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**UNITED NATIONS, HUMAN RIGHTS,  
FREEDOM OF RELIGION OR BELIEF**

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The Universal Periodic Review (UPR) is a unique process launched by the UN Human Rights Council in 2008 to review the human rights obligations and responsibilities of all UN Member States by 2011.  
<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/UPR/Pages/UPRMain.aspx>

The Tandem Project supports the mandate and work of the U.N. Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief. Universal Periodic Reviews are an opportunity to review how nations meet their human rights obligations and responsibilities to freedom of religion or belief. Each Universal Periodic Review is unique reflecting the national laws, religious and cultural norms of a country.

**TANDEM FORUMS:** are invitations to **build global awareness** of international human rights law on freedom of religion or belief **at local levels** as a follow-up to Universal Periodic Reviews. Forums for Places of Worship, Academic Discourse, Schools, Women and Civil Society **assess interest**, exchange information and consider local **partnerships** within and between countries as **best practice models** for international human rights law on freedom of religion or belief.

**QUESTIONNAIRE:** a checklist for inclusive and genuine dialogue on human rights and freedom of religion or belief in preparation for Tandem Forums.

**OPEN QUESTIONNAIRE**

**INTERNET COURSE:** The Tandem Project Internet Course is an inter-active Community Manual on Article 18 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, and Eight Articles of the 1981 U.N. Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief. There is a Country & Community Database for responding to questions in the Community Manual: <http://www.tandemproject.com/databases/forms/card.htm>

Viewers can browse the Table of Contents and select and respond to corresponding questions in the C&C Database on issues that interest them.

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**The Tandem Project** a non-governmental organization (NGO) founded in 1986 to build understanding, tolerance, and respect for diversity of religion or belief, and to prevent discrimination in matters relating to freedom of religion or belief. The Tandem Project has sponsored multiple conferences, curricula, reference material and programs on Article 18 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights- Everyone shall have the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion – and the 1981 United Nations Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief.

C.C.: [The Tandem Project Internet Course](#)