



# WELCOME!

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## Mission Visit Training

Good Shepherd International Justice and Peace,  
Religious at the UN





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**Reminder: you don't need to  
sound like a diplomat to  
belong in these  
conversations**



# What is a mission visit?

- Share expertise
- Raise concerns
- Present recommendations
- Build relationships
- And connect local realities to international policymaking



# Why do mission visits matter?

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- Opportunity to bridge the gap between policy and lived experiences
  - Bring what you represent into the room
- Provide real-time updates
- Build and bridge connections with diplomats



# The Role of Civil Society



Describe Lived  
Realities



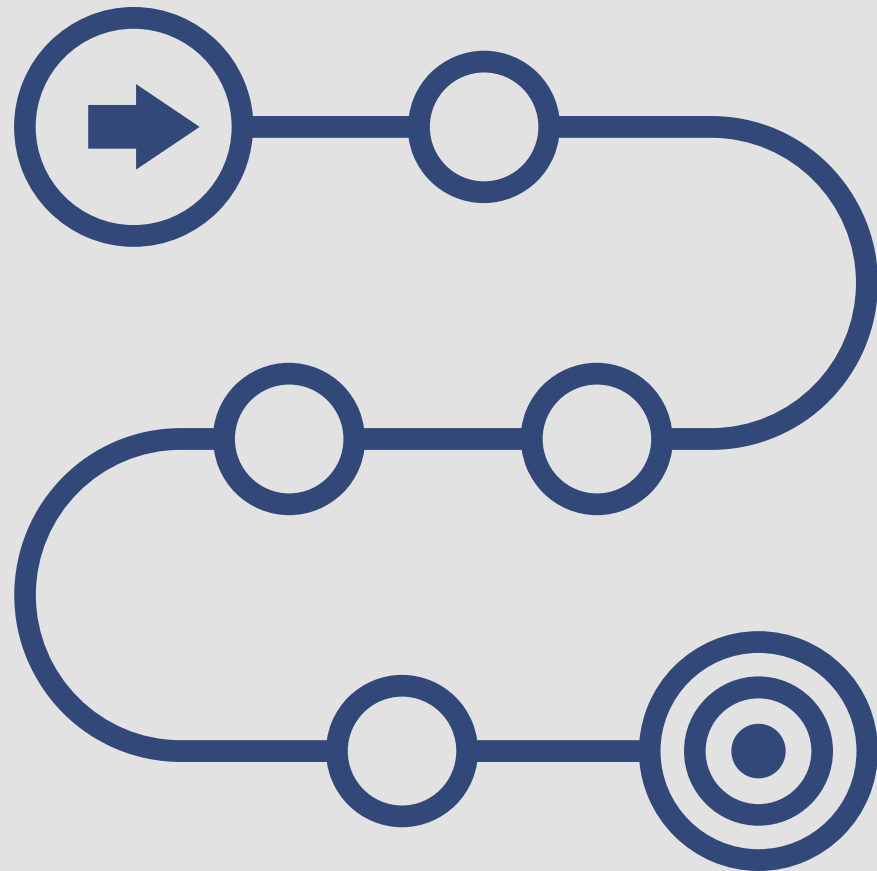
Identify Gaps  
and  
Challenges



Hold  
countries  
accountable

# Preparations

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Research the country and its priorities

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Be familiar with all relevant materials

3

Coordinate with your team


4

Agree on a shared purpose for the meeting



# Team Roles & Coordination

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- Meet prior to and day of visit
  - Suggested roles:
    - Introduction
    - Organization – who we are
    - Recommendations
    - Examples
    - Notetaker
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# Understanding Your Audience

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- Build your background on countries priorities and diplomatic alignments
- Strategize your advocacy to effectively deliver your message
  - “What framing will resonate most with this audience?”

