

3. HURIDOCS Training

HURIDOCS works with human rights organisations to **strengthen** their **capacity** in terms of **management of information** related to human rights, in the following areas:



- Training on fact-finding, **monitoring and documenting violations**, data analysis, reporting.
- Training staff of human rights **documentation centres**.
- Training on monitoring **economic, social and cultural rights**.
- Training on making effective use of **information and communication technology (ICT)** for human rights.

Capacity– building projects



Each training or/and capacity building project is **customised** to match the **needs** of the organisation, or group of organisations.

Professional internships

Professional internships can be a cost effective and efficient way of capacity building. Professional internships take place at the HURIDOCS secretariat in Versoix (near Geneva).

4. Partners and Structures

HURIDOCS has longstanding **working relations** with various organisations, including:

- **Consultative status** with the United Nations' Economic and Social Council (**ECOSOC**)
- **Operational Status** with **UNESCO**
- **Observer Status** with the **African Commission on Human and Peoples Rights**
- Working relations with the **Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights**, the **Council of Europe**, **Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE)**
- Partnerships with a large number of NGOs

The **HURIDOCS structure** consists of: the **General Assembly**, the **Continuation Committee** (board), the **International Advisory Council**, the **Secretariat** as well as the large network of human rights organisations that use or contribute skills, tools and expertise.



HURIDOCS Continuation Committee (CC) and secretariat staff

5. Contact

Information about HURIDOCS tools or HURIDOCS training courses is available from **Bert Verstappen** (programme coordinator) or **Daniel D'Esposito** (training officer) at the Secretariat in Versoix (near Geneva).

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Tools, Techniques and Training for Handling Human Rights Information

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1. About HURIDOCS

What is HURIDOCS?

HURIDOCS is a decentralised **network** of organisations that develops and uses **documentation techniques, monitoring methods, information management systems** and available technologies in the **defense of human rights** and the prevention of abuses.

Who does HURIDOCS serve ?

HURIDOCS provides services to the **human rights community**, specifically **human rights NGOs** that **monitor and document human rights violations, documentation centres**, or organisations that use the **internet** to access or disseminate human rights information.

Our services help to **increase the proficiency of organisations** and to enable them to **share information** with other organisations.

HURIDOCS tools are used by **NGOs, IGOs, academic institutions and others** working in the field of human rights.

What HURIDOCS can offer

- 1. Tools** to gather, **manage, organise, disseminate and access** information related to human rights.
- 2. Training** for NGOs and human rights institutions who want to **increase their effectiveness** in monitoring, documenting, reporting and disseminating information.

2. HURIDOCS Tools

Monitoring and documenting human rights violations

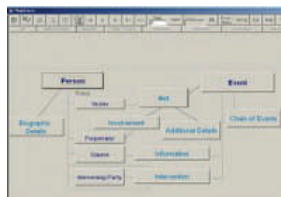


“What is monitoring?” and “What is documentation?”- a concise introduction to these topics.



The “Events Standard Formats” provide a framework for structuring information on violations collected by human rights organisations. The “Micro-thesauri” provide human rights networks with a common language to describe violations, enabling them to share information and to make a common analysis.

Databases for documenting human rights violations



Enable organisations to **record and manage information** collected on **human rights violations** and to produce **analysis and statistics** on these violations.

The database WinEvsys (which operates under MS Access) can be **easily adapted** to the specific needs of an organisation. A new open-source, Web-based database called Open Evsys will be available in May 2009.



Tools for documentation centres

HURIDOCS offers numerous tools allowing smaller NGOs to set up **efficient library management systems** and maintain an **effective library catalogue**.

HuriSearch—The Human Rights Search Engine



www.hurisearch.org

HuriSearch is the **only search engine specialised in human rights**. Developed by HURIDOCS in collaboration with FAST it provides access to over **2 million pages** from over **4500 human rights organisations** and shows only search results that are relevant to human rights.

Manuals on economic, social and cultural rights

In collaboration with American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) and other organisations and networks HURIDOCS produced a series of five **manuals on economic, social and cultural rights**, including:



Thesaurus of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights: Terminology and Potential Violations



Promoting and Defending Economic, Social and Cultural Rights: A Handbook

How to get HURIDOCS tools?

- Our software, brochures and manuals can be **downloaded** from our website at www.huridocs.org
- **Huritools CD-ROM** which contains the latest electronic versions of all HURIDOCS tools available from our secretariat.