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Exchange of experiences on reporting to the treaty bodies

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Objectives

- To hear about your experience engaging with the treaty bodies – both **challenges** and **what has worked**
- To interact with a treaty body member on **practical tips** to engage effectively with treaty bodies – Ms. Faith Marshall-Harris
- To identify areas of **technical support** required



Benefits of ratification and reporting



- Access to international expert advice and experience from other countries for domestic reforms



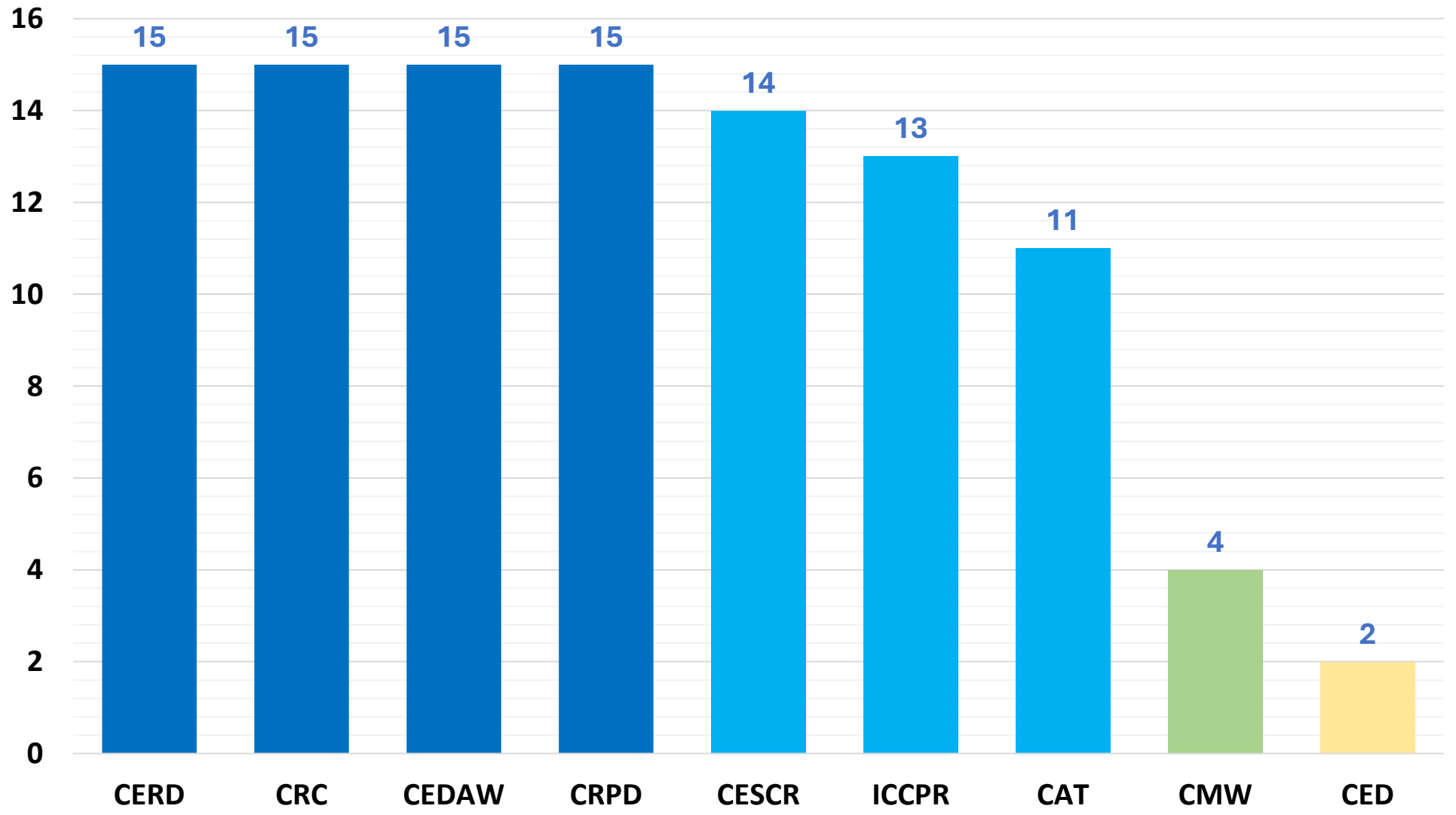
- Credibility and international reputation



