National Mechanisms

- For the Prevention of Atrocity Crimes

What are national mechanisms?

Institutional tools and laws can be effective in preventing and responding to atrocity crimes within their borders.

Since national mechanisms are part of a state’s national policies, they are integral in preventing and responding to atrocity crimes and conflict situations, including violations of human rights.

Capacity development within the national mechanisms ensures the sustainability and efficiency of the mechanism.

What do national mechanisms do?

Conduct Risk Assessments and Early Warning

Develop Training Programs

Recommend and Create Polices

Work with civil society organizations and transitional justice mechanisms

In Summary, the four main tasks of national mechanisms are usually to:

1. The International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR) was an intergovernmental organization composed of representatives of the five countries of the Great Lakes Region of Africa. It was established on 12 December 2006.


National Committee Examples

Tanzania

Kenya

Uganda

ICGLR National Committees

Working National Mechanisms

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The ICRtoP, or the Institute for Peace and Justice, is a non-profit organization working to promote international human rights law and to prevent atrocities. They focus on providing legal support to victims of atrocities, supporting national mechanisms, and promoting international accountability. Their work is rooted in the belief that preventing atrocities is the key to peace and justice.