

**POST GRADUATE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND  
DUTIES EDUCATION**

**THIRD SEMESTER – ELECTIVE PAPER II**

**SUBJECT: REGIONAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATION**

**Object:**

The notion of regions acquired significance a in the post UN era due to the liberation of the Afro-Asian, Latin American states. Regionalism at the international level contributed to the development of the major sources that is Human Rights Law, supplemented by the international and national Human Rights instruments. The basic idea of the “Unity and security for the people of the region” has resulted in evoking of the elementary values of Human Rights in future. The quest for justice among the region has also resulted in the establishment of many such Regional Judicial bodies, example include that of the European Court of Human Rights, and that of the African Court of Human Rights. This paper aims at introducing the evolution of the Principles of Human Rights adopted and instituted by such regions such established regional mechanisms also to provide the substantive and procedural aspects various dispute settlement bodies therein. It also attempts to address the challenges contained and the realities to be adopted.

**UNIT I: EUROPE**

1.1 The Council of Europe—instruments.

- European Convention on Human Rights.
- European Court of human Rights.
- Additional Protocols of the Convention.
- European Social Charter.

1.2 The Council of Europe –Convention and Remedies.

1.3 The Economic Commission for Europe.

1.4 The European Union.

**UNIT II: THE AMERICAS**

2.1 The Inter American Convention of Human rights.

2.2 The Inter American Convention on Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Persons with Disability.

2.3 The Inter American Commission on Human rights.

2.4 The American Court of Human rights.

**UNIT III: AFRICA**

3.1 African Human rights Instruments.

3.2 African Charter on Human and People Rights, 1981.

3.3 African Commission on Human and People Rights.

3.4 African Charter on Rights and welfare of the Child, 1990.

## **UNIT IV: ASIA**

4.1 Regional Seminar and Meetings.

4.2 Asia and Pacific Decade for Person with Disability (1993-2002).

4.3 International Convention to Protect and Promote the Rights and Dignity of Person with Disability.

4.4 Arab Regional Meeting on Norms and Standard related to Development and the Rights of Person with Disability.

## **UNIT V: OTHER REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.**

5.1 The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and Pacific.

5.2 The Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia.

5.3 The Economic Commission for Africa.

5.4 The Economic Commission for Latin America.

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2. Ian Brownlie-Guy S. Goodwill-Gill—Basic Documents on Human Rights—5<sup>th</sup> edition.
3. European Convention on Human Rights (1950)—basic text.
4. D.Lawsons—Encyclopaedia of Human Rights, 1996.
5. Rhone K.M. Smith—Text book on International Human Rights.

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