



## 43RD SESSION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

### Item 10 – Technical Assistance and Capacity Building

#### **Annual presentation of the High Commissioner on the overview of and successes, best practices and challenges in technical assistance and capacity-building – 19 June 2020**

*Background documentation: Report of the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee on the role of technical assistance and capacity-building in fostering mutually beneficial cooperation in promoting and protecting human rights [A/HRC/43/31](#)*

#### **Georgette Gagnon, Director of Field Operations Technical Cooperation OHCHR – Report presentation:**

This short presentation will show some features of the OHCHR's technical assistance and capacity building programs around the world.

The Covid-19 pandemic underscores the importance of having strong national frameworks in order for states to give strong responses to such crisis.

The OHCHR welcomes the recent establishment of country offices in Sudan and Niger, and the field presences in Burkina Faso, Costa Rica, and Lesotho.

The OHCHR is engaging in cooperation programs in the Middle East and Southern Africa.

1500 technical activities will be implemented in cooperation with states partners.

#### **Examples of programs and results achieved in promoting prevention and advancing equality:**

The OHCHR is strongly committed to supporting youth recommendations issued by human rights mechanisms.

In Mexico, members of an indigenous community were challenged in their access to water. With the help of the Special Rapporteur on the access to clean and water and sanitation, as well as the negotiations between OHCHR and federal authorities, the Indigenous community was assisted.

In Tunisia, with the technical support of the OHCHR, the country enhanced access to social security for its citizens, in line with international human rights standards. 2086 women became eligible for social security programs.

In Lebanon, the OHCHR assisted in strengthening implementation of mechanisms and improving human rights of persons with disabilities.

Support to states in reducing overcrowding in detention facilities is a big technical support project from OHCHR around the world.

There are many examples of how OHCHR advanced the 2030 agenda thanks to the technical assistance and the capacity building it provided around the world.

The OHCHR is also engaged in supporting NHRIs in every country, they are an important actor of the implementation and protection of human rights at the national level.