

The background of the cover is a photograph of the International Catholic Center of Geneva. In the foreground, numerous national flags are flying on tall poles, creating a sense of internationality. The flags are arranged in two main rows, with a central path leading towards a large, light-colored building in the background. The sky is a clear, bright blue. The overall composition is formal and professional.

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ABBREVIATIONS

CINGO	Catholic-inspired Non-governmental Organization
CRC	Committee on the Rights of the Child
CSO	Civil Society Organization
HRC	Human Rights Council
HRD	Human Rights Defender
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
OHCHR	Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
UN	United Nations
UPR	Universal Periodic Review

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Confirming Our Shared Commitment



EDITORIAL

DEAR MEMBERS
AND FRIENDS OF CCIG,

On behalf of the Board, I am happy to present to you the 2022 annual report of the International Catholic Center of Geneva (CCIG). 2022 saw the conclusion of the CCIG Strategy 2018-2022. At the same time, it was also the year of the start of the 4th UPR cycle, whose main objective is to ensure effective implementation of international recommendations in order to advance the realization of human rights at the national and local levels. Civil society actors have an essential complementary role to their national and local governments in ensuring that laws, policies and programs incorporate the concerns of rights-holders. Each country's institutional framework can be strengthened by developing human rights monitoring plans with clear and targeted indicators.

The Covid-19 global health crisis has exacerbated pre-existing human rights violations, particularly affecting those who were already suffering from inequality and discrimination long before the pandemic. This has made advocacy work in defense of human rights even more necessary. In the face of this crisis, the remarkable efforts of civil society actors have allowed for heightened vigilance on a number of human rights issues, and it is with great pride that the CCIG has continued its work in support of our NGO members, with the ultimate goal of generating more effective State action on human rights. The role of NGOs in monitoring the effective implementation of commitments made by the UN Member States is key, and formally recognized by the UN. Indeed, during this process, the contribution of Human Rights Defenders (HRDs) is of pivotal importance in ensuring the effectiveness of the UPR mechanism and its positive impact on the lives of those suffering from human rights violations. The CCIG, through our UPR Platform, enables our members and partners to disseminate UPR recommendations and monitor their implementation by governments as well as to create pressure at the local and international levels to foster sustainable change. Ultimately, the members of the UPR Platform contribute to the improvement of the human rights in the countries where they are present.

The key highlight of CCIG activities in 2022 was the implementation of a new project in Bolivia together with the Marist Foundation for International Solidarity (FMSI) and with the support of Edmund Rice International (ERI). The objective of the project is to support local human rights defenders in their efforts to follow up and monitor the implementation of children's, youth and women's rights in Bolivia, including the promotion of the right to child participation, and the eradication of child labor and all forms of violence against women and girls. This project has indeed helped to strengthen the capacity of local civil society organizations to follow up on these important human rights concerns in Bolivia and to monitor the implementation of the UPR recommendations by the Bolivian government.

Therefore, I invite you to read this annual report for a comprehensive presentation of all activities conducted throughout 2022. I would like to greatly thank in particular the CCIG Secretary General, Maria D'Onofrio, who has worked tirelessly to implement the CCIG's Strategic Plan, as well as all those who contributed to help realize 2022's activities.

Sincerely,

Budi Tjahjono
President of CCIG Board



SERVICE TO NGOS

UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR) PLATFORM

Challenges and Achievements

The year 2022 marked the conclusion of the CCIG's Five-Year Strategy (2018-2022) and thus provided an important opportunity to take stock of the work accomplished in recent years to adequately respond to the CCIG's mission of strengthening the quality of NGO advocacy work and enhancing their collective capacity vis-à-vis international institutions in Geneva, in order to achieve justice and dignity for all, especially the most vulnerable communities.

There is no doubt that the UPR Platform has constituted a leading activity for the CCIG over the past five years, as a driving force behind much of the human rights advocacy and capacity building realized by the CCIG both at the United Nations in Geneva and in projects implemented at the local level. Therefore, the recent assessment made on the CCIG's work in preparation for the new CCIG Strategy (2023-2027) to be adopted by the General Assembly in June 2023 inevitably relates in large part to the work of the UPR Platform to which the CCIG Secretariat has in fact dedicated much energy. The results of the evaluations conducted in 2022 confirmed the positive outcome of the activities implemented through the UPR Platform.

