP	ICCPR OPDP	ICESCR
DATE	21 Jul 1993	-	21 Jul 1993	-
DATE LAST REPORT	-	n/a	n/a	-
RESERVATIONS	0	-	0	-
	CEDAW	CEDAW OP	CAT	OPCAT
DATE	21 Apr 1997	04 Nov 2008	14 Sep 1999	-
DATE LAST REPORT	25 Jun 1999	n/a	-	n/a
RESERVATIONS	0	0	0	-
	CRC	CRC OPAC	CRC OPSC	CERD
DATE	26 Apr 1994	19 Oct 2004	06 Mar 2003	18 Apr 1983
DATE LAST REPORT	26 Feb 2008	-	-	30 Jun 2006
RESERVATIONS	0	0	0	1
	MWC	CRPD	CRPD OP	ROME STATUTE
DATE	-	-	-	-
DATE LAST REPORT	-	-	n/a	n/a
RESERVATIONS	-	-	-	n/a

NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTION: Enabling Ordinance passed in 2009.

DEATH PENALTY STATUS: Abolitionist for all crimes

PARTICIPATION IN RECENT HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVES OF THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT:

Meeting of the Commonwealth Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), March 2010, Geneva; Regional Commonwealth Seminar on UPR for Southern Africa, September 2010, South Africa



Mozambique completes its draft National Human Rights Action Plan

In September 2010 Mozambique presented its draft National Human Rights Action Plan and discussed the appointment of members of the Mozambican Human Rights Commission in Maputo. The plans and the commission are considered major steps to strengthen the protection of human rights in the country. The National Action Plan will be presented to the Cabinet for approval.



NAMIBIA

CORE CONVENTIONS RATIFIED				
	ICCPR	ICCPR OP	ICCPR OPDP	ICESCR
DATE	28 Nov 1994	28 Nov 1994	28 Nov 1994	28 Nov 1994
DATE LAST REPORT	15 Oct 2003	n/a	n/a	-
RESERVATIONS	0	0	0	0
	CEDAW	CEDAW OP	CAT	OPCAT
DATE	01 Aug 1989	05 Jun 2006	19 Jul 1993	-
DATE LAST REPORT	24 Mar 2005	n/a	23 Aug 1996	n/a
RESERVATIONS	0	0	0	-
	CRC	CRC OPAC	CRC OPSC	CERD
DATE	05 Oct 1993	-	30 Apr 2002	25 Oct 1988
DATE LAST REPORT	21 Dec 1992	-	-	17 Jul 2007
RESERVATIONS	0	0	0	0
	MWC	CRPD	CRPD OP	ROME STATUTE
DATE	-	04 Dec 2007	04 Dec 2007	25 Jun 2002
DATE LAST REPORT	-	-	n/a	n/a
RESERVATIONS	-	0	0	n/a

NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTION: None. Office of the Ombudsman, established 1990. The Office has a specific human rights brief within its mandate.

DEATH PENALTY STATUS: Abolitionist for all crimes

PARTICIPATION IN RECENT HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVES OF THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT:

Meeting of the Commonwealth Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), October 2010, Scotland; Regional Commonwealth Seminar on UPR for Southern Africa, September 2010, South Africa; Meeting of the Commonwealth Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), March 2010, Geneva; Meeting of the Commonwealth Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), November 2009, Trinidad and Tobago

Namibian Prison Officials learn about human rights

In July 2010 The Office of the Ombudsman in Namibia launched a training manual on human rights for prison officials. The Office also held human rights workshops for 877 correctional officers at 13 prisons. Each official received their own copy of the manual, which is a user-friendly resource that aims to build on human rights standards, principles and approaches to professional practice.



CORE CONVENTIONS RATIFIED					
	ICCP	ICCP OP	ICCP OPDP	ICESCR	
DATE	-	-	-	-	-
DATE LAST REPORT	-	n/a	n/a	-	-
RESERVATIONS	-	-	-	-	-
	CEDAW	CEDAW OP	CAT	OPCAT	
DATE	-	-	-	-	-
DATE LAST REPORT	-	n/a	-	n/a	-
RESERVATIONS	-	-	-	-	-
	CRC	CRC OPAC	CRC OPSC	CERD	
DATE	27 Jul 1994	-	-	-	-
DATE LAST REPORT	-	-	-	-	-
RESERVATIONS	0	-	-	-	-
	MWC	CRPD	CRPD OP	ROME STATUTE	
DATE	-	-	-	12 Nov 2001	-
DATE LAST REPORT	-	-	n/a	n/a	-
RESERVATIONS	-	-	-	n/a	-

NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTION: None.

DEATH PENALTY STATUS: Abolitionist in practice

PARTICIPATION IN RECENT HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVES OF THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT:

Regional Commonwealth Seminar on UPR for the Pacific, September 2010



Nauru prepares for UPR

In September 2010 Nauru attended the Regional Commonwealth Seminar on UPR for the Pacific. Nauru is due to undergo its review in Geneva in 2011.

⁶ Nauru is a Commonwealth member in arrears.



NEW ZEALAND

CORE CONVENTIONS RATIFIED				
	ICCPR	ICCPR OP	ICCPR OPDP	ICESCR
DATE	28 Dec 1978	26 May 1989	22 Feb 1990	28 Dec 1978
DATE LAST REPORT	26 Dec 2007	n/a	n/a	28 Apr 2009
RESERVATIONS	4	0	0	1
	CEDAW	CEDAW OP	CAT	OPCAT
DATE	10 Jan 1985	07 Sep 2000	10 Dec 1989	14 Mar 2007
DATE LAST REPORT	08 May 2006	n/a	08 Jan 2007	n/a
RESERVATIONS	2	0	1	0
	CRC	CRC OPAC	CRC OPSC	CERD
DATE	06 Apr 1993	12 Nov 2001	-	22 Nov 1972
DATE LAST REPORT	11 Nov 2008	15 Jul 2003	-	16 May 2006
RESERVATIONS	3	0	-	0
	MWC	CRPD	CRPD OP	ROME STATUTE
DATE	-	25 Sep 2008	-	07 Sep 2000
DATE LAST REPORT	-	-	n/a	n/a
RESERVATIONS	-	0	-	n/a

NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTION: Human Rights Commission, established 1978.

