

MULTIMEDIA TRAINING KIT

Additional resources: Freedom of expression and freedom of information

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Participants in training activities are recommended to read the texts of the principal documents in the international rights regime and review some of the material in additional references before participating in events.

The principal documents in the international rights regime concerned with freedom of expression and information are:

- Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), available at www.un.org/en/documents/udhr/index.shtml
- International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), available at www2.ohchr.org/english/law/compilation_democracy/iccpr.htm

Regional agreements are also important in different regions, in particular:

- African Charter on Human and People's Rights, available at www1.umn.edu/humanrts/instree/z1afchar.htm
- American Convention on Human Rights, available at www.oas.org/dil/treaties_B-32_American_Convention_on_Human_Rights.pdf
- European Convention on Human Rights, available at www.echr.coe.int/NR/rdonlyres/D5CC24A7-DC13-4318-B457-5C9014916D7A/0/Convention_ENG.pdf

Other important rights instruments include:

- Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, available at www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/cedaw
- Convention on the Rights of the Child, available at www.ohchr.org/EN/ProfessionalInterest/Pages/CRC.aspx

The UN Human Rights Council's General Comment No. 34 of 2011 is concerned with freedoms of opinion and expression and can be found at www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/hrc/docs/gc34.pdf

The text of the Human Rights Council's 2012 resolution on freedom of expression and information and the internet can be found at geneva.usmission.gov/2012/07/05/internet-resolution

Other sources which may be useful are as follows:

Yaman Akdeniz for the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, *Freedom of Expression on the Internet*, 2010, available at www.osce.org/fom/80723

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Frank LaRue, *Report of the [UN] Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression*, 2011, available at www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/hrcouncil/docs/17session/a.hrc.17.27_en.pdf

Andrew Puddephatt et al., *Global survey on Internet privacy and freedom of expression*, 2012, available at global-partners.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/UNESCO-Digital-PrintsFull-.pdf

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