

The protection of civic space for civil society organizations in the health sector serving marginalized communities

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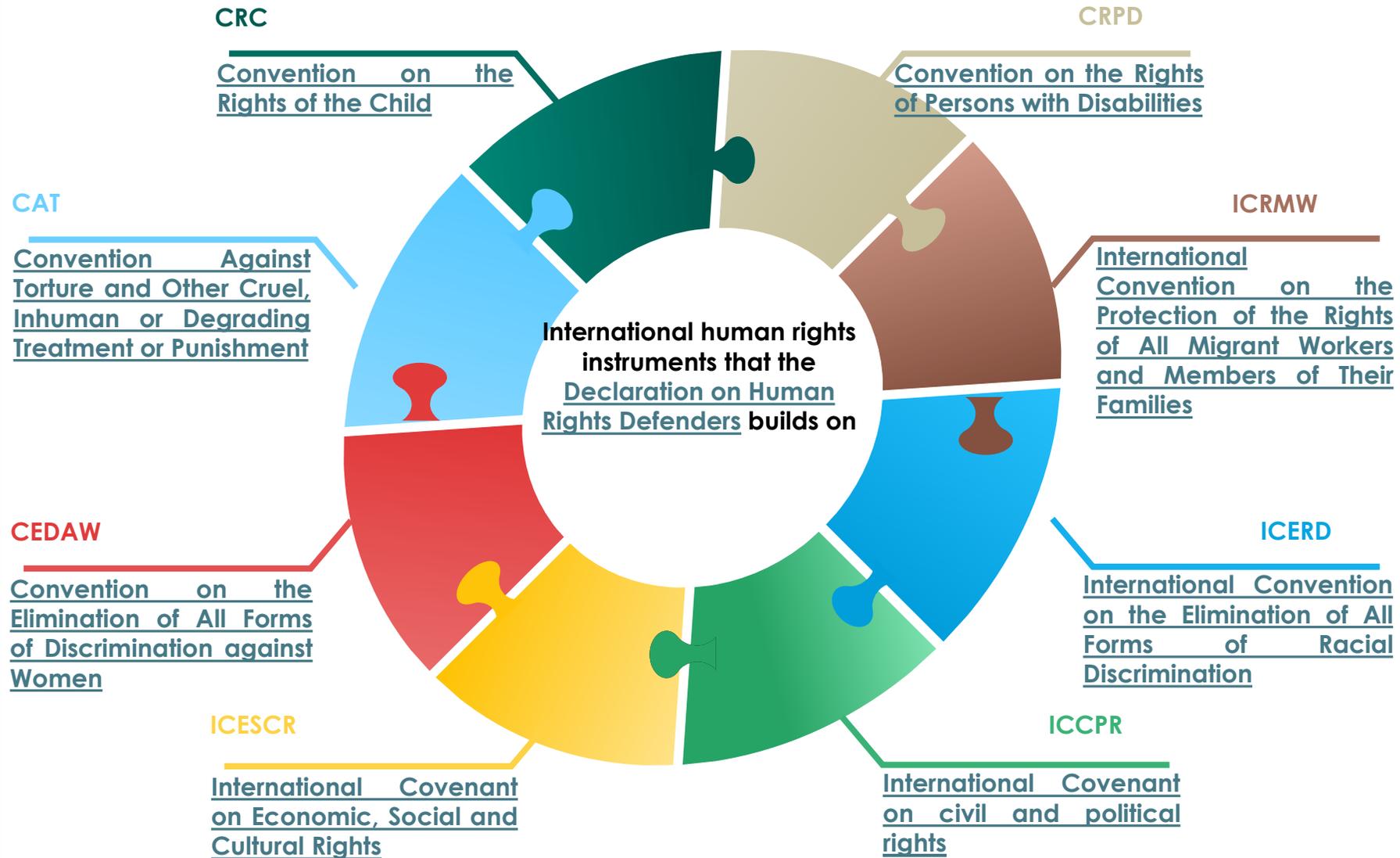
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Protecting the civic space