# Structuring the Mission Visit

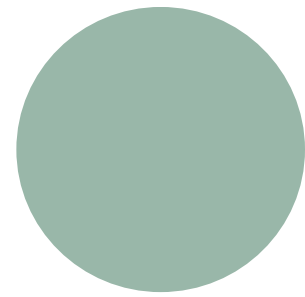
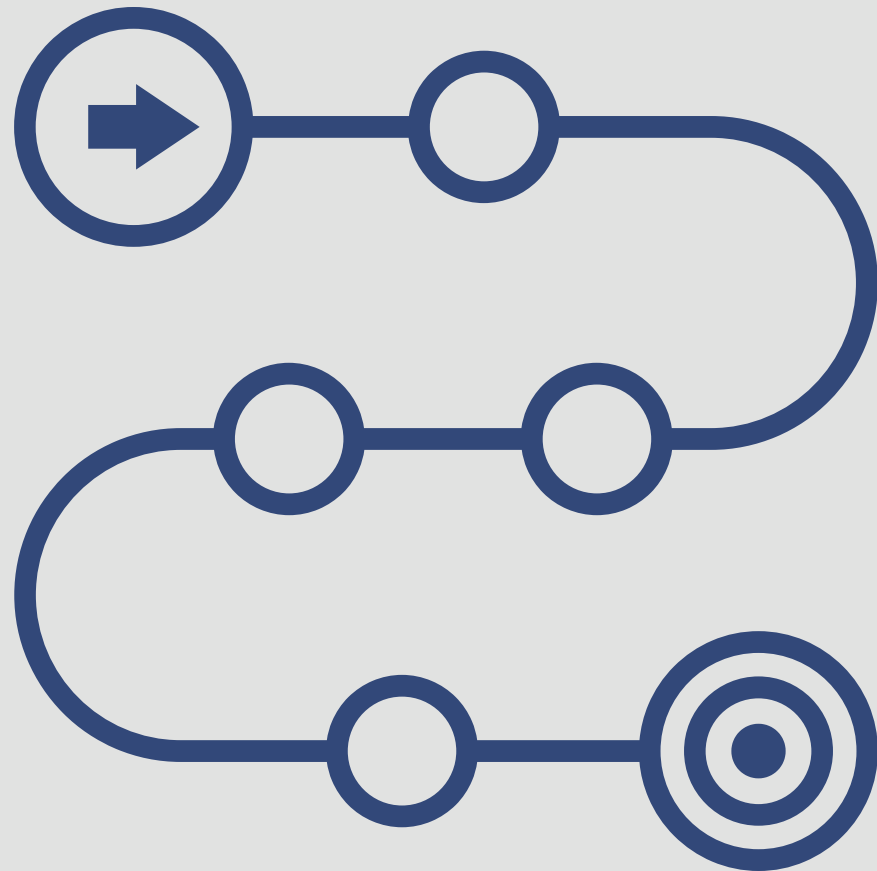
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1. Greetings and introductions
2. Organizational overview
3. Purpose of the meeting
4. Key concerns or issue areas
5. Recommendations and advocacy asks
6. Questions and dialogue
7. Closing and appreciation



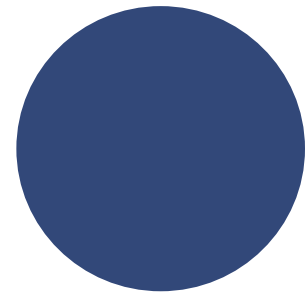
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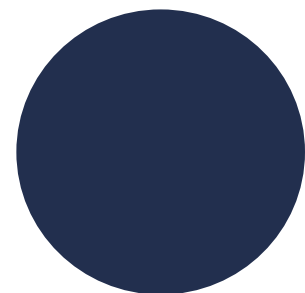
## In-Person Visits

- Arrive early!
- Bring
  - Printed handouts
  - Business cards
  - Notebook + pen



## Virtual Visits

- Test your internet, camera, and microphone
- Avoid interruptions
- Pay attention to pacing




**Always be respectful and professional**



# Communication Points

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- Finding the balance between relevant data and empathy-driven examples
  - If necessary:
    - “That’s an important question, we’d be happy to follow up afterward.”
  - Remain calm, respectful, and grounded
    - Stay informed
    - Prioritize dialogue
    - Introduce new perspectives
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# Recommendations & Advocacy Asks

Stronger  
language in  
negotiations

Prioritize  
marginalized  
communities

Funding  
programs

Increasing  
Protections

Strengthen  
accountability  
mechanisms

Protect civil  
society  
participation



# After the Mission Visit

- Thank you email
- Share resources
- Debrief and Discuss
- Notes
  - Main points of discussion
  - Questions raised
  - Reactions
  - Future Follow-up/collab

**THANK  
YOU**