



**Organisation Internationale pour les pays les moins avancés (OIPMA)
The International Organization for the Least Developed Countries (IOLDCs)**

OIPMA / IOLDCS - REPORT OF ACTIVITIES 2021

The Organisation internationale pour les Pays les Moins Avancés (OIPMA) - International Organisation for the Least Developed Countries (IOLDCs) is a non-profit, non-governmental and independent organization based in Geneva with ECOSOC status. Established in 1996, OIPMA, with a particular focus on least developed countries (LDCs), advocates the fulfilment of Human Rights and acts as a bridge between civil society organizations and the UN Charter and Treaty Based Mechanisms for Human Rights protection and promotion.

The key priorities of the Organization are in line with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the goals 1,3,5,13,16 and 17. In particular, conflict prevention, post-conflict, peacebuilding, children in armed conflict, terrorism in crisis-affected LDCs, and the impacts of climate change in these countries. We are specialized in Yemen, Mali, Somalia, Sudan, South Sudan, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Uganda, Ethiopia, Chad and Haiti.

OIPMA's ultimate goal is to assist LDC to upgrade from this status through human rights and sustainable development-based approach.

OIPMA seeks to enhance the visibility of local concerns at the international level to push for concrete action from the international community. Additionally, the organization aims to facilitate access to key information, about the development of LDCs, to the international sphere. This is done through the thematic reports, written statements published by the UN, oral statements and Interactive Dialogues participation given during the Human Rights Council editions; all of this is post it on the OIPMA's social media and its website www.oipma.org (before www.ioldcs.org). These activities are also done with the support of the key actors working on behalf of the LDCs' sustainable development.

It is important to highlight that as a result of the COVID-19 situation, and the measures taken by the UN and the Geneva authorities, many activities that OIPMA uses to carry out and which were not possible to develop online, had to be postponed or cancelled. For this reason, OIPMA continues currently working in order to retake its regular activities such as training activities and meetings.



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1. PARTICIPATION IN MEETINGS AND SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS

OIPMA analyse and discuss the reports presented by the Secretary-General and the High Commissioners of Human Rights during the sessions of Human Rights Council on regular basis through its representative's oral and written statements and interactive dialogues before the Council.

46th Session of the Human Rights Council - 22 February 2021 to 24 March 2021

- **Item 5: Conflict Yemen** - Human rights bodies and mechanisms - General Debate - 40th Meeting, 46th Regular Session Human Rights Council.
- **Item 8: Human Rights Situation in Yemen** - Follow-up to and implementation of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action: General Debate - 42nd Meeting, 46th Regular Session Human Rights Council.
- **Item 9: Technical Cooperation for Human Rights in LDCs** - Racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related forms of intolerance, follow-up to and implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action General - Debate - 47th Meeting, 46th Regular Session Human Rights Council.
- **Item 10: Human Rights Situation in Mali** - Technical assistance and capacity-building: Interactive Dialogue. Independent Expert on Mali - 45th Meeting, 46th Regular Session Human Rights Council.

47th Session of the Human Rights Council - 21 June 2021 to 14 July 2021

Oral Statements:

- **Item 3: Extreme Poverty and Human Rights** - Global fund for social protection: international solidarity in the service of poverty eradication – Report of the Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights - 47th Regular Session of Human Rights Council.
- **Item 3: Impact of Climate Change in the Least Developed Countries** - Panel on Climate Change - Panel discussion on the adverse impact of climate change on the full and effective enjoyment of human rights by older persons - 47th Regular Session of Human Rights Council.
- **Item 3: Right to Education** - The cultural dimensions of the right to education, or the right to education as a cultural right – Report of the Special Rapporteur on the right to education - 47th Regular Session of Human Rights Council.
- **Item 3: Human rights of internally displaced persons** - Interactive dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons - 47th



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Regular Session of Human Rights Council.