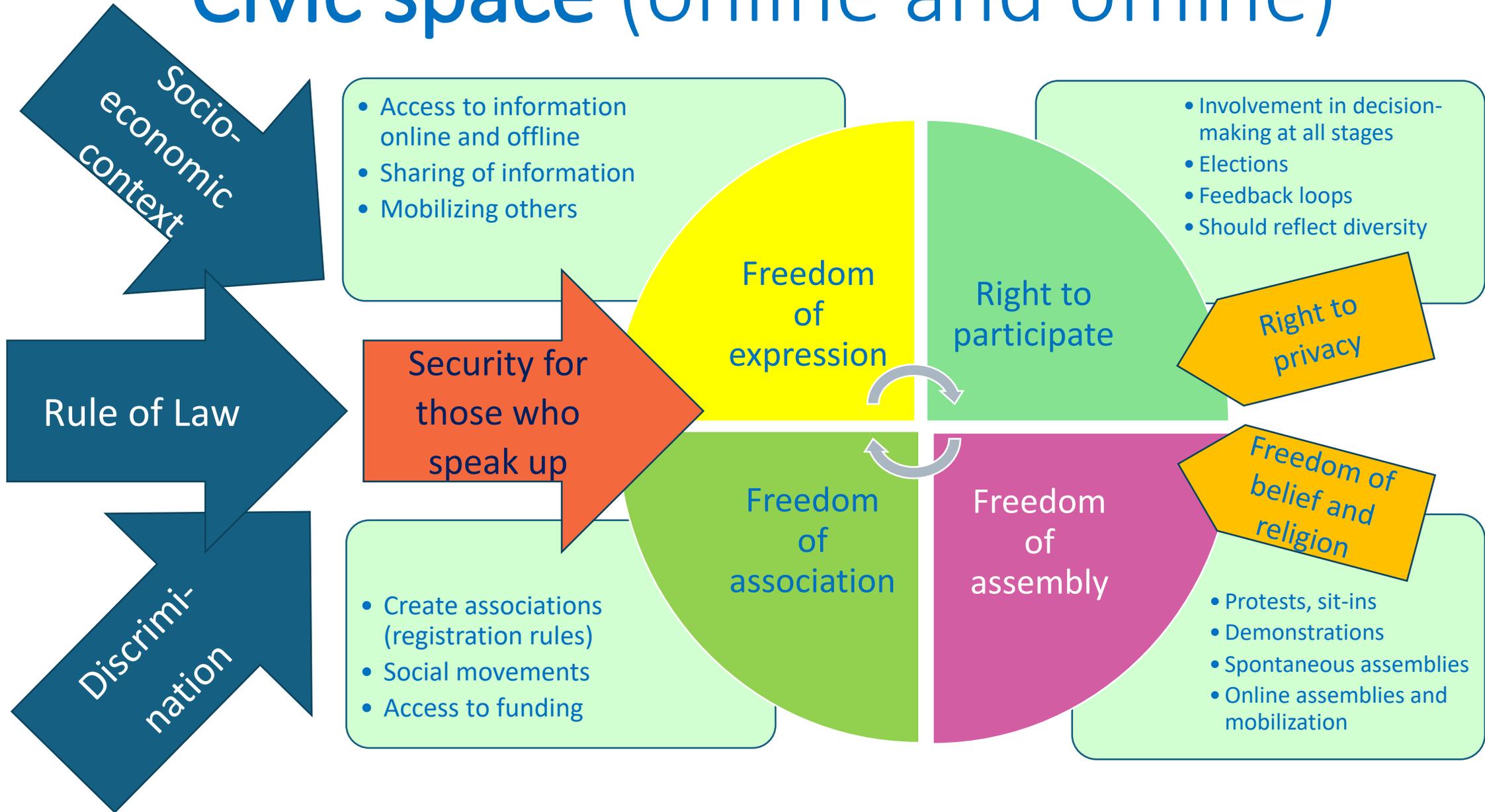
WHAT DO WE MEAN BY CIVIC SPACE? (Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on Civil society space, [A/HRC/57/31](#))

- Civic space is the environment that enables people and groups to participate meaningfully in the political, economic, social and cultural life of their societies.
- Civil society actors must be able to express themselves freely and in full security, and to effect change peacefully and effectively.
- Any restrictions on this space must comply with international human rights law.

Treaties building on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights



Civic space (online and offline)



Civic space and health care for marginalized groups

- Report of the Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health, Ms. Tlaleng Mofokeng: Drug use, harm reduction and the right to health (A/HRC/56/52), 30 April 2024.
- Report of the Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health, Ms. Tlaleng Mofokeng: Health and care workers: the oath takers and defenders of the right to health (A/80/184) 17 July 2025.

OHCHR Engagement on civic space in the region

- Kyrgyzstan: <https://www.ohchr.org/en/documents/thematic-reports/public-report-impact-law-non-commercial-organizations-civil-society>