The implementation period of the CCIG's Strategy (2018-2022) has been marked by significant human rights challenges at the global level, and the last three years in particular have posed an even greater challenge. The Covid-19 pandemic had a great impact

on human rights related projects. Throughout the entire implementation of our UPR Platform project, the health situation related to Covid-19 constantly presented us with new challenges, forcing us to question our usual way of working. It also required the CCIG to be very flexible and to invest considerable energy in rethinking our activities on a daily basis as the health situation changed.

However, as in any other situation, the CCIG tried to make the best of it, using its creativity, skills and resources (especially human-based) to find satisfactory adaptive solutions. For example, plenary meetings of the Platform have been held online and further efforts were made to prioritize capacity building events that could effectively take place online and therefore promptly respond to the concrete needs of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs).

Despite the difficulties encountered, the CCIG remained engaged to continue its work through its UPR Platform aimed at supporting Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), with the ultimate goal of generating more effective States' action to prevent and address human rights violations. All the main activities of the Platform were successfully implemented, and project outcomes achieved.

The results of the conducted evaluations confirmed the positive outcomes of the activities implemented through the UPR Platform, as evidenced by the fact that over 80% of CCIG service beneficiaries participated in and expressed their appreciation for at least one action of the UPR platform.

What the beneficiaries of the platform say

When asked to explain the positive changes which resulted from the CCIG's services to international NGOs and/or their local partners, testimonies from the respondents included the following:

"I was better equipped to provide support to our partners on the follow up of [UPR] recommendations"

"Capacity-building of national [...] member organizations, improved monitoring skills and tools of advocacy work, especially the UPR. Increased visibility of some local MOs through their direct involvement in events organized by the CCIG."

"Quality of action and duplicator effect"

"Improvement of the quality and effectiveness of advocacy action and advocacy program for child rights (our focus area), improvement of quality of our report submitted to UPR, headquarter and local partner staff trained on UPR mechanism and advocacy"

"CCIG has provided input to the human rights and advocacy training conducted by [our organization] in Geneva. The training has helped members of our network around the world engage effectively with the UN human rights mechanisms. The UPR platform meetings hosted by CCIG have facilitated co-operation with partners in drafting and following-up UPR joint submissions"

"The results have been positive in several areas [...]:
1. The UPR Platform was useful for us as we could improve the evaluation table of our impacts in the UPR.
2. The UPR training courses delivered by the CCIG, especially the one on indicators, have helped us to be more precise in evaluating the implementation of State parties of their UPR recommendations.
3. The UPR summary document on Papua New Guinea developed by the CCIG has inspired us for the development of a UPR summary document on the Philippines."

When asked how they would evaluate the support provided by the CCIG to its members and partners to enhance their human rights advocacy activities before international organizations in Geneva, 96% of respondents were "satisfied" or "very satisfied" with several services provided through the Platform.

Among the different fields of action, the technical assistance provided by the CCIG through capacity building as well as the follow up and monitoring activities of UPR recommendations received the highest number of "very satisfactory" evaluations.



Why there is a need for the UPR Platform

When asked how the CCIG UPR Platform complements existing efforts by individual NGOs, respondents highlighted that:

“CCIG offers us resources that our organization does not have, in several aspects, but particularly in the training and practice of everything concerning UPR processes.”

“The UPR Platform brings complementary and more precise information about the UPR process, especially the follow up of the recommendations.”

EMPOWERING LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL CIVIL SOCIETY ACTORS

According to the survey conducted, 87% of the respondents rated the capacity building activities of the CCIG as “Excellent”, particularly highlighting the “relevance of action”, the “expertise of the staff” and the “participatory approach”.

The positive feedback from beneficiaries of UPR Platform activities is particularly meaningful due to the fact that they represent grassroots actors with crucial information on the local human rights situations experienced by the most vulnerable groups in developing countries. The UPR Platform project has thus given a voice to these grassroots actors and brought them into contact with each other, for the establishment of strong local civil society networks, and also with other international stakeholders.

