

## **Preface**

This is Norway's 21th/22nd report to the United Nations on Norway's implementation of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (ICERD). The report covers the period 2009 – 2013 and was completed in September 2013. The report consists of two separate reports, the CERD specific report, and the Common Core Document. Both are included here. The Common Core Document will be updated in 2014.

In accordance with the guidelines for preparing periodic reports, we have sought to keep the report as short as possible. The report follows the structure of the Articles of the Convention and the reporting guidelines. Our aim has been to describe the changes that have been made since the last report, and we have referred to previous reports wherever this is appropriate.

In the fall of 2012, the Ministry of Children, Equality and Social Inclusion asked the other Ministries to contribute to the report, relating to their particular spheres of responsibility. On the basis of the input from the Ministries, a draft report was prepared and circulated for comments from The Sami Parliament, a wide range of civil society organisations and the Equality and Anti-Discrimination Ombud in the spring of 2013.

The Government has granted NOK 200 000 to the preparation of a shadow report from the civil society. The Norwegian Centre against Racism has been commissioned to coordinate and prepare the so-called shadow report.

This report is published electronically on the web-site of the Norwegian Ministry of Children, Equality and Social Inclusion, see:

<http://www.regjeringen.no/nb/dep/bld/tema/likestilling-og-diskriminering/etnisk-diskriminering.html?id=670393>