DEATH PENALTY STATUS: Abolitionist for all crimes

PARTICIPATION IN RECENT HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVES OF THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT:

Meeting of the Commonwealth Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), October 2010, Scotland; Meeting of the Commonwealth Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), March 2010, Geneva



New Zealand reviews Sign Language Act

In April 2010 New Zealand's Minister for Disability Issues announced a review of the New Zealand Sign Language Act 2006, which recognises Sign Language as an official language in New Zealand. The review will assess how government agencies are implementing the aims of the Act and suggest improvements that may be needed. The review will fully include persons who rely on Sign Language to access public information.



NIGERIA

CORE CONVENTIONS RATIFIED				
	ICCPR	ICCPR OP	ICCPR OPDP	ICESCR
DATE	29 Jul 1993	-	-	29 Jul 1993
DATE LAST REPORT	07 Feb 1996	n/a	n/a	07 Feb 1996
RESERVATIONS	0	-	-	0
	CEDAW	CEDAW OP	CAT	OPCAT
DATE	13 Jun 1985	22 Nov 2004	28 Jun 2001	27 Jul 2009
DATE LAST REPORT	05 Oct 2006	n/a	-	n/a
RESERVATIONS	0	0	0	0
	CRC	CRC OPAC	CRC OPSC	CERD
DATE	19 Apr 1991	-	27 Sep 2010	16 Oct 1967
DATE LAST REPORT	19 May 2008	-	-	23 Mar 2004
RESERVATIONS	0	-	0	0
	MWC	CRPD	CRPD OP	ROME STATUTE
DATE	27 Jul 2009	24 Sep 2010	24 Sep 2010	27 Sep 2001
DATE LAST REPORT	-	-	n/a	n/a
RESERVATIONS	0	0	0	n/a

NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTION: National Human Rights Commission of Nigeria, established 1995.

DEATH PENALTY STATUS: Retentionist

PARTICIPATION IN RECENT HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVES OF THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT:

Meeting of the Commonwealth Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), October 2010, Scotland; UPR Mid-term Review Meeting, March 2010, UK; Meeting of the Commonwealth Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), March 2010, Geneva; Meeting of the Commonwealth Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), November 2009, Trinidad and Tobago; UPR Seminar, November 2008, UK



Nigeria hosts 4th CBR Africa Conference

In October 2010 Nigeria hosted the 4th Community-based Rehabilitation (CBR) Conference. The conference, Linking CBR with Disability and Rehabilitation, provided an opportunity for people to share information, knowledge, and experience on how disability concepts and CBR programmes can link together to help improve the quality of life for persons with disabilities and their families.

PAKISTAN

CORE CONVENTIONS RATIFIED					
	ICCPR	ICCPR OP	ICCPR OPDP	ICESCR	
DATE	23 Jun 2010	-	-	17 Apr 2008	
DATE LAST REPORT	-	n/a	n/a	-	
RESERVATIONS	10	-	-	0	
	CEDAW	CEDAW OP	CAT	OPCAT	
DATE	12 Mar 1996	-	23 Jun 2010	-	
DATE LAST REPORT	03 Aug 2005	n/a	-	n/a	
RESERVATIONS	1	-	9	-	
	CRC	CRC OPAC	CRC OPSC	CERD	
DATE	12 Nov 1990	-	-	21 Sep 1966	
DATE LAST REPORT	04 Jan 2008	-	-	04 Jan 2008	
RESERVATIONS	0	-	-	0	
	MWC	CRPD	CRPD OP	ROME STATUTE	
DATE	-	-	-	-	
DATE LAST REPORT	-	-	n/a	n/a	
RESERVATIONS	-	-	-	n/a	

NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTION: None.

DEATH PENALTY STATUS: Retentionist

PARTICIPATION IN RECENT HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVES OF THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT:

None.



People with disabilities in Pakistan receive special identity cards to access benefits

In August 2009 the Government of Pakistan issued special identity cards for persons with disabilities. The special ID card enables people with disabilities to access all benefits and concessions to which a person with disability is entitled, such as concessions on travel fares and free medical treatment in public sector hospitals.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

CORE CONVENTIONS RATIFIED					
	ICCPR	ICCPR OP	ICCPR OPDP	ICESCR	
DATE	21 Jul 2008	-	-	21 Jul 2008	
DATE LAST REPORT	-	n/a	n/a	-	
RESERVATIONS	0	-	-	0	
	CEDAW	CEDAW OP	CAT	OPCAT	
DATE	12 Jan 1995	-	-	-	
DATE LAST REPORT	20 May 2009	n/a	-	n/a	
RESERVATIONS	0	-	-	-	
	CRC	CRC OPAC	CRC OPSC	CERD	
DATE	05 Oct 1993	-	30 Apr 2002	25 Oct 1988	
DATE LAST REPORT	23 Apr 2003	-	-	16 Aug 1983	
RESERVATIONS	0	-	-	1	
	MWC	CRPD	CRPD OP	ROME STATUTE	
DATE	-	-	-	-	
DATE LAST REPORT	-	-	n/a	n/a	
RESERVATIONS	-	-	-	n/a	

NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTION: Enabling Ordinance under review.

