

# Template for Submission to the UN Committee Reviewing the U.S. Periodic Report under the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination

The following is a suggested template for issue/s to be included in a shadow report or submission to the [UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination](#) (“CERD Committee”). This submission should be a short summary of the issue that your organization or coalition recommend the CERD Committee address during its formal review of the U.S. government’s compliance with the [International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination \(ICERD\)](#), which is scheduled for August 2022. The submission should be no longer than 20 pages (3-5 pages for each issue raised) and should include links to existing briefing and advocacy/organizing materials, reports, and other relevant resources that further elaborate on the topic.

The deadlines for submissions to inform the List of Themes for the review of the United States’ report and for submitting alternative or shadow reports will be published soon but shadow reports are expected to be due no later than July 18, 2022. For more details please read the CERD Committee Information Note which will be available [here](#).

## I. Title

## II. Introduction and Issue Summary

- *Briefly summarize (1-2 paragraphs) the racial justice issues your submission addresses. In particular, briefly highlight the following aspects: historical context, government and/or non-state actors (i.e. businesses) responsible; actions or inactions taken by federal, state, and local government to address the situation; legislation or policies that could remedy the situation; relevant data; and charts.*

## III. Short stories from directly impacted communities highlighting testimonies from victims and survivors

- *If applicable, present 1-2 stories of individuals or communities who have suffered because of the human rights violations being addressed in this submission. Note where and when the event(s) occurred and, if applicable, the governmental agencies involved or responsible.*

## IV. CERD Committee Position

- *If applicable, briefly note any prior recommendations by the CERD Committee related to the issue. The most recent recommendations of the CERD Committee from 2014 [are available here](#). Note and link to any General Recommendations (CERD Committee’s interpretation of the ICERD) that the Committee has issued on this topic ([available here](#)).*

## V. U.S. Government Response

- *If applicable, briefly summarize how the U.S. government addressed the issue in its report submitted in June 2021, making note of the paragraphs where these issues are addressed in the report [available here](#). Annex 1 to the report (List of Acronyms) is available [here](#). The Common Document which was submitted in 2012 is available [here](#). Also, if applicable, briefly note the U.S. government's response to any prior recommendations made by the CERD Committee related to the issue. The government's one year follow-up submission (made in 2015) responding to key recommendations [is available here](#).*

## VI. Other UN and Regional Human Rights Bodies Recommendations

- *If applicable, cite and briefly mention recommendations made by other [UN human rights bodies](#), such as UN Special Rapporteurs and the UN Human Rights Council's Universal Periodic Review (UPR). Compilation of the UPR recommendations is available [here](#) and U.S. Government response (March 2021) is available [here](#).*

## VII. Recommended Questions

- *List, in order of priority, 2-3 questions that you recommend the CERD Committee ask the U.S. Government prior or during the review.*

## VIII. Suggested Recommendations

- *List, in order of priority, 2-3 key recommendations that you suggest the CERD Committee provide to the U.S. Government upon its review. Recommendations may include changes to law, policy, or practice at the local, state, tribal or federal level. Recommendations should include specific policies, laws and even legislation or programs that you want the CERD Committee to include in the concluding observations.*