

Our Model of Work

ESCR-Net is led by Members—social movements and NGOs—from all regions of the world. Our Board is elected from and by Members based on principles of regional diversity, gender balance and inclusion of social movements. Members build shared analysis, develop resources and advocate collectively through thematic working groups, supported by a small secretariat staff. Current working groups and representative joint actions (www.escr-net.org/workinggroups) include:

Corporate Accountability

- Annual People's Forum on Human Rights and Business
- Advocacy for binding human rights regulation
- Collective documentation and case advocacy Women and ESCR

Women and ESCR

- Guide: Claiming Women's Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
- Learning exchanges for women's human rights advocates
- Advocacy for substantive equality in policy and legal developments

Strategic Litigation

- Workshops on strategic litigation
- Bilingual caselaw database of ESCR decisions
- Regional forums and collective advocacy for implementation of legal decisions

Economic Policy and Human Rights

- Bank on Human Rights Coalition advancing development finance accountability
- Advocacy for recognition of the World Bank's human rights responsibilities

Social Movements and Grassroots Groups

- Strategic leadership exchanges
- Collective development of resources and tools

Monitoring of ESCR

- Online discussion of monitoring methods
- Technical support to other ESCR-Net Members

In addition, ESCR-Net facilitates a System of Solidarity and Support to respond to threats against human rights defenders, and coordinates the NGO Coalition and Campaign for the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (OP-ICESCR).

Get involved

Please join our collective efforts to build a global movement to make human rights and social justice a reality for all: www.escr-net.org/getinvolved.

Learn more

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The International Network for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ESCR-Net) connects over 250 NGOs, social movements and advocates across 70 countries, facilitating strategic exchange and collective advocacy to build a global movement to make human rights and social justice a reality for all.

The 2013 Peoples' Forum on Human Rights and Business galvanized 150 civil society organizations—and the support of multiple States—behind a unified global call for an international treaty on corporate human rights abuse.

Elevated women's ESC rights and substantive equality at the UN, and strengthened the ability of advocates worldwide to utilize human rights standards and bodies.

Strengthened the ability of lawyers to utilize international human rights law via the bilingual ESCR caselaw database and workshops in Kenya, Paraguay, Mongolia and other countries.

Advanced strategic learning between social movements in Brazil, India and Nigeria, involved in developing and now utilizing the publication *Land in the Struggle for Justice: Social Movement Strategies to Secure Human Rights*.

Helped to secure the release of human rights defenders from prison and the dropping of false charges in the Philippines.

Coordinated a successful campaign for an international remedy mechanism (OP-ICESCR) at the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, encouraging States to ensure human rights and effective courts domestically.

Generated unprecedented attention from the UN, press and investors on the human rights responsibilities and obligations of businesses and states via collective advocacy and the report *The Price of Steel: Human Rights and Forced Evictions in the POSCO-India Project*.

- Shared goals**
- Advance collective, strategic, transnational efforts to realize economic, social and cultural rights (ESCR).
 - Strengthen international standards and mechanisms related to ESCR, ensuring that grassroots groups and NGOs are central to their development and able to effectively utilize them.
 - Sustain and deepen learning and exchange between Members—across geographic, linguistic and historic divisions—to advance ESCR at multiple levels.
 - Serve as a trusted global repository and collective source of vital information and resources relevant to the ESCR field.
 - Coordinate mutual support and solidarity to advance Members' struggles.