- **Item 3: Statement on Prosecution of war crime in Liberia before Swiss Courts** - Report of the Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers - 47th Regular Session of Human Rights Council.
- **Item 3: Report of the Special Rapporteur on violence against women** - Promotion and protection of all human rights, civil, political, economic, social, and cultural rights, including the right to development - 47th Regular Session of Human Rights Council.
- **Item 3: International solidarity in aid of the realization of human rights during and after the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic** – Report of the Independent Expert on human rights and international solidarity – Promotion and protection of all human rights, civil, political, economic, social, and cultural rights, including the right to development - 47th Regular Session of Human Rights Council.
- **Panel Discussion: Annual thematic panel discussion on technical cooperation and capacity-building.** Technical cooperation to advance the right to education and ensure inclusive and equitable quality education - 47th Regular Session of Human Rights Council.

Written:

- **Item 2: The impact of COVID-19 pandemic on LDCs** - Annual report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and reports of the Office of the High Commissioner and the Secretary-General:
- **Item 3: The impact of extremism and terrorism on the situation of women in Yemen.** Promotion and protection of all human rights, civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights, including the right to development

48th Session of the Human Rights Council - 13 September 2021 to 11 October 2021

Oral:

- **Item 2: Situation of human rights in Yemen:** Annual report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and reports of the Office of the High Commissioner and the Secretary-General: Interactive Dialogue. Group of Eminent Experts on Yemen - 5th Meeting, 48th Regular Session Human Rights Council.
- **Item 3: Mercenaries in LDCs** - Promotion and protection of all human rights, civil, political, economic, social, and cultural rights, including the right to development - Interactive Dialogue: WG on Mercenaries - 14th Meeting, 48th Regular Session Human Rights Council.



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- **Item 3: Disinformation in International Decision-making** - Promotion and protection of all human rights, civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights, including the right to development - General Debate - 16th Meeting, 48th Regular Session Human Rights Council.
- **Item 3: Promotion and protection of Human Rights in Afghanistan** – Promotion and protection of all human rights, civil, political, economic, social, and cultural rights, including the right to development - 48th Regular Session of Human Rights Council.
- **Item 8: Human Rights Violations in Yemen** - Follow-up and implementation of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action. General Debate - 33rd Meeting, 48th Regular Session Human Rights Council
- **Item 9, Discrimination and intolerance in LDCs** - Racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia, and related forms of intolerance: General Debate - 35th Meeting, 48th Regular Session Human Rights Council.
- **Item 10: Capacity-building in Yemen:** General Debate under Agenda Item 10: Technical assistance and capacity-building – 40th Meeting, 48th Regular Session Human Rights Council.

Written:

- **Item 3: Promotion and protection of all human rights, civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights, including the right to development:** Politically motivated disinformation, false and fabricated allegations, and their impact on international decision-making - 48th Regular Session Human Rights Council.

2. REPORTS

Worksheet about Politically motivated disinformation, false and fabricated allegations perpetuated by the Muslim Brotherhood and their impact on international decision-making.

International Organization for Least Developed Countries (OIPMA - IOLDCs) has prepared this working paper as a contribution to facing the challenges and complexities caused by disinformation, and in response to the report of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression on disinformation and freedom of opinion and expression, which was discussed by the United Nations Human Rights Council during its forty-seventh session held from June 21 to July 14, 2021.

The content of the report:

The report addressed that there are no practical measures to confront media disinformation until today, which enables the phenomenon of disinformation and the dissemination of false



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and fabricated allegations through satellite channels and social media to become a global issue of concern, and to empower non-state actors, including extremist groups or Terrorism, from spreading misinformation and amplifying it with political, ideological or commercial motives as part of its propaganda to deepen extremism or to target specific countries.

In the Middle East and North Africa, campaigns to spread misinformation have exceeded the speed of their spread and the nature of their content, as the Muslim Brotherhood has proven its superior ability in harnessing the huge media machine to carry out campaigns aimed at misleading local and international public opinion, inflaming conflicts, destabilizing security and stability, and exacerbating political rivalries and divisions. Sectarianism, as well as promoting their cross-border ideology linked to their dreams of reviving the Islamic caliphate.