- Influencing universal norms and priorities that are important to SIDS

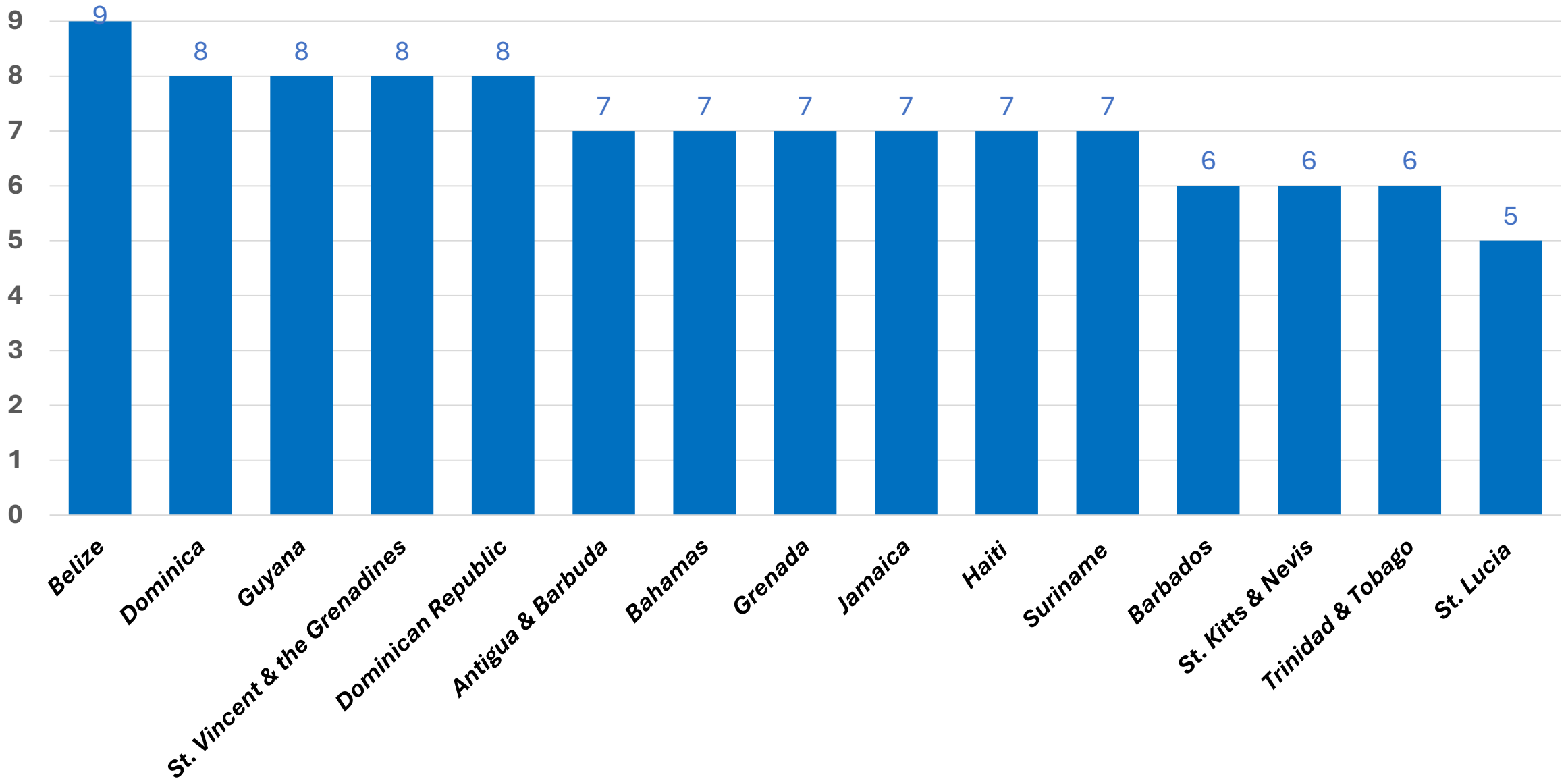
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Current ratification status per treaty



