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UN human rights treaty body reform: The outcome from a Swiss perspective

The Swiss Centre of Expertise in Human Rights (SCHR)
hosts an information event with

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Panel discussion moderated by Prof. Walter Kälin

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Over the years, the UN human rights treaty bodies have struggled with an ever increasing workload resulting in significant backlogs. To improve the treaty bodies' ability to respond effectively to this challenge, the UN General Assembly adopted a reform package on 9 April 2014. At the SCHR's information event, practitioners will discuss possible outcomes of the reform, as well as its implementation and implications for the UN human rights treaty-based system, especially for the national reporting procedure.

Date: Tuesday, 19 August 2014, 5.15 – 7 p.m. (followed by an aperitif)

Place: Haus der Universität, Schösslistrasse 5, Bern

Languages: English, French and German (no translation)

Admission: Admission is free. Due to the limited seats available, please register online at www.skmr.ch by Thursday, 14 August 2014.