As a result, 2022 has been a fruitful year for the CCIG UPR Platform, which not only maintained its work to support and enhance coordination among its members, but also extended its range of monitoring and capacity building activities. In fact, during the last year, the UPR Platform offered a space for NGOs committed to human rights to share and coordinate their activities in order to boost their regular UPR work for enhanced monitoring and implementation of fundamental human rights obligations at the local level.

THE UPR PLATFORM’S 2022 ENDEAVORS

During 2022, **four plenary meetings** of the Platform took place to facilitate the joint work of the NGOs **between the 41st and the 44th sessions of the UPR**. Due to the conclusion of the 3rd UPR cycle, only 2 out of the 3 usual opportunities for UPR oral statements were provided by the United Nations Human Rights Council (HRC) in 2022 (i.e. Item 6 for the adoption of UPR outcomes was not included in the agenda of the 51st HRC session held in September 2022).

Nine joint written reports among CCIG Platform members were submitted to the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR). Additionally, members of the CCIG Platform submitted another **eighteen written reports individually or jointly with other NGOs**.

Nine oral statements were delivered under item 6 of the HRC. When compared to the number of countries addressed by the UPR Platform in 2021 (9 joint written reports and 8 oral statements), these reports and statements show a significant and steady contribution resulting from the work of the Platform. This is even more relevant if one takes into account that, due to the usual break between UPR cycles, 1 of the 3 annual sessions of the HRC did not include the adoption of UPR outcomes and therefore there was no possibility for NGOs to deliver oral statements under item 6.



In addition to the oral statements presented by the Platform members, during the 49th HRC Session (March 2022), the CCIG delivered a **joint oral statement under Item 6 - Adoption of UPR Outcomes of Papua New Guinea**. The statement was co-sponsored by Confédération internationale Société de Saint Vincent de Paul, Dominicans for Justice and Peace (Order of Preachers), Edmund Rice International, Marist Foundation for International Solidarity, International Volunteerism Organization for Women, Education, Development, Istituto Internazionale Maria Ausiliatrice, and Mouvement International d'Apostolat des Milieux Sociaux Indépendants. The statement was also supported by several international and local NGOs, including Callan Services for Persons with Disabilities

National Unit PNG, Catholic Bishop Conference in PNG, Marist Brothers Province of Australia, International Catholic Mission Society Missio Aachen, and Ozeanien-Dialog.¹

This NGO coalition highlighted how, despite much discussion over recent years to address the poor representation of women in public institutions in PNG, no women were elected to Parliament in the 2017 elections. The 2022 elections constituted a key time to increase women's representation. Equally worrying is the issue of gender-based violence, with 900 cases reported in 2019-2020, among which 81 cases involved young girls. Belief in sorcery is also widespread across PNG, leading to acts of torture often resulting in death, especially for women and girls.



Regarding children's rights, accessibility to primary and secondary education is a major issue, due to the remote locations of many schools and to their lack of resources and trained teachers. Children with disabilities are particularly affected: only five out of 19 Inclusive Education Resources Centers (IERCs) offer inclusive learning. Moreover, PNG is yet to establish a national disability data management system. Persons with disabilities are also greatly exposed to violence and excluded from participation in public affairs.

1. The text of the oral statement is available at: https://ccig-iccg.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/49HRC_UPR-Outcomes_PNG_CCIG-Joint-OS.pdf. To watch the video of the statement: https://ccig-iccg.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/49HRC_UPR-Outcomes_PNG_CCIG-Joint-OS-video.mp4.

MOVING FORWARD TO THE 4TH UPR CYCLE

During the 51st session of the Human Rights Council (September-October 2022), an additional **oral statement** was delivered by the CCIG under item 6 General Debate and supported by a coalition of 13 NGOs.

The statement stressed how, now at the beginning of the 4th UPR cycle, the main goal is to ensure an effective implementation of the UPR recommendations to advance the realization of human rights at the local level. National civil society as well as local and regional governments have a key complementary role to bring the decision-making process closer to citizens and ensure that laws, policies and programs integrate rights holders' concerns.