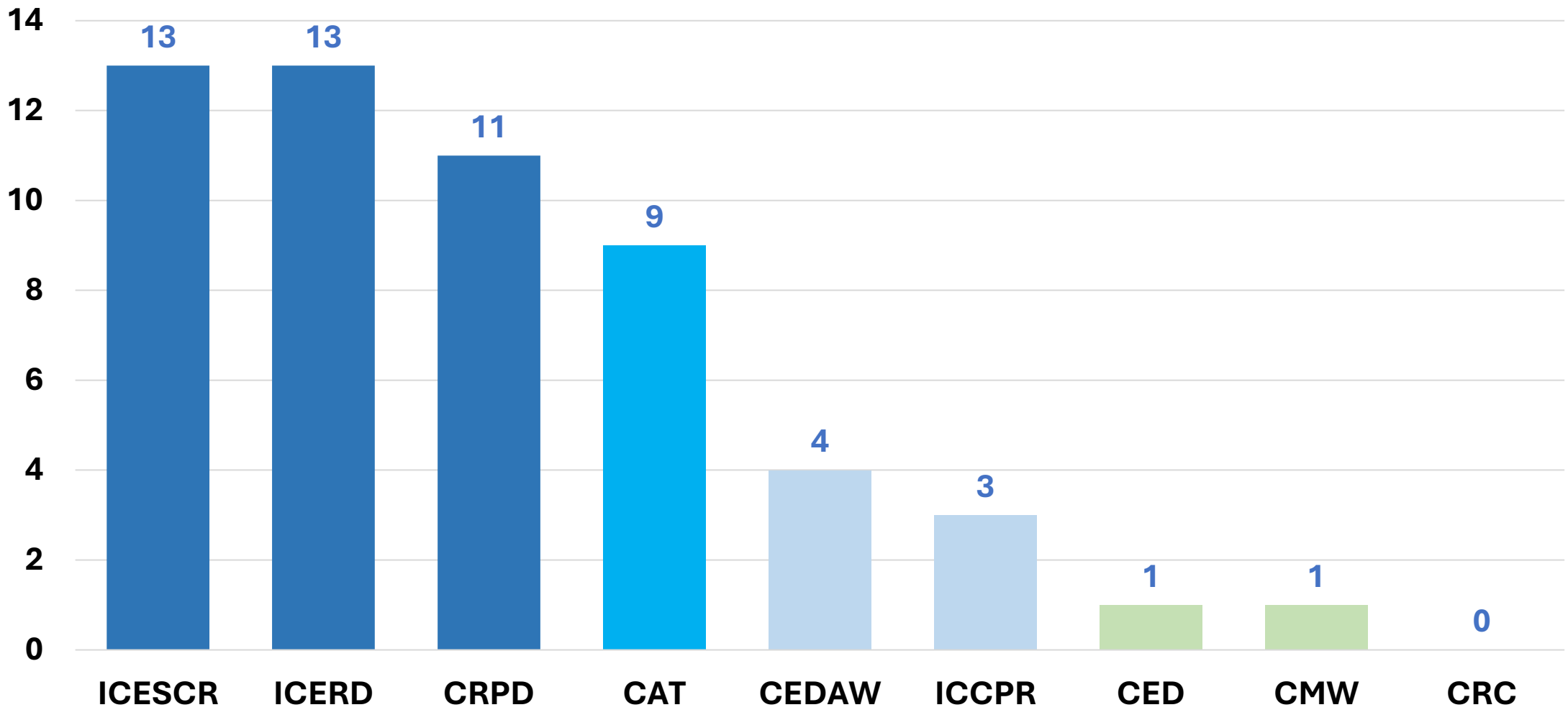
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Overdue reports by treaty



