

**Seminar: Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination,
Proposed Follow-up Procedure**

Friday, 10th February 2006 9.00am-1.00pm
Morrison Hotel, Ormond Quay, Dublin 1

The National Consultative Committee on Racism and Interculturalism (NCCRI) and the Irish Human Rights Commission (IHRC) are organising an information seminar on Friday 10th February in preparation for a proposed follow-up visit by the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD) in 2006. The proposed follow-up by the CERD Committee is new and there is significant interest in Ireland being the first country to be involved with this procedure.

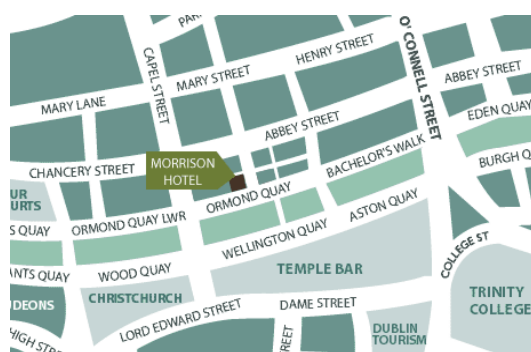
Guest speakers include **Natalie Prouvez**, Secretary to the CERD Committee, who will outline the next steps in the process and the role of the CERD rapporteur in monitoring progress.

Martin Collins from Pavee Point and **Benedicta Attoh** from the NGO Alliance will provide feedback and impressions of their interaction with the CERD Committee in Geneva in 2005 during Ireland's first review by the Committee. **Garrett Byrne** will outline the Department of Justice's involvement in the next stage of the CERD process.

Lucy Gaffney on behalf of the Strategic Monitoring Group on the National Action Plan Against Racism will provide an update on progress under the National Action Plan.

9 – 9.30 a.m.	Registration, Tea and Coffee Introduction and welcome: Anastasia Crickley , Chairperson NCCRI
9.40am Informing the next stage of CERD	Chair: Alpha Connelly , Irish Human Rights Commission Martin Collins , Pavee Point, and Benedicta Attoh , NGO Alliance, Report back on experience of involvement in CERD reporting procedure including development of Shadow Report and appearing before CERD Committee. Natalie Prouvez , Secretary of the CERD Committee, will focus on the post-reporting stage including the role of the Rapporteur appointed by CERD. Garrett Byrne , Department of Justice proposal to implement the next stage of the CERD process.
11.15am	Tea and Coffee
11.45am National Action Plan Against Racism	Chair: Philip Watt , Director, NCCRI Lucy Gaffney , Chair of the Strategic Monitoring Group of the National Action Plan Against Racism, will brief the seminar on developments and progress under the National Action Plan.

Location of the Morrison Hotel:



Please email info@nccri.ie or info@ihrc.ie by Tuesday 7th February if you are interested in attending.