# International Human Rights Tribunals



There is no one place containing all information and resources on and by the int'l human rights tribunals and bodies. It helps to know the issuing body and the context before embarking on a research quest. Keep in mind the role of the IGOs such as the United Nations and NGOs, non-for-profit organizations and associations, and the role of individual States and the corresponding domestic laws on the subject. Consult <u>MORRIS</u> and <u>Quicksearch</u> to find print and e-resources.

# Courts

**Inter-American Court of Human Rights**: <u>http://www.corteidh.or.cr/index.cfm</u> (ESP/ENG) (information about the Court, its rules, instruments, statute, history, current composition, rules, cases at the merit stage, monitoring compliance, provisional measures, advisory opinions, news)

- Judgments: <u>https://www.corteidh.or.cr/casos\_sentencias.cfm?lang=en</u>
- Monitoring Compliance: <u>https://www.corteidh.or.cr/conozca\_la\_supervision.cfm?lang=en</u>
- Provisional Measures: <u>https://www.corteidh.or.cr/conozca\_la\_supervision.cfm?lang=en</u>
- Advisory Opinions: <u>https://www.corteidh.or.cr/opiniones\_consultivas.cfm?lang=en</u>

**Inter-American Commission on Human Rights:** <u>https://www.oas.org/en/iachr/</u> (ENG/ESP/POR/FR) (about the IACHR, cases, precautionary measures, reports, sessions and hearings, news)

- Cases: <u>https://www.oas.org/en/iachr/decisions/admissibilities.asp</u> (admissibility, inadmissibility, friendly settlements, merits, archive, cases in the court, hearings)
- Precautionary Measures: <u>https://www.oas.org/en/IACHR/jsForm/?File=/en/iachr/decisions/mc/about-precautionary.asp</u> (granted, lifted, petition system portal, hearings, statistics)

**European Court of Human Rights:** <u>http://www.echr.coe.int/Pages/home.aspx?p=home</u> (ENG/FR) (information about the Court, hearings, applicants, official texts, statistics, press, and decisions)

- HUDOC: <u>http://hudoc.echr.coe.int/</u> (open access searchable database of ECHR decisions)
- ECHR-KS: <u>https://ks.echr.coe.int/en/web/echr-ks/</u> (ECHR Knowledge Sharing platform)

**African Court of Human and People's Rights:** <u>http://en.african-court.org/</u> (ENG/FR/POR/Arabic) (information about the Court, basic documents, cases, advisory proceedings, publications, library, registry, information about judges, news including speeches and press releases, activity reports)

• Judgments: <u>https://www.african-court.org/cpmt/latest-decisions/judgments</u> (latest, rulings, orders, provisional measures, decisions, reviews, interpretations, advisory proceedings, pending and finalized cases, statistics)

**ASEAN Region:** There is no functioning official ASEAN human rights tribunal, although the <u>ASEAN</u> <u>Human Rights Declaration</u> is in effect. It is the **ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights:** <u>http://aichr.org/</u> that has been in operation for decades and provides access to materials related to international human rights in this region. Representatives are from Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam.

- <u>AICHR Key Documents</u> [archive]
- <u>AICHR Annual Reports</u> [archive]
- <u>AICHR Five Year Work Plan</u> [archive]

United Nations Human Rights – Office of the High Commissioner: <u>https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Pages/Home.aspx</u> ("OHCHR represents the world's commitment to universal ideals of human dignity. We have a unique mandate from the international community to promote and protect all human rights.") (Information about the office, its budget, funding, evaluation, mission, and work; resources by individual human rights issues or by country; information about human rights bodies (charter or treaty based); publications, databases, human rights instruments (conventions, declarations, protocols, principles, standard rules), and library resources)

- OHCHR Databases: <u>http://www.ohchr.org/EN/PublicationsResources/Pages/databases.aspx</u>
- UN Human Rights materials: <u>http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Library/Pages/HRDocuments.aspx</u>
- UN Digital Library: <u>https://digitallibrary.un.org/?ln=en</u> (includes human rights bodies)

**Council of Europe:** <u>https://www.coe.int/en/web/portal</u> (ENG/FR/DE/IT/RUS), founded in 1949, is the continent's leading human rights organization. It has 47 members, all State Parties to ECHR. (country reports, speeches, papers, opinions, publications, recommendations, third party interventions)

**Organization of American States (OAS):** <u>http://www.oas.org/en/</u> (ENG/ESP/FR/POR) (The world's oldest regional organization. Art. 1 of its Charter states: OAS is to achieve "an order of peace and justice, to promote their solidarity, to strengthen their collaboration, and to defend their sovereignty, their territorial integrity, and their independence.")

- Documents: <u>http://www.oas.org/en/information\_center/default.asp</u> (OAS Charter, Inter-American Democratic Charter, declarations and resolutions, treaties and agreements, annual reports, publications)
- Topics: <u>http://www.oas.org/en/topics/default.asp</u>

**ICC Legal Tools Database:** <u>https://www.legal-tools.org/</u> (ICC documents and documents from other international(ised) criminal jurisdictions, human rights law decisions and documents, UN war crime commission, international(ised) fact-finding mandates, national criminal jurisdictions, and other int'l legal instruments)

# **Open Access Research Help**

- Dag Hammarskjöld Library Research Guides: <u>http://research.un.org/en</u> (Human Rights, UN, LON)
- GlobaLex <u>https://www.nyulawglobal.org/globalex/index.html</u> (Open access publication on international, comparative, and foreign law research; includes several articles on specific topics, including human rights, the UN, humanitarian law, terrorism, and more)
- Peace Palace Library, Human Rights Research, <u>https://peacepalacelibrary.nl/research-guide/human-rights</u>

# **Research Hubs**

• University of Minnesota Human Rights Library: <u>http://hrlibrary.umn.edu/</u>

(Arabic/Chinese/ENG/ESP/FR/Japanese/Korean/RUS/Sweden) ("more than four thousand links and a unique search device for multiple human rights sites.") (Human rights documents, treaties, conventions, declarations, regional materials, bibliographies, US human rights documents, refugee and asylum documents, resources for researching country conditions, materials organized by subject, and more)

# Fee Based Databases

- Brill Human Rights Documents Online: <a href="http://morris.law.yale.edu/record=e100144~S1">http://morris.law.yale.edu/record=e100144~S1</a> (human rights documents collected by the Human Rights Internet (HRI) in Ottawa, Canada since 1980 emanating from 483 non-governmental human rights organizations (NGOs) worldwide)
- Human Rights Studies Online: <u>http://morris.law.yale.edu/record=e100401~S1</u> (comparative documentation, analysis, and interpretation of major human rights violations and atrocity crimes worldwide 1900 to 2010)
- HeinOnline: <u>http://morris.law.yale.edu/record=e100014~S3</u> (HR documents in sevral libraries)