DEATH PENALTY STATUS: Abolitionist in practice

PARTICIPATION IN RECENT HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVES OF THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT:

Regional Commonwealth Seminar on UPR for the Pacific, September 2010; Meeting of the Commonwealth Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), March 2010, Geneva; Meeting of the Commonwealth Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), November 2009, Trinidad and Tobago; Commonwealth Human Rights Workshop for Police, September 2009, Papua New Guinea



Papua New Guinea is in the process of establishing a National Human Rights Institution

In October 2010 Ministers announced the completion of a bill aimed at establishing a National Human Rights Institution in Papua New Guinea. The Bill will now proceed to Parliament.



CORE CONVENTIONS RATIFIED				
	ICCPR	ICCPR OP	ICCPR OPDP	ICESCR
DATE	16 Apr 1975	-	15 Dec 2008	16 Apr 1975
DATE LAST REPORT	23 Jul 2007	n/a	n/a	19 Jan 2010
RESERVATIONS	0	-	0	0
	CEDAW	CEDAW OP	CAT	OPCAT
DATE	02 Mar 1981	15 Dec 2008	15 Dec 2008	-
DATE LAST REPORT	03 Sep 2006	n/a	-	n/a
RESERVATIONS	0	0	0	-
	CRC	CRC OPAC	CRC OPSC	CERD
DATE	24 Jan 1991	23 Apr 2002	14 Mar 2002	16 Apr 1975
DATE LAST REPORT	27 Jun 2002	20 Jan 2010	20 Jan 2010	19 Jan 2010
RESERVATIONS	0	0	0	0
	MWC	CRPD	CRPD OP	ROME STATUTE
DATE	15 Dec 2008	15 Dec 2008	15 Dec 2008	-
DATE LAST REPORT	-	-	n/a	n/a
RESERVATIONS	0	0	0	n/a

NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTION: National Commission for Human Rights, established 1999.

DEATH PENALTY STATUS: Abolitionist for all crimes

PARTICIPATION IN RECENT HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVES OF THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT:

None.



Rwanda completes ratification of all eight main human right treaties

In December 2009 Rwanda ratified the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhumane or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, the Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Family, and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. The new ratifications make Rwanda state party to all eight of the main human rights treaties.



ST KITTS AND NEVIS

CORE CONVENTIONS RATIFIED					
	ICCPR	ICCPR OP	ICCPR OPDP	ICESCR	
DATE	-	-	-	-	-
DATE LAST REPORT	-	n/a	n/a	-	-
RESERVATIONS	-	-	-	-	-
	CEDAW	CEDAW OP	CAT	OPCAT	
DATE	25 Apr 1985	20 Jan 2006	-	-	-
DATE LAST REPORT	18 Jan 2002	n/a	-	n/a	-
RESERVATIONS	0	0	-	-	-
	CRC	CRC OPAC	CRC OPSC	CERD	
DATE	24 Jul 1990	-	-	13 Oct 2006	-
DATE LAST REPORT	22 Jan 1997	-	-	-	-
RESERVATIONS	0	-	-	0	-
	MWC	CRPD	CRPD OP	ROME STATUTE	
DATE	-	-	-	10 Nov 2006	-
DATE LAST REPORT	-	-	n/a	n/a	-
RESERVATIONS	-	-	-	n/a	-

NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTION: Office of the Ombudsman, established 2008.

DEATH PENALTY STATUS: Retentionist

PARTICIPATION IN RECENT HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVES OF THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT:

Regional Commonwealth Seminar on UPR for the Caribbean (with OHCHR), September 2010,
Grenada



ROME STATUTE (PREAMBLE)

*... the most serious
crimes of concern to
the international
community as a whole
must not go
unpunished...*



ST LUCIA

CORE CONVENTIONS RATIFIED					
	ICCP	ICCPR OP	ICCPR OPDP	ICESCR	
DATE	-	-	-	-	-
DATE LAST REPORT	-	n/a	n/a	-	-
RESERVATIONS	-	-	-	-	-
	CEDAW	CEDAW OP	CAT	OPCAT	
DATE	08 Oct 1982	-	-	-	-
DATE LAST REPORT	12 Sep 2005	n/a	-	n/a	-
RESERVATIONS	0	-	-	-	-
	CRC	CRC OPAC	CRC OPSC	CERD	
DATE	16 Jun 1993	-	-	14 Feb 1990	-
DATE LAST REPORT	02 Jun 2004	-	-	-	-
RESERVATIONS	0	-	-	0	-
	MWC	CRPD	CRPD OP	ROME STATUTE	
DATE	-	-	-	18 Aug 2010	-
DATE LAST REPORT	-	-	n/a	n/a	-
RESERVATIONS	-	-	-	n/a	-

NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTION: Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner.

No specific human rights mandate.

DEATH PENALTY STATUS: Retentionist

PARTICIPATION IN RECENT HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVES OF THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT:

Regional Commonwealth Seminar on UPR for the Caribbean (with OHCHR), September 2010, Grenada



St Lucia becomes state party to the Rome Statute

In August 2010 St Lucia ratified the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court at the UN headquarters.

Upon ratification St Lucia became the 113th state party to the Statute and the 11th member state from the Caribbean.



ST VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

CORE CONVENTIONS RATIFIED					
	ICCPR	ICCPR OP	ICCPR OPDP	ICESCR	
DATE	09 Nov 1981	09 Nov 1981	-	09 Nov 1981	
DATE LAST REPORT	05 Sep 1989	n/a	n/a	-	
RESERVATIONS	0	0	-	0	
	CEDAW	CEDAW OP	CAT	OPCAT	
DATE	01 Aug 1989	05 Jun 2006	19 Jul 1993	-	
DATE LAST REPORT	27 Sep 1991	n/a	-	n/a	
RESERVATIONS	0	-	0	-	
	CRC	CRC OPAC	CRC OPSC	CERD	
DATE	26 Oct 1993	-	15 Sep 2005	09 Nov 1981	
DATE LAST REPORT	05 Dec 2000	-	-	23 Sep 2002	
RESERVATIONS	0	-	0	0	
	MWC	CRPD	CRPD OP	ROME STATUTE	
DATE	-	-	-	03 Dec 2002	
DATE LAST REPORT	-	-	n/a	n/a	
RESERVATIONS	-	-	-	n/a	

NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTION: None.