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	ICCPR	ICESCR	CRC	CEDAW	CRPD	ICERD	CAT	CED	CMW
ANTIGUA & BARBUDA	CCPR/C/ATG/1: Due **26 June 2026** [SRP]	E/C.12/ATG/1: **Overdue 2020**.	CRC/C/ATG/CO/2-4: 2017.	CEDAW/C/ATG/CO/4-7: 2019.	LOIPR expected by March 2030, if report not submitted by 2029 CRPD/C/ATG/1: **overdue 2018**.	CERD/C/ATG/10-11: **overdue 2009**. CERD/C/ATG/CO/9: 2007.	CAT/C/ATG/QPR/2: 2025.	-	-
BAHAMAS	CCPR/C/BHS/QPR/1: 2025 [SRP]	E/C.12/BHS/1: **Overdue 2011**	CRC/C/15/Add.253: 2005.	CEDAW/C/BHS/CO/6: 2018, FU: 2021.	LOIPR expected by March 2030, if report not submitted by 2019. CRPD/C/BHS/1: **overdue 2017**.	CERD/C/BHS/RQPR/15-21: **overdue 2018** (CERD/C/64/CO/1: 2004)	CAT/C/BHS/1: **Overdue 2019**	-	-
BARBADOS	CCPR/C/BRB/4: Due April 2026 [SRP]. (CCPR/C/BRB/CO/3: 2007, FU: 2011)	E/C.12/BRB/1: **Overdue 1991**	CRC/C/BRB/CO/2: 2017.	LOIPR expected in **2026 (TBC)** CEDAW/C/BRB/CO/5-8: 2017, FU: 2020	LOIPR expected by Sept 2028, if report not submitted by 2027. CRPD/C/BRB/1: **overdue 2015.**	CERD/C/BRB/17-18: **overdue 2007** CERD/C/BRB/CO/16: 2007.	-	-	-
BELIZE	CCPR/C/BLZ/2: **overdue 2022.** CCPR/C/BLZ/CO/1/Add.1: 2018, FU: 2021	E/C.12/BLZ/1: **Overdue 2017**	CRC/C/BLZ/3-4: 2023. CRC/C/15/Add.252: 2005.	CEDAW/C/BLZ/CO/5-9: 2025	LOIPR expected by March 2028. CRPD/C/BLZ/1: **overdue 2013**	CERD/C/BLZ/CO/1: 2012	CAT/C/BLZ/2: 2024 A/49/44(SUPP) paras. 46: 1993.	CED/C/BLZ/RQAR/1: 2025	CMW/C/BLZ/QPR/1-3: 2019 CMW/C/BLZ/CO/1: 2014.
DOMINICA	CCPR/C/DMA/2: Due 2027 [SRP] CCPR/C/DMA/COAR/1: 2020	E/C.12/DMA/1: **Overdue 1995**	CRC/C/15/Add.238: 2004	CEDAW/C/DMA/QPR/8-11: due March 2026 CEDAW/C/DMA/CO/AR: 2009	LOIPR expected by Sept 2028, if report not submitted by 2027. CRPD/C/DMA/1: **overdue 2014**	CERD/C/DMA/1: **overdue 2020**	CAT/C/DMA/2: 2024	CED/C/DMA/RQAR/1: 2021	-
GRENADA	CCPR/C/GRD/QPR/1: **Overdue 2022** [SRP] (CCPR/C/GRD/CO/1: 2007)	E/C.12/GRD/1: **Overdue 1993**	CRC/C/GRD/3-6: 2020	CEDAW/C/GRD/6-8: May 2026.	LOIPR expected by Sept 2028, if report not submitted by 2027. CRPD/C/GRD/1: **overdue 2016**	CERD/C/GRD/1: **overdue 2014**	CAT/C/GRD/1: **Overdue 2020**	-	-