In fact, to boost better implementation, there is a need to empower not only advocacy professionals, but also those providing human rights related services (for instance, in the education and health sectors, or those supporting survivors of human rights violations), both within the government and civil society. The accountability framework can be strengthened by formulating SMART recommendations, fostering transparency and accessibility to local actors, and developing human rights monitoring plans with baselines and objective-oriented human rights indicators.

The NGO coalition led by the CCIG recommended implementing targeted capacity building initiatives to widen the pool of actors reached and ensure that human rights education and monitoring is systematically undertaken by key local stakeholders, including the government, the judiciary and the Parliaments.

A special thank you to our partner organizations for their input and support of this statement, and especially for their continuous efforts to contribute, locally and internationally, to the implementation of human rights recommendations worldwide.²



Finally, environmental and social impacts are often ignored in the context of mining in PNG. The Government and companies involved fail to carry out adequate consultations with affected populations. Among others, the Frieda River copper and gold mine is threatening 400 000 Sepik Indigenous Peoples, as well as their identity, home and environment, as pointed out by 10 UN Special Rapporteurs. PNG is also the world's largest tropical timber exporter. However, 70% of its logging activity is illegal, unsustainable, and greatly affecting local indigenous communities. Accordingly, the NGO coalition led by the CCIG recommended immediate and effective implementation of relevant UPR recommendations in PNG.



These joint statements constituted a concrete opportunity to maximize existing partnerships and joint efforts with other relevant stakeholders and NGO partners.

Through the UPR Platform run by the CCIG, NGOs also developed common strategies to assess the impact of their lobbying activities with States representatives in order to prioritize members' concerns during the review and to monitor the impact of UPR recommendations on the ground.

A database on the **CCIG website**, providing links to all Joint UPR Submissions by members, Oral Statements, and other relevant information to the UPR process has been regularly updated throughout 2022 in order to ensure that the database remains an effective tool for information exchange.³ In addition to the usual materials update, the webpage now includes the video of the oral statements delivered by the CCIG and other members of the UPR Platform. This represents a great deal of added value to ensure dissemination among other NGOs, thus multiplying the impact of CCIG capacity building efforts. In fact, these video materials can be used as a tool for the training and awareness-raising of

the UPR Platform's local members and partners. The CCIG's online database additionally proves how the CCIG UPR Platform has become a stimulating space for NGOs to conceive and implement new initiatives, to enhance know-how, and to spread best practices among its members all over the world.

TECHNICAL SUPPORT TO ENHANCE HUMAN RIGHTS MONITORING IN BOLIVIA

Among the various actions carried out in 2022, particularly noteworthy is the **country-led monitoring of UPR and CRC recommendations in Bolivia, focusing on child, adolescent and youth right to participation; child labor; and violence against women and girls.**

In the framework of a larger project implemented by the Marist Foundation for International Solidarity, the CCIG provided guidance to Bolivian human rights defenders (hereafter "local monitoring coordination group") for building a Monitoring Plan of UPR and CRC recommendations addressed to Bolivia on the selected human rights issues affecting children, youth and women in Bolivia.

2. The full text of the statement is available at <https://ccig-iccg.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/CCIG-joint-statement-51HRC-Item-6-GD-final.pdf>; and the video recording at: <https://ccig-iccg.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/CCIG-Joint-OS-Item-6-GD-51HRC.mp4>.

3. <https://ccig-iccg.org/service-aux-ong/>

After delivering an online training session focused on the role of indicators in assessing Human Rights progress, the CCIG held over 6 online meetings of the local monitoring coordination group, in addition to multiple bilateral meetings and thematically focused exchanges with individual members of the group. Technical assistance was provided during each step of the process, including the preparation of targeted surveys to gather relevant information from the affected groups (i.e. child and youth activists, woman and girl victims of violence, child workers, etc.). Accordingly, the Monitoring Plan was filled out with information collected through relevant activities carried out by local partners in Bolivia.