DEATH PENALTY STATUS: Retentionist

PARTICIPATION IN RECENT HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVES OF THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT:

Regional Commonwealth Seminar on UPR for the Caribbean (with OHCHR), September 2010, Grenada



St Vincent and the Grenadines launch new disability study
In March 2010 the St Vincent and the Grenadines Government announced the start of a study aimed at improving the lives of persons with disabilities.



CORE CONVENTIONS RATIFIED					
	ICCPR	ICCPR OP	ICCPR OPDP	ICESCR	
DATE	15 Feb 2008	-	-	-	-
DATE LAST REPORT	-	n/a	n/a	-	-
RESERVATIONS	0	-	-	-	-
	CEDAW	CEDAW OP	CAT	OPCAT	
DATE	25 Sep 1992	-	-	-	-
DATE LAST REPORT	11 Aug 2010	n/a	-	n/a	-
RESERVATIONS	0	-	-	-	-
	CRC	CRC OPAC	CRC OPSC	CERD	
DATE	29 Nov 1994	-	-	-	-
DATE LAST REPORT	01 Nov 2005	-	-	-	-
RESERVATIONS	1	-	-	-	-
	MWC	CRPD	CRPD OP	ROME STATUTE	
DATE	-	-	-	16 Sep 2002	-
DATE LAST REPORT	-	-	n/a	n/a	-
RESERVATIONS	-	-	-	n/a	-

NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTION: None. Office of the Ombudsman, established 1988.
No specific human rights mandate.

DEATH PENALTY STATUS: Abolitionist for all crimes

PARTICIPATION IN RECENT HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVES OF THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT:

None.



Samoa hosts regional OHCHR workshop on NHRIs

In April 2009 Samoa hosted a regional workshop on the establishment of national human rights mechanisms in the Pacific. At this workshop Pacific states adopted the *Samoa Declaration* which recognises the importance of establishing NHRIs which comply with international standards. Samoa has undertaken preliminary steps towards establishing a NHRI.



SEYCHELLES

CORE CONVENTIONS RATIFIED				
	ICCPR	ICCPR OP	ICCPR OPDP	ICESCR
DATE	05 May 1992	5 May 1992	15 Dec 1994	05 May 1992
DATE LAST REPORT	-	n/a	n/a	-
RESERVATIONS	0	0	0	0
	CEDAW	CEDAW OP	CAT	OPCAT
DATE	05 May 1992	-	05 May 1992	-
DATE LAST REPORT	21 Sep 1994	n/a	-	n/a
RESERVATIONS	0	-	0	-
	CRC	CRC OPAC	CRC OPSC	CERD
DATE	07 Sep 1990	10 Aug 2010	-	07 Mar 1978
DATE LAST REPORT	04 Feb 2003	-	-	03 Mar 2006
RESERVATIONS	0	0	-	0
	MWC	CRPD	CRPD OP	ROME STATUTE
DATE	15 Dec 1994	02 Oct 2009	-	10 Aug 2010
DATE LAST REPORT	-	-	n/a	n/a
RESERVATIONS	0	0	-	n/a

NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTION: National Human Rights Commission, established 2010.

DEATH PENALTY STATUS: Abolitionist for all crimes

PARTICIPATION IN RECENT HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVES OF THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT:

Meeting of the Commonwealth Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), March 2010, Geneva; Meeting of the Commonwealth Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), November 2009, Trinidad and Tobago; Commonwealth Human Rights Workshop for Police, August 2009, Seychelles



Three new ratifications by Seychelles

Over the past two years Seychelles has ratified the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict, and the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. With these new ratifications Seychelles is now state party to all eight main human rights institutions and the Rome Statute.



SIERRA LEONE

CORE CONVENTIONS RATIFIED				
	ICCPR	ICCPR OP	ICCPR OPDP	ICESCR
DATE	23 Aug 1996	23 Aug 1996	-	23 Aug 1996
DATE LAST REPORT	-	n/a	n/a	-
RESERVATIONS	0	0	-	0
	CEDAW	CEDAW OP	CAT	OPCAT
DATE	11 Nov 1988	-	25 Apr 2001	-
DATE LAST REPORT	11 Dec 2005	n/a	-	n/a
RESERVATIONS	0	-	0	-
	CRC	CRC OPAC	CRC OPSC	CERD
DATE	18 Jun 1990	15 May 2002	17 Sep 2001	02 Aug 1967
DATE LAST REPORT	18 Jul 2006	31 Mar 2008	31 Mar 2008	09 Jul 1973
RESERVATIONS	0	0	0	0
	MWC	CRPD	CRPD OP	ROME STATUTE
DATE	-	04 Oct 2010	-	15 Sep 2000
DATE LAST REPORT	-	-	n/a	n/a
RESERVATIONS	-	0	-	n/a

NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTION: Human Rights Commission, established 2006.