GUYANA	CCPR/C/GUY/QPR/4: expected 2030 (CCPR/C/GUY/CO/3: 2024)	E/C.12/GUY/5: **Overdue 2020** (E/C.12/GUY/CO/2-4: 2015)	CRC/C/GUY/CO/2-4: 2013	CEDAW/C/GUY/CO/9: 2019, FU: 2022	LOIPR expected by Sept 2028, if report not submitted by 2027. CRPD/C/GUY/1: **overdue 2016**	CERD/C/GUY/RQPR/15-16: **overdue 2020** (CERD/C/GUY/CO/14: 2006, FU: 2008)	CAT/C/GUY/2: **Overdue 2016** [SRP] CAT/C/GUY/CO/1: 2006, FU 2010	-	CMW/C/GUY/RQPR/2: **Overdue 2023** CMW/C/GUY/CO/1: 2018
JAMAICA	CCPR/C/JAM/5: 2025 [SRP] CCPR/C/JAM/CO/4: 2016, FU: 2018	E/C.12/JAM/CO/5: **Overdue 2018** E/C.12/JAM/CO/3-4: 2013	CRC/C/JAM/CO/3-4: 2015	CEDAW/C/JAM/CO/8: 2023, FU: 2026	LOIPR expected in Sept 2031. CRPD/C/JAM/CO/1: 2022	CERD/C/JAM/25-29: Due 4 July 2026 CERD/C/JAM/CO/21-24: 2022	-	-	CMW/C/JAM/CO/1-2: 2025
SAINT KITTS & NEVIS	-	E/C.12/KNA/1: Due May 2027	CRC/C/KNA/CO/2: 2025	CEDAW/C/KNA/CO/5-9: 2022, FU: 2025	CRPD/C/KNA/1: **overdue 2021**	CERD/C/KNA/1: **overdue 2007**	CAT/C/KNA/1: **Overdue 2021**	-	-
SAINT LUCIA	-	-	CRC/C/LCA/CO/2-4 : 2014	CEDAW/C/LCA/RQPR/7-11: **overdue 2025** CEDAW/C/LCA/CO/6: 2006	Long overdue initial report; if not submitted before Dec. 2031, the Committee will adopt LOIPR in March 2032	CERD/C/LCA/1: **overdue 1991**	CAT/C/LCA/1: Due Feb 2027	-	-
SAINT VINCENT & THE GRENADINES	LOIPR expected in 2027 CCPR/C/VCT/CO/2/Add.1: 2019. FU: 2021	E/C.12/VCT/1: **Overdue 1990**	CRC/C/VCT/CO/2-3: 2017	CEDAW/C/VCT/RQPR/9: **overdue 2021** CEDAW/C/VCT/CO/4-8: 2015	Long overdue initial report; if not submitted before Dec. 2031, the Committee will adopt LOIPR in Sept 2027	CERD/C/63/11-13: **overdue 2006** CERD/C/63/CO/10: 2002	CAT/C/VCT/1: **Overdue 2002**	-	CMW/C/VCT/CO/1: 2018 [SRP]
SURINAME	LOIPR expected in 2030 CCPR/C/SUR/CO/4: 2024	E/C.12/SUR/2: **Overdue 1995** E/C.12/1995/6: 1995	CRC/C/SUR/5-6: 2023 CRC/C/SUR/CO/3-4: 2016	96(PSWG) (TBC) (2027) CEDAW/C/SUR/CO/4-6: 2018. FU: 2021	CRPD/C/SUR/1: **overdue 2019**	CERD/C/SUR/CO/19-20: Due April 2026 CERD/C/SUR/CO/16-18: 2022	CAT/C/SUR/1: **Overdue 2022**	-	-
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO	LOIPR expected in 2029 CCPR/C/TTO/CO/5: 2023	E/C.12/TTO/3: **Overdue 2007** E/C.12/1/Add.80: 2002	CRC/C/TTO/CO/2: 2006	CEDAW/C/TTO/RQPR/8: **overdue 2024** CEDAW/C/TTO/CO/4-7: 2016	Dialogue expected in August 2027 CRPD/C/TTO/1: 2021	CERD/C/TTO/15-16: 2021 A/56/CO/18 paras. 343-359: 2001	-	-	-