For each of the selected topics (child, adolescent and youth right to participation, child labor and gender violence), the design of the Monitoring Plan included: (i) prioritization of UPR / CRC recommendations to be followed up and classification by sub-topic; (ii) identification and contextualization of specific indicators per each selected recommendation/sub-

topic; (iii) preparation of ad hoc tools to gather relevant information among affected vulnerable groups; (iv) collection of relevant information and systematization of the monitoring plan.

This activity provided local civil society with a solid framework of indicators to enhance visibility of the progress achieved and the persistent gaps in the implementation of the priority rights identified by local partners. The completed monitoring plan will also serve as a well-grounded basis for a mid-term report to be submitted for the UPR of Bolivia.



CAPACITY BUILDING

The CCIG continued its efforts to carry out several training activities for local human rights defenders and international NGO representatives. In accordance with its 2018 – 2022 Strategy and Action Plan, the CCIG intends to foster quality contributions by NGOs in the UN system for the promotion and protection of human rights. Accordingly, the CCIG offers training courses and theoretical-practical seminars for NGO members as well as other attendees interested in receiving specialized training on United Nations mechanisms for the protection and promotion of human rights, such as the Treaty Bodies and the UPR.

While resuming in-person training sessions in 2022, the CCIG has continued to make considerable efforts to maintain online capacity building initiatives that could effectively respond to the concrete needs of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs). Accordingly, the CCIG secretariat offered continuous assistance to NGO activities to train their members in the field.

FOLLOW UP OF UPR AND CRC RECOMMENDATIONS: CCIG ONLINE TRAINING FOR CIVIL SOCIETY ACTORS OF BOLIVIA

In collaboration with the Marist Foundation for International Solidarity (FMSI) and the Marist Brothers in Bolivia, the CCIG implemented a new capacity building action addressed to local civil society actors, as

part of the project “Towards a better implementation of children’s and women’s rights in Bolivia: Follow-up of the recommendations of the United Nations bodies”, already initiated in December 2021. Also supported by Edmund Rice International (ERI), this was a follow up initiative of a previous project carried out by CCIG and its partners in 2019.⁴

Accordingly, on February 2 and 4, 2022, two online training sessions were delivered by the CCIG for **71 NGOs representatives and over 31 children and adolescents in Bolivia** respectively. The contents were adapted to the training beneficiaries. Supporting training materials were made available to participants prior to and during the training, including child-friendly materials for children and adolescents.

The training addressed the functioning of the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) and the Treaty bodies, especially the Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC), highlighting opportunities for civil society participation. Furthermore, it focused on how to monitor and follow up the recommendations addressed to Bolivia by the UPR and CRC, particularly on women’s and children’s rights, explaining how the follow up of recommendations at the local level is indeed crucial to ensure better human rights implementation in Bolivia.

In fact, follow-up activities aim to ensure that the recommendations of international human rights mechanisms and bodies are implemented at the local level. **The recommendations are intended to remedy gaps in the protection of human rights. The ultimate goal is to bring about positive changes in the lives of rights holders.**

The participants have expressed their appreciation for the training received, which is part of a larger project to follow up on international recommendations in order to ensure better implementation of children’s and women’s rights in Bolivia. This goal was achieved through several in-country project activities to promote children’s participation as well to fight against gender violence and child labor. Furthermore, a monitoring plan setting specific indicators to assess the status of implementation of relevant recommendations by the Bolivian government was built up and filled out with information collected through project activities. The



4. <https://ccig-iccg.org/bolivia/>



monitoring plan will assess how Bolivia is complying with its human rights obligations and then serve as a basis for subsequent reporting to UN bodies.

Accordingly, a following online training was held on February 11, 2022, and targeted a restricted number of participants who then constituted a monitoring coordination group in charge of drafting a Monitoring Plan for UPR and CRC recommendations addressed to Bolivia on **child, adolescent and youth right to participation, child labor and gender violence**. The CCIG trainer focused in particular on the role of indicators in assessing human rights progress (Definition & Classification of indicators); Contextualizing the indicators and presenting available tools for the identification of indicators; Outlining different typologies of advocacy actions to follow up on UPR recommendations, and Highlighting the role of CSOs in the Follow-up and Monitoring process. Ultimately, training participants acquired the needed skills to identify contextualized human rights indicators to measure the commitment and the efforts undertaken by the Bolivian government to implement relevant recommendations.

