



# Glossary of Common Terms and Acronyms

Project

The Future of Human Rights in the Digital Age

## SDGs – Sustainable Development Goals

**Meaning:** UN global agenda with 17 goals to eradicate poverty, protect the planet, and ensure prosperity for all by 2030.

**Example sentence:** “Our project aligns with SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-being) and SDG 5 (Gender Equality).”

**Cultural note:** Usually pronounced as “es-di-yis” (not as a word).

## UHC – Universal Health Coverage

**Meaning:** The right of all people to access quality health services without suffering financial hardship.

**Example sentence:** “Achieving UHC requires stronger health systems and investment in primary care.”

**Cultural note:** Pronounced letter by letter: “yu-eich-si”.

## IGF – Internet Governance Forum

**Meaning:** Global space convened by the UN to discuss Internet policies (digital inclusion, cybersecurity, online rights).

**Example sentence:** “At the IGF, youth voices are crucial to shape digital inclusion policies.”

**Cultural note:** Used in both English and Spanish, pronounced letter by letter “ai-yi-ef”.

## LACIGF – Latin American and Caribbean Internet Governance Forum

**Meaning:** Regional version of the IGF for Latin America and the Caribbean.

**Example sentence:** “The LACIGF is a key space to discuss digital rights from a regional perspective.”

**Cultural note:** Pronounced letter by letter in English or Spanish, depending on the context.

## CSOs – Civil Society Organizations

**Meaning:** Non-governmental groups working for social causes, human rights, health, gender, etc.

**Example sentence:** “CSOs play a critical role in monitoring governments’ commitments.”

**Cultural note:** In English, it is said as “sí-es-ous”. In Spanish, it is often translated as OSC.

## HRC – Human Rights Council

**Meaning:** Intergovernmental body in Geneva that promotes and protects human rights worldwide.

**Example sentence:** “Our statement will be delivered at the HRC during the Universal Periodic Review session.”

**Cultural note:** Pronounced “eich-ar-si”.

## WHO – World Health Organization

**Meaning:** UN agency that leads international action on public health, sets norms, and coordinates global responses to health emergencies.

**Example sentence:** “The WHO sets global standards for health and leads emergency response efforts.”

**Cultural note:** Pronounced “dabl-yu-eich-ou”. In Spanish, it is usually called “OMS”.



## UNESCO – United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

**Meaning:** Promotes international cooperation in education, science, culture, and communication.

**Example sentence:** “UNESCO promotes inclusive education and cultural diversity worldwide.”

**Cultural note:** Pronounced “yu-nes-cou”; in Spanish, it is called “UNESCO”.

## ODA – Official Development Assistance

**Qué significa:** Recursos financieros que los países donantes destinan para apoyar el desarrollo económico y social de países de ingresos bajos y medios.

**Ejemplo en frase:** “La AOD es clave para fortalecer los sistemas de salud en países de ingresos bajos.”

**Nota cultural:** Se usa más en contextos de cooperación internacional o reportes financieros.

## NGO – Non-Governmental Organizations

**Meaning:** Entities independent of the State that work for social, environmental, or human rights causes.

**Example sentence:** “Local NGOs have been fundamental in the community response to HIV.”

**Cultural note:** **In English:** “en-ou-yi”. In Spanish, it is pronounced as a word: “o-ene-ge”.

## OHCHR – Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

**Meaning:** UN office responsible for promoting and protecting human rights globally.

**Example sentence:** “The OHCHR monitors human rights violations and provides technical assistance to States.”

**Cultural note:** In Spanish, it is known as ACNUDH.

## UN – United Nations

**Meaning:** International organization founded in 1945 to maintain peace, protect human rights, and promote sustainable development.

**Example sentence:** “The UN coordinates global efforts to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.”

**Cultural note:** Pronounced “yu-en”. In Spanish: “o-en-u”.

## UNAIDS – Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS

**Meaning:** Coordinates global action against HIV and promotes equitable access to prevention, treatment, and human rights.

**Example sentence:** “UNAIDS drives the 95-95-95 approach to end AIDS as a public health threat.”

**Cultural note:** Pronounced “yu-en-eids”. In Spanish: ONUSIDA.

## PEPFAR – President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief

**Meaning:** U.S. government program that funds the global HIV response, especially in low- and middle-income countries.

**Example sentence:** “PEPFAR has saved millions of lives through HIV prevention and treatment programs.”

**Cultural note:** Pronounced “pep-far”.



## LMICs – Low- and Middle-Income Countries

**Meaning:** World Bank economic classification used to define countries facing structural challenges in development and health.

**Example sentence:** “Most cooperation funds are directed towards LMICs.”

**Cultural note:** Pronounced “el-em-ai-si-es”. In Spanish: PIBM.

## CESCR – Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

**Meaning:** Body of UN experts that monitors the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

**Example sentence:** “The CESCR reviews reports from States on compliance with the right to health.”

**Cultural note:** Pronounced “si>>>>> ,,-es-ci-ar”.

## UNDP – United Nations Development Programme

**Meaning:** UN agency that works on sustainable development, governance, and poverty reduction.

**Example sentence:** “The UNDP supports countries in implementing the SDGs.”

**Cultural note:** Pronounced “yu-en-di-pi”. In Spanish: PNUD.

## DHRP/PSDD – Digital Health and Rights Project

**Meaning:** International initiative that researches and promotes human rights in digital health.

**Example sentence:** “The DHRP analyzes how digital technologies impact equitable access to health.”

**Cultural note:** Pronounced letter by letter: “di-eich-ar-pi”.

## UK – United Kingdom

**Meaning:** Sovereign state consisting of England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland.

**Example sentence:** “The UK has funded various global health projects.”

**Cultural note:** Pronounced “yu-kei”. In Spanish: R.U.

## The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

**Meaning:** International fund that finances programs against HIV, tuberculosis, and malaria.

**Example sentence:** “The Global Fund supports projects led by affected communities.”

**Cultural note:** Pronounced “global fund”. In Spanish: El Fondo Mundial.

## UNICEF – United Nations Children’s Fund

**Meaning:** UN agency that promotes the rights and well-being of children and adolescents.

**Example sentence:** “UNICEF supports health and education programs in low-income countries.”

**Cultural note:** Pronounced “yu-ni-sef”.



## USAID – United States Agency for International Development

**Meaning:** U.S. government agency that leads global development and humanitarian aid programs.

**Example sentence:** “USAID supports health systems strengthening in low-income countries.”

**Cultural note:** Pronounced “iu-seid”.