DEATH PENALTY STATUS: Retentionist

PARTICIPATION IN RECENT HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVES OF THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT:

Meeting of the Commonwealth Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), October 2010, Scotland; Regional Commonwealth Seminar on UPR for the Caribbean (with OHCHR), September 2010, Grenada (NHRI and state participation); Meeting of the Commonwealth Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), March 2010, Geneva; Meeting of the Commonwealth Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), November 2009, Trinidad and Tobago



Sierra Leone ratifies CRPD

In October 2010 Sierra Leone became the 95th state party to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

SINGAPORE

CORE CONVENTIONS RATIFIED						
	ICCPR	ICCPR OP	ICCPR OPDP	ICESCR		
DATE	-	-	-	-	-	-
DATE LAST REPORT	-	n/a	n/a	-	-	-
RESERVATIONS	-	-	-	-	-	-
	CEDAW	CEDAW OP	CAT	OPCAT		
DATE	05 Oct 1995	-	-	-	-	-
DATE LAST REPORT	02 Apr 2009	n/a	-	n/a	-	n/a
RESERVATIONS	4	-	-	-	-	-
	CRC	CRC OPAC	CRC OPSC	CERD		
DATE	05 Oct 1995	11 Dec 2008	-	-	-	-
DATE LAST REPORT	06 Jan 2009	-	-	-	-	-
RESERVATIONS	4	0	-	-	-	-
	MWC	CRPD	CRPD OP	ROME STATUTE		
DATE	-	-	-	-	-	-
DATE LAST REPORT	-	-	n/a	n/a	-	n/a
RESERVATIONS	-	-	-	n/a	-	n/a

NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTION: None.

DEATH PENALTY STATUS: Retentionist

PARTICIPATION IN RECENT HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVES OF THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT:

Commonwealth Human Rights Workshop for Police Trainers, June 2009, Malaysia



Singapore ratifies Optional Protocol to CRC

In December 2008 Singapore ratified the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict. By signing the Protocol Singapore has made a commitment to ensure that those under the age of 18 do not take part in direct hostilities and that recruitment into the armed forces is voluntary for those under the age of 18.



SOLOMON ISLANDS

CORE CONVENTIONS RATIFIED				
	ICCPR	ICCPR OP	ICCPR OPDP	ICESCR
DATE	-	-	-	17 Mar 1982
DATE LAST REPORT	-	n/a	n/a	02 Jul 2001
RESERVATIONS	-	-	-	0
	CEDAW	CEDAW OP	CAT	OPCAT
DATE	06 May 2002	06 May 2002	-	-
DATE LAST REPORT	-	n/a	-	n/a
RESERVATIONS	0	0	-	-
	CRC	CRC OPAC	CRC OPSC	CERD
DATE	10 Apr 1995	-	-	17 Mar 1982
DATE LAST REPORT	27 Feb 2001	-	-	02 Feb 1983
RESERVATIONS	0	-	-	0
	MWC	CRPD	CRPD OP	ROME STATUTE
DATE	-	-	-	-
DATE LAST REPORT	-	-	n/a	n/a
RESERVATIONS	-	-	-	n/a

NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTION: None. Office of the Ombudsman, re-established in 2008.
No specific human rights mandate.

DEATH PENALTY STATUS: Abolitionist for all crimes

PARTICIPATION IN RECENT HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVES OF THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT:

Regional Commonwealth Seminar on UPR for the Pacific, September 2010; Workshop on National Action Plan on Human Rights, January 2010, Solomon Islands; Human Rights Training for Youth Leaders, September 2009, Solomon Islands



Solomon Islands approves National Action Plan on gender-based violence

In November 2009 the Solomon Islands Cabinet approved a National Policy and Action Plan on gender-based violence. The policy plan was developed by the Ministry of Women, Youth and Children Affairs in consultation with other relevant ministries.



SOUTH AFRICA

CORE CONVENTIONS RATIFIED				
	ICCPR	ICCPR OP	ICCPR OPDP	ICESCR
DATE	10 Dec 1998	28 Aug 2002	28 Aug 2002	-
DATE LAST REPORT	-	n/a	n/a	-
RESERVATIONS	0	0	0	-
	CEDAW	CEDAW OP	CAT	OPCAT
DATE	15 Dec 1995	18 Oct 2005	10 Dec 1998	-
DATE LAST REPORT	02 Jul 2009	n/a	28 Jun 2005	n/a
RESERVATIONS	0	0	0	-
	CRC	CRC OPAC	CRC OPSC	CERD
DATE	16 Jun 1995	24 Sep 2009	30 Jun 2003	10 Dec 1998
DATE LAST REPORT	04 Dec 1997	-	-	02 Dec 2004
RESERVATIONS	0	0	0	0
	MWC	CRPD	CRPD OP	ROME STATUTE
DATE	-	30 Nov 2007	30 Nov 2007	27 Nov 2000
DATE LAST REPORT	-	-	n/a	n/a
RESERVATIONS	-	0	0	n/a

NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTION: South African Human Rights Commission, established 1995.

DEATH PENALTY STATUS: Abolitionist for all crimes

PARTICIPATION IN RECENT HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVES OF THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT:

Meeting of the Commonwealth Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), October 2010, Scotland; Regional Commonwealth Seminar on UPR for Southern Africa, September 2010, South Africa (NHRI participation); UPR Mid-term Review Meeting, March 2010, UK (NHRI participation); Meeting of the Commonwealth Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), March 2010, Geneva; Meeting of the Commonwealth Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), November 2009, Trinidad and Tobago; UPR Seminar, November 2008, UK (NHRI participation)

South Africa disability framework for local government launched

In March 2009 the South African Minister of Provincial and Local Government and the South African Local Government Association announced that after an extensive process of consultations with relevant stakeholders, they had completed a disability framework for local government. The policy framework outlines specific measures local government can take to mainstream disability issues into its programmes, policies, projects and activities. The policy also seeks to ensure that people with disabilities are included in the local government workforce, so they can actively participate in service delivery.