TRAINING COURSE ON FIGHTING DISCRIMINATION THROUGH THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS MECHANISMS

After the interruption imposed by the Covid-19 pandemic, the CCIG resumed in-person training activities with a training session on the United Nations Human Rights Mechanisms, co-organized with the UN Etxea (Basque Country Association for UNESCO)⁵, which took place within the premises of the CCIG in Geneva from October 3 to 6, 2022, in conjunction with the 51st session of the Human Rights Council.

The training session was addressed to local civil society representatives from the Basque Country (Spain) particularly committed to fighting discrimination and promoting diversity. Already possessing a good level of expertise at the local level, training participants come to Geneva with the expectation to learn more about the UN Human Rights mechanisms and receive insights on how these mechanisms, together with the OHCHR, are contributing to enhance equality and counter discrimination. Accordingly, trainers' presentations addressed the functioning of relevant UN bodies and

5. <https://www.unetxea.org/>

mechanisms such as the Human Rights Council and the Universal Periodic Review. Furthermore, thematic inputs were provided on “Business and Human Rights: From the UN Guiding Principles to a legally binding Treaty” and “Empowering Youth for the Promotion of Human Rights and Non-discrimination”.

The participants also had the chance to meet with a State representative and a member of the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights to learn how these different actors contribute to the promotion of human rights globally.

Finally, the training was complemented by attending several sessions of the 51st UN Human Rights Council and in the Side Event “EquiTalks: Bridging our Diversities through Human Rights Education.”

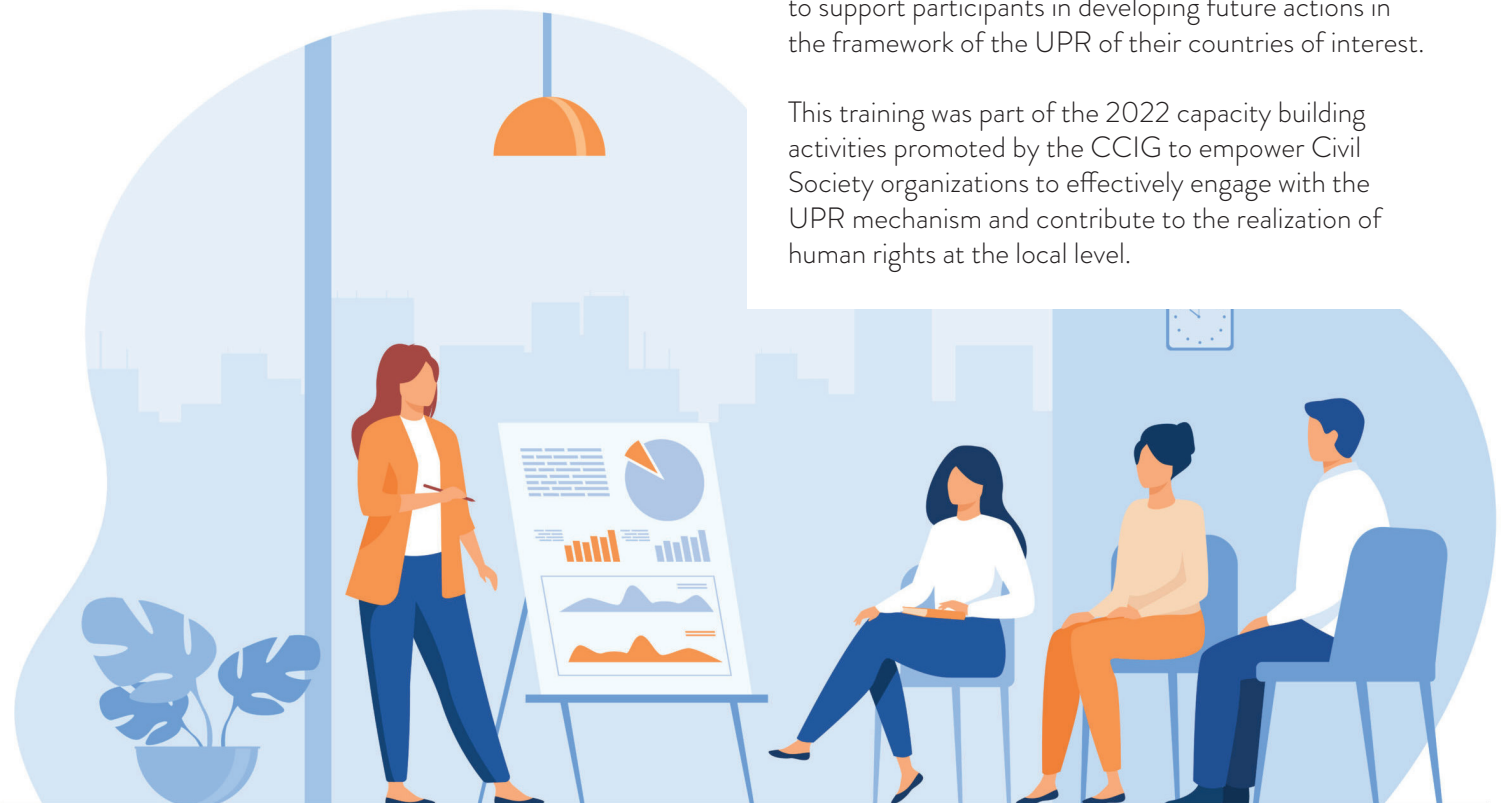
The participants have shown their appreciation for the training received and demonstrated a growing sense of commitment to search for concrete ways to ensure better human rights implementation in their local communities.