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Questions

- What are the **challenges** to ensure timely reporting to the treaty bodies (please be as specific as possible)
- What has **worked in your country** to keep up with reporting?
- What could treaty bodies do to make engagement easier for SIDS?
- What **support** is needed to ensure timely reporting to the treaty bodies?

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National Mechanisms for Implementation, Reporting and Follow-up (NMIRF)

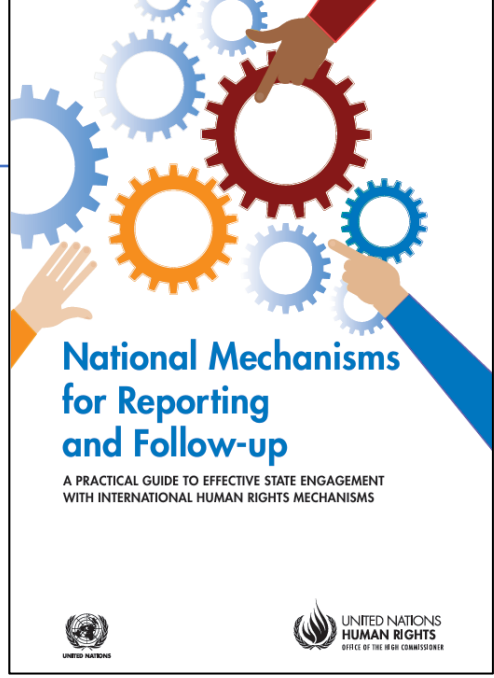
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NMIRFs and key capacities





Engagement

- Dedicated capacity and knowledge (e.g. Secretariat and trained staff)
- Ministerial focal points
- Standardized internal reporting guidelines & procedures

Coordination

- Clear mandate, TOR, annual work plans
- Email lists and regular coordination meetings
- Templates to collect information
- SOP for coordination with Parliament

Consultation

- Establishing a mailing list
- Regular consultations with different stakeholders
- Participation of CSOs, Parliament and other stakeholders in selected meetings

Information management

- Keeping track of recommendations and status of implementation – **Universal Human Rights Index; National Recommendations Tracking Database**

Feedback on the NMIRF in your countries

- **Dissemination** of recommendations to relevant government ministries/ departments

- Increased **awareness** of human rights obligations

- Recommendations have informed:

  - **National Human Rights Action Plans** – *Grenada, Haiti, Dominican Republic*
  - **Policies, national development plans & strategies, laws -** *Dominica, St. Kitts and Nevis, Guyana, St. Lucia, Suriname, The Bahamas, Suriname*
  - Government **programming** and **budget processes** – *Guyana*
  - Steps towards establishing a **National Human Rights Institution** - *Belize*

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Your inputs on the NMIRF

Antigua & Barbuda	• No NMIRF
Bahamas	• NMIRF assisted in compiling a timed **action plan** for implementation of **CEDAW** recommendations, resulting in a Strategic Plan to Address GBV. • NMIRF has connected human rights follow-up actions **SDGs**
Barbados	• N/A
Belize	• NMIRF has contributed to the implementation of recommendations from human rights mechanisms through stakeholder consultations, resulting in progress towards the establishment of a **National Human Rights Institution**.
Dominica	• NMIRF has benefited from capacity-building initiatives on human rights mechanisms by OHCHR and Commonwealth Secretariat, strengthening the ability to **implement recommendations**, including through **integration of human rights into national policies, programmes and ongoing government initiatives**
Dominican Republic	• Adopted the first **National human Rights Plan** through the work by the NMIRF (Interinstitutional Human Rights Commission). • Through the NMIF, follow-up to recommendations is ensured, and reports are generated.
Grenada	• NMIRF has played a key role in translating recommendations from UPR and treaty bodies into actionable national priorities, including development of a **National Human Rights Action Plan**

Your inputs on the NMIRF

Haiti	• NMIRF has contributed to implementation of recommendations by strengthening inter-institutional **coordination** and **follow-up** processes.
Jamaica	• Recommendations from international human rights mechanisms are **shared** with relevant ministries, departments and agencies for consideration and implementation as appropriate
Guyana	• NMIRF comprised of government departments with **broader stakeholder engagements** when required. • One **dedicated Ministry** responsible for reporting & coordinating with other relevant ministries • Recommendations on disabilities are **supported by the national budget**; mainstreaming of recommendations into national **policies**.
St. Kitts and Nevis	• NMIRF made up of two focal points from each Ministry, allowing first-hand knowledge of what is expected in terms of accepted recommendations, which the focal points relay to their supervisors. • The recommendations raise awareness and inform formulation of policies and laws.
St. Lucia	• NMIRF has played a pivotal role in advancing implementation of recommendations, and integrating them into existing policy frameworks rather than treating them as stand-alone commitments

Your inputs on the NMIRF

Suriname	• NMIRF has contributed to the implementation of recommendations on gender equality by supporting the development of the Gener Vision Policy Document 2021 – 2035. This framework promotes gender equality, including through awareness-raising on gender-based violence.
Trinidad & Tobago	• No NMIRF