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Press Release

A sub-regional capacity building workshop for representatives of national human rights institutions in Central Africa opens at the Mont Fébé hotel in Yaoundé on Monday June 27, 2011.

During the three-day event, the participants from nine countries in the Central Africa sub-region, will focus on several thematic issues all linked to the creation and functioning of national human rights institutions.

They will also get acquainted with the Paris Principles which are the guiding principles for the setting up and functioning of national human rights institutions.

Organized by the United Nations Centre for Human Rights and Democracy in Central Africa, the workshop is expected to lead to the setting up of a sub-regional network of national human rights institutions.

The network will be expected to carry out advocacy work in view of the creation of more national human rights institutions and towards more conformity with the Paris principles for existing institutions.

In the Central African sub-region, only the national human rights commission of Cameroon has an A status. Those of Chad and Congo have a B status. The status given to each national institution relates to its compliance with the Paris principles.