TRAINING COURSE ON THE UPR MECHANISM AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR CIVIL SOCIETY PARTICIPATION

On November 16, 2022, the CCIG delivered a training in Lucerne, addressed to 14 program managers of Fastenaktion (Action de Carême) working on the right to food, climate justice, and indigenous peoples’ and peasants’ rights in Haiti, Guatemala, Colombia, Brazil, Nepal, India, Philippines, Laos, Senegal, Burkina Faso, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Kenya, South Africa and Madagascar.

The training session was aimed at presenting the Universal Periodic Review with a particular attention to the opportunities that this specific UN mechanism offers for civil society participation. Accordingly, four main forms of contribution to the UPR by Civil Society Organizations were addressed: the drafting of a UPR submission; advocacy actions prior to the UPR session; oral statements delivered at the UN Human Rights Council; and follow up and monitoring of UPR recommendations at the local level. The training helped the participants to recognize the potential of international advocacy, providing concrete examples of opportunities generated by the UPR - based on the CCIG’s multi-year experience working with this mechanism - for improving human rights protections on the ground. Relevant online and CCIG tools were shared to support participants in developing future actions in the framework of the UPR of their countries of interest.

This training was part of the 2022 capacity building activities promoted by the CCIG to empower Civil Society organizations to effectively engage with the UPR mechanism and contribute to the realization of human rights at the local level.



EXCHANGES AND AWARENESS-RAISING

The CCIG has continued its commitment to human rights awareness-raising through the organization of webinars and online events. Moreover, in 2022, in-person meetings were resumed. These included an informal discussion with Msgr. Héctor Fabio Henao, delegate of the Episcopal Conference of Colombia (CEC) for relations between Church and State and former Director of Caritas Colombia, which took place on October 14 on the CCIG premises. Organized by Caritas Internationalis and supported by the CCIG, the meeting was an opportunity for NGO participants to learn about the current situation in Colombia. For years, Msgr. Héctor Fabio Henao has participated on behalf of the Catholic Church in the peace negotiation processes which led to the 2016 Peace Accord in Colombia.



CCIG WEBINAR – “RESPONSES TO THE TRIPLE PLANETARY ENVIRONMENTAL CRISIS”

On May 23, 2022, following its annual General Assembly, the CCIG held the webinar “Responses to the Triple Planetary Environmental Crisis”. Diana Rizzolio, Coordinator of the Geneva Environment Network of the United Nations Environment Programme, and Vice President of the CCIG Board of Directors, presented the triple crisis of climate change, biodiversity loss, and pollution that our planet is facing.