SRI LANKA

CORE CONVENTIONS RATIFIED				
	ICCPR	ICCPR OP	ICCPR OPDP	ICESCR
DATE	11 Jun 1980	03 Oct 1997	-	11 Jun 1980
DATE LAST REPORT	18 Sep 2002	n/a	n/a	09 Jun 2008
RESERVATIONS	0	0	-	0
	CEDAW	CEDAW OP	CAT	OPCAT
DATE	05 Oct 1981	15 Oct 2002	03 Jan 1994	-
DATE LAST REPORT	31 Jul 2009	n/a	14 Aug 2009	n/a
RESERVATIONS	0	0	0	-
	CRC	CRC OPAC	CRC OPSC	CERD
DATE	12 Jul 1991	08 Sep 2000	22 Sep 2006	18 Feb 1982
DATE LAST REPORT	24 Oct 2008	16 Jun 2008	-	04 Sep 2000
RESERVATIONS	0	0	0	0
	MWC	CRPD	CRPD OP	ROME STATUTE
DATE	11 Mar 1996	-	-	-
DATE LAST REPORT	19 Jun 2008	-	n/a	n/a
RESERVATIONS	0	-	-	n/a

NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTION: Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka, established 1997.

DEATH PENALTY STATUS: Abolitionist in practice

PARTICIPATION IN RECENT HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVES OF THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT:

Meeting of the Commonwealth Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), March 2010, Geneva

Sri Lanka presents Action Plan on Human Rights

In February 2010 Sri Lanka's Minister of Disaster Management and Human Rights presented a National Action Plan for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights to the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Ms Navanetham Pillay. Ms Pillay welcomed the new initiative and stressed the importance of improving the country's human rights situation in a post-conflict and post-electoral context. In developing the action plan, Sri Lanka has fulfilled its commitment to establish a National Action Plan, made at the Universal Periodic Review in 2008.



SWAZILAND

CORE CONVENTIONS RATIFIED					
	ICCPR	ICCPR OP	ICCPR OPDP	ICESCR	
DATE	26 Mar 2004	-	-	26 Mar 2004	
DATE LAST REPORT	-	n/a	n/a	-	
RESERVATIONS	0	-	-	0	
	CEDAW	CEDAW OP	CAT	OPCAT	
DATE	26 Mar 2004	-	26 Mar 2004	-	
DATE LAST REPORT	-	n/a	-	n/a	
RESERVATIONS	0	-	0	-	
	CRC	CRC OPAC	CRC OPSC	CERD	
DATE	07 Sep 1995	-	-	07 Apr 1969	
DATE LAST REPORT	29 Nov 2005	-	-	01 Mar 1996	
RESERVATIONS	0	-	-	0	
	MWC	CRPD	CRPD OP	ROME STATUTE	
DATE	-	-	-	-	
DATE LAST REPORT	-	-	n/a	n/a	
RESERVATIONS	-	-	-	n/a	

NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTION: Enabling Ordinance passed in 2009.

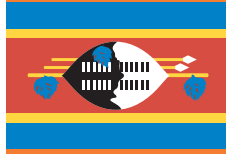
DEATH PENALTY STATUS: Abolitionist in practice

PARTICIPATION IN RECENT HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVES OF THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT:

National Consultative Conference on the Swaziland Commission on Human Rights and Public Administration, June 2010, Swaziland; Regional Commonwealth Seminar on UPR for Southern Africa, September 2010, South Africa; Meeting of the Commonwealth Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), March 2010, Geneva; Meeting of the Commonwealth Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), November 2009, Trinidad and Tobago

New Human Rights Commission in Swaziland

In September 2009 Swaziland announced the establishment of a National Human Rights Commission. Once the Commission is fully operational some of the functions will include investigating complaints concerning alleged violations of fundamental human rights and freedoms, and investigating complaints concerning the functions of any key public service commission. The Commission shall also promote and foster strict adherence to the rule of law and principles of justice in public administration.



CORE CONVENTIONS RATIFIED					
	ICCPR	ICCPR OP	ICCPR OPDP	ICESCR	
DATE	-	-	-	-	-
DATE LAST REPORT	-	n/a	n/a	-	-
RESERVATIONS	-	-	-	-	-
	CEDAW	CEDAW OP	CAT	OPCAT	
DATE	-	-	-	-	-
DATE LAST REPORT	-	n/a	-	n/a	-
RESERVATIONS	-	-	-	-	-
	CRC	CRC OPAC	CRC OPSC	CERD	
DATE	6 Nov 1995	-	-	16 Feb 1972	-
DATE LAST REPORT	-	-	-	17 Mar 1999	-
RESERVATIONS	0	-	-	1	-
	MWC	CRPD	CRPD OP	ROME STATUTE	
DATE	-	-	-	-	-
DATE LAST REPORT	-	-	n/a	n/a	-
RESERVATIONS	-	-	-	n/a	-

NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTION: None.

DEATH PENALTY STATUS: Abolitionist in practice

PARTICIPATION IN RECENT HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVES OF THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT:

UPR Mid-term Review Meeting, March 2010, UK; UPR Seminar, November 2008, UK



Political reform in Tonga

Tonga is embarking on a path of significant constitutional and political reform to determine a more democratic form of governance. In November 2009 the newly established Constitutional and Electoral Commission instigated the scheduling of elections in Tonga which will allow for an increase in the number of parliamentarians directly elected by the Tongan people. The government has also embarked on a reconciliation and civic education programme to explain constitutional options at the village level.



TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

CORE CONVENTIONS RATIFIED				
	ICCPR	ICCPR OP	ICCPR OPDP	ICESCR
DATE	21 Dec 1978	-	-	08 Dec 1978
DATE LAST REPORT	15 Sep 1999	n/a	n/a	28 Sep 2000
RESERVATIONS	7	-	-	1
	CEDAW	CEDAW OP	CAT	OPCAT
DATE	12 Jan 1990	-	-	-
DATE LAST REPORT	23 Jan 2001	n/a	-	n/a
RESERVATIONS	1	-	-	-
	CRC	CRC OPAC	CRC OPSC	CERD
DATE	05 Dec 1991	-	-	04 Oct 1973
DATE LAST REPORT	29 Jul 2003	-	-	06 Oct 2000
RESERVATIONS	0	-	-	0
	MWC	CRPD	CRPD OP	ROME STATUTE
DATE	-	-	-	06 Apr 1999
DATE LAST REPORT	-	-	n/a	n/a
RESERVATIONS	-	-	-	n/a

NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTION: None. Office of the Ombudsman of Trinidad and Tobago, established 1977. No specific human rights mandate.

