

UN special rapporteur to assess health rights in Ghana

ACCRA: Special rapporteur Anand Grover will visit Ghana from 23-30 May 2011 to assess the country's endeavours to implement the right to health, as well as the measures taken for its successful realisation and the obstacles encountered both at the national and international levels.

"I will focus on the enjoyment of the right to health, including access to health care and underlying determinants of health, sexual and reproductive health rights, and on mental and environmental health-related issues," Grover said, announcing the first visit to Ghana by an independent expert designated by the UN Human Rights Council to report on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health.

The special rapporteur, who visits Ghana at the invitation of the government, will meet with government officials as well as with civil society representatives, including non-governmental organisations and academics. He will present a report on his mission to the Human Rights Council in June 2012.

Grover will share his preliminary conclusions on the visit at a press conference on Monday, 30 May at 12pm, at the UNDP Conference Room, Ring Road East, Accra.

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