



# State Engagement with CSO's

## RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE UN UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW 40TH SESSION OF THE UPR WORKING GROUP ON STATE ENGAGEMENT WITH CIVIL SOCIETY IN UGANDA

### INTRODUCTION:

This document contains recommendations excerpted from the joint report submitted to the UN Universal Periodic Review 40th Session of the UPR Working Group submitted on 15th July 2021 by Civicus, Foundation for Human Rights Initiative (FHRI), Justice Access Point (JAP) and African Institute of Investigative Journalism (AIIJ). The recommendations herewith seek to address concerns relating to State engagement with civil society in Uganda.

### SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Implement transparent and inclusive mechanisms of public consultations with CSOs on all issues mentioned above and enable the more effective involvement of civil society in the preparation of law and policy.
2. Include Civil Society Organisations in the UPR process before finalizing and submitting the national report.
3. Systematically consult with CSOs on the implementation of UPR recommendations, including by holding periodical comprehensive consultations with a diverse range of civil society.
4. Incorporate the results of this UPR into its action plans for the promotion and protection of all human rights, taking into account the proposals of civil society, and present a midterm evaluation report to the Human Rights Council on the implementation of the recommendations of this session.

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