

**42ND UPR PRE - SESSIONS**  
**NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS ACTION PLAN TO INCOPORATE SDGs,**  
**HUMAN RIGHTS AND PROTECTION OF GROUP RIGHTS (WOMEN AND**  
**PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES)**



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# INTRODUCTION

- The Commission on Human Rights and Administrative Justice (CHRAJ), the National Human Rights Institution of Ghana (NHRI)
- CHRAJ is committed to spearheading the development of the National Human Rights Action Plan through engaging Development Partners, Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Justice, Parliament and other stakeholders within the next reporting cycle

# NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS ACTION PLAN (NHRAP)

- Indonesia, Sudan, Pakistan, South Africa and Ukraine recommended that Ghana strengthens CHRAJ to further develop a NHRAP to incorporate the SDGs during the UPR third cycle in 2017

## *Update*

- In 2017, CHRAJ conducted a National Baseline Assessment on Human Rights as a precursor to the development of the NHRAP

# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGs)

- The SDGs are anchored on international human rights principles and standards and therefore, a NHRAP must encompass the targets and reflect its overarching goal of leaving no one behind.
- Indonesia, South Africa and Pakistan called for the incorporation and implementation of the SDGs into the NHRAP and other national human rights policies.

# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGs) Cont.

## *UPDATES*

- Ghana has aligned its national budgets to the SDGs.
- Also, it has actively reported twice on the implementation of the SDGs in 2019 and 2022.
- In accordance with goal 4.7, CHRAJ and stakeholders in the education sector, developed a human rights education content and a National Action Plan to mainstream human rights into the school curriculum

# WOMEN

- ***GENDER INEQUALITY***

Namibia, Estonia, South Africa, Denmark, and Australia recommended for the enactment of Affirmative Action Bill, Property Rights of Spouses Bill, and the Interstate Succession Bill to promote women in governance and decision making, to increase the visibility of women in politics.

- ***UPDATE***

The 40% projected increase of women in public life according to the Voluntary National Review report, 2022 was not achieved.

## WOMEN Cont...

- ***GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE AND DISCRIMINATION***

Austria, Djibouti, France, Italy, and Argentina recommended that Ghana deepens efforts to prevent and sanction harmful and dehumanizing traditional practices.

### ***UPDATE***

A baseline study report on Access to Justice and Gender-Based Violence Against Elderly Women Alleged as Witches in Ghana has been conducted to gain an insight into the phenomenon.



# PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (PWDs)

- Turkey and Palestine recommended for the review of the Persons with Disability Act, 2006 to be in line with the Convention on the Right of Persons with Disabilities.
- Israel recommended that Ghana develops programmes to improve the situation of PWDs including Livelihood Empowerment Against Poverty.

## *UPDATE*

- The Persons with Disability (Amendment) Act is still in draft at the Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Justice.
- The Livelihood Empowerment Against Poverty programme and disability's share of the District Assembly Common fund are still functional.

# RECOMMENDATIONS

- Government must prioritize the development of the NHRAP using a Human Rights-Based Approach for building a resilient and sustainable development within the next reporting cycle.
- Government must continue to strengthen the Commission on Human Rights and Administrative Justice to coordinate, develop, implement, and monitor the NHRAP.
- Parliament must take steps to pass the aforementioned Bills before the house to ensure improved human rights protection for marginalized and vulnerable groups within the next reporting cycle.