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# THE GLOBAL HUMAN RIGHTS LANDSCAPE

## A Short Guide to Understanding the International Organizations and the Opportunities for Engagement

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Throughout the world today, abortion is routinely promoted as a “human right”, marriage is being redefined by national courts and governments, and religious liberty is severely threatened. Sadly, the international organizations that were established in the 20th century to protect fundamental human rights are instead being used to undermine them. For decades, opponents of religious freedom, the right to life and the institution of marriage have targeted the international organizations, and to a large extent they have been successful. Over a sustained period of time organizations such as the International Planned Parenthood Federation have gained significant influence and have been able to advance their agenda on the international level often completely unchallenged. However, despite conceding crucial ground to such organizations, opportunities still exist to bring about real change in the global human rights landscape.

This short guide has sought to outline these opportunities and to make clear that now is the time to respond. It answers three simple questions: What are the international and regional human rights institutions that exist around the world, why do they matter and how can individuals and organizations get involved? The guide provides an overview of the United Nations, International Criminal Court, Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe, European Union, Council of Europe, Organization of American States, and African Union. For each organization, it highlights ways to engage with a focus on international human rights law, and in particular the areas relating to religious liberty, the sanctity of life, and marriage and the family.

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