

## UPR Cities Community Human Rights Forum Meeting format template

### **Part 1:** ~ 1 hour (or less)

1-4 speakers selected to help highlight the **human rights framework**, international **human rights law** and UN statements defending this human right, and **data or stories** from the region illustrating how the lack of protections of this human right are negatively impacting residents. If possible, one or two examples of **recommendations for policies** that can improve human rights in the region can be helpful to setting up part 2 of the program.

### **Part 2:** ~ 1 hour

*Assign notetakers to small group tables—use Worksheet below.*

*You may also wish to assign leaders to groups to cover particular themes/intersections such as rights of people with disabilities, rights needs of tenants (housing), health concerns, environment-habitat, etc.*

#### **Small groups-round 1:** (15 min.) Address the following 2 questions

- What human rights concerns/issues related to this Forum theme do you see in our community?
- What do you see as top priority areas for our local efforts to improve human rights protections?

Large group report back—invite (popcorn) examples from groups (5 min.)

#### **Small group-round 2:** (25 min.)

- What policies (local, state, or national) could help address human rights needs we've identified? What other strategies can we use to advance rights protections—i.e., among activist groups and in our communities, schools, etc.?

Large group report/wrap up (15 min.) report from groups and identify next steps

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Group Breakout Worksheet**

*Groups should designate a notetaker who will record the group's responses to these questions and help us shape our UPR report. Each group should, where possible, include at least one directly impacted person.*

**Question 1:** What are human rights concerns or issues you are experiencing or seeing in our community/region related to the roundtable issue [i.e., immigration, housing, etc.]?

**Question 2:** What do you see as top priority areas for local efforts to improve human rights protections related to this issue?

**Question 3:** Identify policies and practices to help address human rights needs in our community (by level/target of policy/activity). *Be as specific as possible, and where appropriate, indicate how you or your organization can help advance this recommendation.*

**National government**

**State government**

**Local government**

**General Public, Schools/institutions, Activist Community, etc.**