The webinar provided an opportunity to discuss the international community’s responses to these crises, including recently adopted resolutions and publications, how members of the CCIG and its extended community are mobilizing, and ways to become more engaged in the process.



The video recording of the webinar as well as other relevant materials were made available on the CCIG website.⁶

JOINING THE FAIR TRADE TOWN CAMPAIGN

In 2022, the CCIG joined the Fair Trade Town campaign. The aim of this campaign is for public authorities to promote the use of fair trade products (for example in schools, restaurants or administrations), and also for a certain number of shops, restaurants, hotels, companies and associations to commit to using at least 3 fair trade products. The CCIG has decided to commit to the use of at least 3 fair trade products (for example during coffee breaks), and we encourage all our members and partners to do the same!⁷



6. <https://ccig-iccig.org/ccig-webinar-responses-to-the-triple-planetary-environmental-crisis/>

7. More information available at: <http://www.fairtradetown.ch/>

ADMINISTRATION

BUILDING UP A NEW CCIG STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN FOR 2023-2027

In 2022, consultations with CCIG members have been initiated as part of the drafting process of the New CCIG Strategy and Action Plan (2023-2027). In particular, an online survey was distributed among CCIG members by e-mail. Input provided through the survey will serve as the basis to prepare a first Draft of the new Strategy and Action Plan, which will be further commented upon by members until its formal adoption in the 2023 General Assembly.

STRUCTURE OF CCIG ACTIVITIES

The Board held four meetings in 2022 in order to ensure coherence and adequate realization of all activities as well as the development of fundraising efforts. This year, Sophie de Rivaz resigned from the Board, which she joined in 2019. We thank Sophie for her valuable and much appreciated contributions to the work of the CCIG.



MEMBERS OF CCIG BOARD (UPDATED ON DECEMBER 31, 2022)

- Budi Tjahjono – President
- Diana Duarte Rizzolio – Vice-President
- Felix Wertli – Treasurer
- Brian Bond – Secretary
- Larry Kohler – Member
- Angel Diego Garcia Otaola – Member

In order to allow for the largest participation of its members, the General Assembly of the CCIG was held online and then followed by the webinar “Responses to the Triple Planetary Environmental Crisis”.

Finally, as with every year, several meetings were held between the Secretariat and members wishing to receive assistance in the development of their activities.

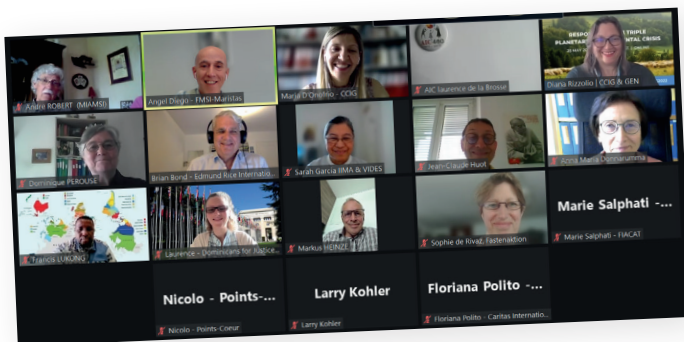
FINANCIAL EFFORTS

In 2022, the CCIG continued its efforts to shape and secure the future of the organization vis-à-vis its traditional donors as well as with the more recent donors.

In addition to the continued and appreciated support of Action de Carême (Swiss Catholic Lenten Fund), in 2022 the CCIG received a contribution from the City of Carouge and the City of Meyrin.

The Follow up Project for children’s and women’s rights in Bolivia was carried out thanks to the financial support of Miseen Cara.

Finally, Miseen Cara’s approval of a new Project for the promotion of the rights of children living in the tea gardens in Bangladesh has been an important outcome for the CCIG.



KEY POINTS RELATED TO FUNDRAISING

- The Project for rights of children living in the tea gardens in Bangladesh was approved by Miseen Cara.
- As a result of additional funding efforts undertaken in 2022, the City of Carouge and the City of Meyrin have extended their financial support to the CCIG UPR Platform.
- We also thank all those who made donations to CCIG in 2022.

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