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Additional resources: Human rights, ICTs and the internet

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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 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

- International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR), available at www.ohchr.org/EN/ProfessionalInterest/Pages/CESCR.aspx

Regional agreements are also important in different regions, for example:

- 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 2012 resolution on the internet is available at geneva.usmission.gov/2012/07/05/internet-resolution

The UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights are central to discussion of the human rights obligations of private sector businesses. They are available at www.ohchr.org/Documents/Publications/GuidingPrinciplesBusinessHR_EN.pdf.

Technical and governance issues concerning the internet and new media are described in the APC ICT Policy Handbook, which is available at https://www.apc.org/en/node/9555.

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Participants who are unfamiliar with the internet and new media are recommended to review relevant chapters of this handbook before taking part in training activities.

A number of attempts have been made to set out principles concerning the relationship between human rights and the Internet, mostly with an advocacy purpose.

APC's Internet Rights Charter can be found at
https://www.apc.org/en/system/files/APC_charter_EN_0.pdf

The principles of the Global Network Initiative can be found at
globalnetworkinitiative.org/principles/index.php

The Council of Europe's ministerial declaration on Internet Governance Principles can be found at https://wcd.coe.int/com.instranet.InstraServlet?
Index=no&command=com.instranet.CmdBlobGet&InstranetImage=1925992&SecMode=1&DocId=1787146&Usage=2

The Internet Rights and Principles Coalition's ten Internet Rights and Principles are at
irpcharter.org/campaign

Other sources which may be useful are as follows:

Vint Cerf, "Internet access is not a human right", *New York Times*, 4 January 2012, available at www.nytimes.com/2012/01/05/opinion/internet-access-is-not-a-human-right.html?_r=0

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Toby Mendel, Andrew Puddephatt, Ben Wagner, Dixie Hawtin and Natalia Torres, *Global Survey on Internet Privacy and Freedom of Expression*, UNESCO, 2013, available at unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0021/002182/218273e.pdf

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