In the field of human rights, the disinformation campaigns carried out by the Muslim Brotherhood under the umbrella of defending human rights through its media arms spread in the Middle East, including those organizations that rely in their work on playing the strings of freedoms, enforced disappearance, and torture in prisons has succeeded in misleading international NGOs as well as international human rights bodies and pushing them to adopt these false allegations and reports without verifying their authenticity, backgrounds and motives.

The OIPMA recommendations in the report:

1. The Human Rights Council to appoint Special Rapporteur to take effective strategies to better protect the International human rights Standards and Principles, and to prevent disinformation and politicized reports and allegations.
2. The UN Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression work to prepare for the convening of an international forum on disinformation in the MENA region and its impact on human rights.
3. The advisory Committee of the Human Rights Council sets standards defining the relationship between political Islam as a force of violence affecting human rights and the non-governmental organizations concerned with human rights.
4. Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch are required to apologize for the terminology used in their reports and statements regarding the UAE, and for their campaign to discredit the UAE in particular with regard to COVID-19.
5. The Republic of Yemen, the State of Qatar and the Republic of Turkey to take measures to stop the misinformation campaigns carried out by its satellite channels or those broadcast from their capitals against the United Arab Emirates and the Southern Transitional Council.

We sent to the concerned actors engaged with OIPMA, sharing it with their experts.

Such us:



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- NGO's
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The Monitoring Team assists two Security Council Committees,
The ISIL (Da'esh) & Al-Qaid
 - The Security Council concerning ISIL (Da'esh),
Al-Qaida and associated individuals, groups, undertakings and entities
Mr. Kiho Cha (Senior Committee Secretary)
 - Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights
and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination
 - Independent Fact-Finding Mission on Libya
U.N. Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate •
Personal assistant of the Secretary-General

3. OIPMA 2021 SOCIAL MEDIA ACTIVITIES

Newsletter:

OIPMA has published its Newsletter No. 9, summarizing our activities and the events we have attended and also including articles on LDCs and the situations of human rights. The aim is



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to cover several topics in relation to the work of the NGO, highlighting what is the panorama, and recommendations to improve such situation.

LinkedIn, YouTube, Facebook and Twitter:

We are active on these platforms to inform in our social media, on the work we have done and the activities we have engaged with our commitment. Moreover, we have received several views, so people are interested. It is good to keep publishing reports, the events we attend and the work we do. OIPMA continues improving its strategies to better use of social media and to reach more target people.

Website:

The website is being updated through the IT and Communications Team, with the aim of making our information complete and more understandable, while at the same time better presenting our work. In this way, we will be able to expand our network and kinship and, additionally, we will ensure that the international community hears our message.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

- Strengthening its team by hiring highly qualified volunteers.
- Developing the strategy of development of the organization, defining our mission and projects by building on what has been done before.
- Drafting and delivering oral and written statement for the regular 46, 47 and 48 UN Human Right Council sessions.
- Updating the website and being active on social media platforms.
- Building partnership with organizations in the LDCs: as the International Organization for the LDCs.
- Drafting the annual report of our 2019 activities.
- Establishing working groups and assigned tasks to every volunteer (we organize meetings with each working group, define priorities / strategy per area, and give tasks to everyone).
- Drafting and adopting mid-term plans for fundraising, communication, partnerships, and project development.
- Identifying the sessions to monitor and prepared an article on HRC 46,47 and 48 and LDCs.
- Creating a team for sub-regional or country profiles.
- Agreeing on two priorities for project development (max 3 activities) and 2 ideas for research to implement in the mid-term.
- Establishing a communication plan to use our social media and website more effectively.



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5. PROJECTS PREPARATION

- Continue expanding our organization through parentships, networking, volunteering, among other strategies.
- Increasing our participation in the 2022 HRC.
- Developing and implementing projects to fundraising.
- Discussing and launching the communication campaign for the dissemination of the OIPMA work.
- Planning and distributing tasks before developing a concept note.
- Discussing about the objectives and expected outcome of this conference, and what we expect from each speaker