DEATH PENALTY STATUS: Retentionist

PARTICIPATION IN RECENT HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVES OF THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT:

Meeting of the Commonwealth Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), March 2010, Geneva; Regional Commonwealth Seminar on UPR for the Caribbean (with OHCHR), September 2010, Grenada; Meeting of the Commonwealth Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), November 2009, Trinidad and Tobago



Trinidad and Tobago host CFNHRIs

In November 2009 Trinidad and Tobago hosted a meeting of the Commonwealth Forum of National Human Rights Institutions. This meeting had focused discussion on human rights and climate change.

CORE CONVENTIONS RATIFIED					
	ICCP	ICCP OP	ICCP OPDP	ICESCR	
DATE	-	-	-	-	-
DATE LAST REPORT	-	n/a	n/a	-	-
RESERVATIONS	-	-	-	-	-
	CEDAW	CEDAW OP	CAT	OPCAT	
DATE	6 Oct 1999	-	-	-	-
DATE LAST REPORT	02 Jul 2008	n/a	-	n/a	-
RESERVATIONS	-	-	-	-	-
	CRC	CRC OPAC	CRC OPSC	CERD	
DATE	22 Sep 1995	-	-	-	-
DATE LAST REPORT	-	-	-	-	-
RESERVATIONS	0	-	-	-	-
	MWC	CRPD	CRPD OP	ROME STATUTE	
DATE	-	-	-	-	-
DATE LAST REPORT	-	-	n/a	n/a	-
RESERVATIONS	-	-	-	n/a	-

NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTION: None.

DEATH PENALTY STATUS: Abolitionist for all crimes

PARTICIPATION IN RECENT HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVES OF THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT:

Regional Commonwealth Seminar on UPR for the Pacific, September 2010

Tuvalu takes lead at Copenhagen Climate Change Conference

At the United Nations Climate Change Conference held in 2009, Tuvalu advocated for tougher action to be taken on the issue of climate change. Speaking on behalf of the 43 member Alliance of Small States (AOSIS), Tuvalu called on world leaders to make new legal commitments to reduce the emission of green house gases.

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...States Parties shall guarantee to persons with disabilities political rights and the opportunity to enjoy them on an equal basis with others...



UGANDA

CORE CONVENTIONS RATIFIED				
	ICCPR	ICCPR OP	ICCPR OPDP	ICESCR
DATE	21 Jun 1995	14 Nov 1995	-	22 Jul 1985
DATE LAST REPORT	12 Feb 2003	n/a	n/a	-
RESERVATIONS	0	1	0	0
	CEDAW	CEDAW OP	CAT	OPCAT
DATE	22 Jul 1985	-	03 Nov 1986	-
DATE LAST REPORT	23 Mar 2009	n/a	19 May 2004	n/a
RESERVATIONS	0	-	0	-
	CRC	CRC OPAC	CRC OPSC	CERD
DATE	17 Aug 1990	06 May 2002	30 Nov 2001	21 Nov 1980
DATE LAST REPORT	02 Aug 2003	16 Aug 2007	16 Aug 2007	20 Jun 2001
RESERVATIONS	0	0	0	0
	MWC	CRPD	CRPD OP	ROME STATUTE
DATE	14 Nov 1995	25 Sep 2008	25 Sep 2008	14 Jun 2002
DATE LAST REPORT	-	-	n/a	n/a
RESERVATIONS	1	0	0	n/a

NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTION: Uganda Human Rights Commission, established 1996.

DEATH PENALTY STATUS: Retentionist

PARTICIPATION IN RECENT HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVES OF THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT:

Meeting of the Commonwealth Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), October 2010, Scotland; Regional Commonwealth Seminar on UPR for Southern Africa, September 2010, South Africa; Meeting of the Commonwealth Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), March 2010, Geneva; Meeting of the Commonwealth Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), November 2009, Trinidad and Tobago



Uganda provides grants to increase income of persons with disabilities

In April 2010 the Disability Minister of Uganda announced a new programme which will provide special grants of US\$ 30 million (roughly US\$15,000) each to 48 districts in Uganda to support income-generating activities for persons with disabilities. The guidelines for these grants include the principle of gender equity and they are designed to ensure both men and women with disabilities will benefit from the programme.



UNITED KINGDOM

CORE CONVENTIONS RATIFIED				
	ICCPR	ICCPR OP	ICCPR OPDP	ICESCR
DATE	20 May 1976	-	10 Dec 1999	20 May 1976
DATE LAST REPORT	03 Nov 2006	n/a	n/a	07 Aug 2007
RESERVATIONS	10	-	0	4
	CEDAW	CEDAW OP	CAT	OPCAT
DATE	07 Apr 1986	17 Dec 2004	08 Dec 1988	10 Dec 2003
DATE LAST REPORT	14 Jun 2007	n/a	06 Nov 2003	n/a
RESERVATIONS	7	0	0	0
	CRC	CRC OPAC	CRC OPSC	CERD
DATE	16 Dec 1991	24 Jun 2003	20 Feb 2009	07 Mar 1969
DATE LAST REPORT	16 Jul 2007	16 Jul 2007	-	24 Mar 2010
RESERVATIONS	3	1	0	1
	MWC	CRPD	CRPD OP	ROME STATUTE
DATE	-	08 Jun 2009	07 Aug 2009	04 Oct 2001
DATE LAST REPORT	-	-	n/a	n/a
RESERVATIONS	-	4	0	n/a

NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTION: Equality and Human Rights Commission, established 2007.

