**Questionnaire**

**Access to justice for persons with albinism who are victims of discrimination and attacks**

**Instructions**

- Respond to the best of your ability.

- You may choose to answer **only** those questions within your area of knowledge

- Type-in your answers under each question

**How to submit**

Submit complete questionnaires either English, French, Portuguese or Spanish via email albinism@ohchr.org

**Deadline**

The **deadline** for submissions is **31 May 2018**.

**Permission to publish**

Kindly indicate whether you have any objection to your response being made available on the UN webpage of the Independent Expert

**1. Challenges**

Describe **any challenges** to equal and effective access to justice for persons with albinism in your country.

**2. Support to victims and families**

**Detail any support that is in place** (provided by either the Government or non-governmental actors) **for persons with albinism who are victims of attacks and discrimination or their families in your country**. These include but is not limited to, psychological support, medical support, shelters, other forms of housing, witness and victim protection measures, livelihood or financial support and counselling.

**3. Legal aid**

1. **Specify whether free legal aid is available for victims. If not,** specify the types of support available to enable victims pursue effective and adequate remedies for their rights violations.
2. Please **specify which are the relevant legal provisions**, including the relevant text of the source of law, supporting legal aid

**4. Measures taken**

1. **Describe any legislative or administrative measures taken to facilitate access to Justice** for persons with albinism.
2. **Detail any other initiatives in place to remove barriers to accessing justice** (e.g. measures that facilitate access for persons with albinism living in remote communities; and measures to reduce cost).
3. **Describe any other initiative taken to promote** (directly or indirectly) **awareness on the rights of persons with albinism**, including on access to justice (e.g. training, , information through community radio).
4. **Describe any specific awareness-raising measures in this framework directed particularly towards persons with albinism, and towards law enforcement.**

**5. Offenses**

1. **Please list the offenses** under which cases of attacks and discrimination against persons with albinism are, and have been, prosecuted.
2. **Does your national legislation include offenses that would encompas**s trafficking or **possession of** **body** parts (not merely organs)?
3. **What is the maximum penalty for all relevant offences**, including discrimination (both based on disability and colour), attacks, grave exhumation and trafficking of body parts?

**6. Investigation, prosecution and jurisprudence**

1. **Indicate the number of cases of attacks and discrimination against persons with albinism** (including unlawful exhumation of bodies of persons with albinism and trafficking in body parts) **that have been recorded by the Police and/or by your organization**
2. **Provide information on the number of cases of attack and discrimination that have been prosecuted since 2009,** including unlawful exhumation of bodies of persons with albinism and trafficking in body parts (also provide the numbers for the previous years if available).
3. **Provide information on challenges that have been encountered during investigation** and prosecution of such cases and how, if this is the case, they have been overcome.
4. **Please provide information on the number of judgements pronounced for cases of attacks and discrimination against persons with albinism since 2009** (also provide the numbers for the previous years if available).
5. Provide information or relevant jurisprudence on any **landmark case, which demonstrate effective access to justice for persons with albinism who are victims of attacks and discrimination** and **provide copies** of such judgments if possible.

**7. Alleged perpetrators**

Please **provide information on the number of cases of attacks where masterminds,** including witchdoctors, traditional healers, religious leaders, businesspersons or other masterminds **have been prosecuted or are being investigated.**

**8. Testimony**

Provide information on the **reasons for which testimonies** **of persons with albinism were rejected** when the rejection has been based on their vision impairment or other grounds such as mental health, age and myths.

**9. International cooperation**

Provide details of measures in place to ensure access to justice for a person or persons with albinism who have been a victim of an offense that begins in one jurisdiction and continues in another jurisdiction (for example, if the body parts of a persons with albinism were hacked off in country X and subsequently transported to country Y).

**10.Additional Remarks**

Please include any other relevant information on access to justice and remedy that you think would help the Independent Expert.

*Thank you for your cooperation*