International Human Rights Tribunals

There is not one place with all information and resources related to the international human rights. It helps to know the issuing body and the context before embarking on a research quest. Keep in mind the role of the United Nations, NGOs, IGOs, non-for-profit organizations and associations, and the role of individual States and the corresponding domestic laws on the subject. Not all information is available online or electronically. Remember to use Morris (http://morris.law.yale.edu/search), the library’s catalog to find print resources.

Tribunals

Inter-American Court of Human Rights: https://www.corteidh.or.cr/base_de_datos.cfm?lang=en (ENG/ESP) (information about the Court, its rules, instruments, statute, history, current composition, current and previous rules of procedure, Jurisprudence, online catalogue, databases, thesaurus, live streaming)
  - Access cases at the merit stage, monitoring compliance with judgment, decisions and judgments, provisional measures, advisory opinions, etc.)
  - Library: https://www.corteidh.or.cr/biblioteca.cfm?lang=en (databases, thesaurus, etc.)

European Court of Human Rights: http://www.echr.coe.int/Pages/home.aspx?p=home (ENG/FR) (official website of the Court with information about the Court, hearings, applicants, official texts, statistics, press, and case law)
  - HUDOC: http://hudoc.echr.coe.int/ (open access searchable database of ECHR decisions)
  - Library: http://www.echr.coe.int/Pages/home.aspx?p=library/collections&c= (access the Convention and its Travaux, Rules of the Court, Court’s decisions, list of commentaries and manuals, list of library’s periodical collection)

African Court of Human and People’s Rights: http://en.african-court.org/ (ENG/FR/POR/Arabic) (information about the Court, basic documents, cases, advisory proceedings, forms, publications, library, registry, information about judges, news including speeches and press releases, reports)
  - Decisions: http://en.african-court.org/index.php/cases (contentious matters and advisory proceedings, pending and finalized cases, statistics)
  - Publications: activity and other reports

ASEAN Region: There is no functioning official ASEAN human rights tribunal yet, although the ASEAN Human Rights Declaration is in effect. It is the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights: http://aichr.org/ that has been in operation for decades and provides access to materials related to int’l human rights in this region. It is engaged in Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam.
  - Documents: https://aichr.org/key-documents/
  - Working Group for ASEAN HR Mechanism: http://www.aseanhrmech.org/index.html (conferences, workshops, working group resolutions, statements and papers, publications, links to national working groups, news and updates)
Major International Bodies

United Nations Human Rights – Office of the High Commissioner: [http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Pages/Home.aspx](http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Pages/Home.aspx) (“OHCHR represents the world’s commitment to universal ideals of human dignity. We have a unique mandate from the international community to promote and protect all human rights.”) (information about the office, its budget, funding, evaluation, mission, and work; resources by individual human rights issues or by country; information about human rights bodies (charter or treaty based); publications, databases, human rights instruments (conventions, declarations, protocols, principles, standard rules), and library resources)

- OHCHR Databases: [http://www.ohchr.org/EN/PublicationsResources/Pages/databases.aspx](http://www.ohchr.org/EN/PublicationsResources/Pages/databases.aspx)
- UN Human Rights materials: [http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Library/Pages/HRDocuments.aspx](http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Library/Pages/HRDocuments.aspx)

Council of Europe: [https://www.coe.int/en/web/portal](https://www.coe.int/en/web/portal) (ENG/FR/DE/IT/RUS), founded in 1949, is the continent’s leading human rights organization. It has 47 members, all State Parties to ECHR.

Organization of American States (OAS): [http://www.oas.org/en/](http://www.oas.org/en/) (ENG/ESP/FR/POR) (The world’s oldest regional organization. Art. 1 of its Charter states: OAS is to achieve “an order of peace and justice, to promote their solidarity, to strengthen their collaboration, and to defend their sovereignty, their territorial integrity, and their independence.”)


Research Guides

- Globalex [https://www.nyulawglobal.org/globalex/index.html](https://www.nyulawglobal.org/globalex/index.html) human rights articles under international law research. See for example:

Research Hubs


Fee Based Databases

- Brill Human Rights Documents Online: [http://morris.law.yale.edu/record=e100144~S1](http://morris.law.yale.edu/record=e100144~S1) (human rights documents collected by the Human Rights Internet (HRI) in Ottawa, Canada since 1980 emanating from 483 non-governmental human rights organizations (NGOs) worldwide)
- Human Rights Studies Online: [http://morris.law.yale.edu/record=e100401~S3](http://morris.law.yale.edu/record=e100401~S3) (comparative documentation, analysis, and interpretation of major human rights violations and atrocity crimes worldwide from 1900 to 2010)