DEATH PENALTY STATUS: Abolitionist for all crimes

PARTICIPATION IN RECENT HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVES OF THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT:

Meeting of the Commonwealth Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), October 2010, Scotland; UPR Mid-term Review Meeting, March 2010, UK; Meeting of the Commonwealth Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), March 2010, Geneva; UPR Seminar, November 2008, UK



UK publishes accessible guide to the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

In the summer of 2010 The Equality and Human Rights Commission in the UK published a simple-to-understand Guide to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD). The Guide provides an introduction to CRPD and information on understanding disability rights. There is a video of the guide in British Sign Language and with subtitles, as well as an ‘Easy Read’ version.



UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA

CORE CONVENTIONS RATIFIED				
	ICCPR	ICCPR OP	ICCPR OPDP	ICESCR
DATE	11 Jun 1976	-	-	11 Jun 1976
DATE LAST REPORT	08 Oct 2007	n/a	n/a	25 Aug 2009
RESERVATIONS	0	-	-	0
	CEDAW	CEDAW OP	CAT	OPCAT
DATE	20 Aug 1985	12 Jan 2006	-	-
DATE LAST REPORT	16 Apr 2007	n/a	-	n/a
RESERVATIONS	0	0	-	-
	CRC	CRC OPAC	CRC OPSC	CERD
DATE	10 Jun 1991	11 Nov 2004	24 Apr 2003	27 Oct 1972
DATE LAST REPORT	20 Oct 2004	18 Jul 2007	18 Jul 2007	27 Oct 2004
RESERVATIONS	0	0	0	0
	MWC	CRPD	CRPD OP	ROME STATUTE
DATE	-	10 Nov 2009	10 Nov 2009	20 Aug 2002
DATE LAST REPORT	-	-	n/a	n/a
RESERVATIONS	-	0	0	n/a

NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTION: Commission for Human Rights and Good Governance, established 2001.

DEATH PENALTY STATUS: Abolitionist in practice

PARTICIPATION IN RECENT HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVES OF THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT:

Meeting of the Commonwealth Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), March 2010, Geneva; Regional Commonwealth Seminar on UPF for Southern Africa, September 2010, South Africa; Meeting of the Commonwealth Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), November 2009, Trinidad and Tobago

Tanzanian Commission publishes new report on HIV and Disability

In early 2009 the Tanzanian Commission for AIDS carried out an assessment in selected mainland districts in order to highlight the multiple challenges that people with disabilities face in accessing HIV/AIDS service provision. The report, *The Forgotten*, makes key recommendations that include the needs to overcome stigma and discrimination at the family, community and national levels and to build a disability-friendly environment to strengthen community support for people with disabilities.



VANUATU

CORE CONVENTIONS RATIFIED					
	ICCPR	ICCPR OP	ICCPR OPDP	ICESCR	
DATE	21 Nov 2008	-	-	-	-
DATE LAST REPORT	-	n/a	n/a	-	-
RESERVATIONS	0	-	-	-	-
	CEDAW	CEDAW OP	CAT	OPCAT	
DATE	08 Sep 1995	17 May 2007	-	-	-
DATE LAST REPORT	02 Mar 2005	n/a	-	n/a	-
RESERVATIONS	0	0	-	-	-
	CRC	CRC OPAC	CRC OPSC	CERD	
DATE	07 Jul 1993	26 Sep 2007	17 May 2007	-	-
DATE LAST REPORT	27 Jan 1997	-	-	-	-
RESERVATIONS	0	0	0	-	-
	MWC	CRPD	CRPD OP	ROME STATUTE	
DATE	-	23 Oct 2008	-	-	-
DATE LAST REPORT	-	-	n/a	n/a	n/a
RESERVATIONS	-	0	-	n/a	n/a

NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTION: None. Office of the Ombudsman, established 1995.
No specific human rights mandate.

DEATH PENALTY STATUS: Abolitionist for all crimes

PARTICIPATION IN RECENT HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVES OF THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT:
None.



New ratifications by Vanuatu

In October 2008 Vanuatu ratified the Convention on the rights of Persons with Disabilities. The Covenant on Civil and Political Rights was ratified in November 2008.



ZAMBIA

CORE CONVENTIONS RATIFIED				
	ICCPR	ICCPR OP	ICCPR OPDP	ICESCR
DATE	10 Apr 1984	10 Apr 1984	-	10 Apr 1984
DATE LAST REPORT	06 Dec 2005	n/a	n/a	29 Jul 2003
RESERVATIONS	0	0	-	1
	CEDAW	CEDAW OP	CAT	OPCAT
DATE	21 Jun 1985	-	07 Oct 1998	-
DATE LAST REPORT	05 Jan 2010	n/a	15 Dec 2005	n/a
RESERVATIONS	0	-	0	-
	CRC	CRC OPAC	CRC OPSC	CERD
DATE	06 Dec 1991	-	-	04 Feb 1972
DATE LAST REPORT	29 Nov 2001	-	-	13 Jul 2004
RESERVATIONS	0	-	-	0
	MWC	CRPD	CRPD OP	ROME STATUTE
DATE	-	01 Feb 2010	-	13 Nov 2002
DATE LAST REPORT	-	-	n/a	n/a
RESERVATIONS	-	0	-	n/a

NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTION: Zambia Human Rights Commission, established 1997.

DEATH PENALTY STATUS: Abolitionist in practice

PARTICIPATION IN RECENT HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVES OF THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT:

Meeting of the Commonwealth Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), March 2010, Geneva; Regional Commonwealth Seminar on UPR for Southern Africa, September 2010, South Africa (NHRI participation); Meeting of the Commonwealth Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) November 2009, Trinidad and Tobago



Zambia recruits deaf teachers

In September 2010 the Ministry of Education in Zambia recruited seven of the eleven deaf graduate teachers eligible for appointment.

CRPD ARTICLE 17

...Every person with disabilities has a right to respect for his or her physical and mental integrity on an equal basis with others...



