Proposed Steps to Initiate the Implementation of the International Year of Human Rights Learning :

- Coordinated by the NGO Committee on Human Rights, with the experience of PDHRE People's Movement for Human Rights Learning, an *ad hoc* secretariat will identify five countries in each of five regions, with good histories of human rights activism. The secretariat will contact and coordinate meetings in New York of the ambassadors from the 25 countries identified. The secretariat will include UN Ambassadors from five regions, along with representatives from two or three Donor Countries, and consultants with both academic and grassroots organizing experience in human rights, community mobilization, education, political economy, sociology, anthropology, and the media. The secretariat will act as a guiding force to set up the steps of an ongoing international process to implement the International Year of Human Rights Learning.
- The secretariat will be responsible for fund raising, development of the regional platforms and ongoing international networking (with a view of developing a long, 10- to 15- year process where all people around the world will know more about human rights as a way of life).
- Each group of five countries will be called upon to form regional platforms/working groups that will include regional civil society representatives, local consultants with both academic and grassroots organizing experience in human rights, community mobilization, education, political economy, sociology, anthropology, and in the media, and the five governments' representatives.
- In each of the five regions the platforms will carry out a [comprehensive] workshop in which its participants will plan ways and means to facilitate the learning about human rights as a way of life at the community level.
- The regional working groups will select [process to choose] to choose six community leaders from each of the five countries in the region, for a total of 30 participants—those who will be expected to lead the learning about human rights in their communities. The overall composition of the participants in the each of the regional workshops will include several who are already working in existing programs and in outreach activities, such as activists in the Human Rights Cities, and local community leaders with a broad constituency. (To develop a support base, a minimum of two participants will be selected from a community.)
- The duration and other logistic and strategic matters of the workshops will be decided by each regional working group.
- The regional workshops, to be held by September/October 2009, are to reflect the socio-cultural particularities of each region concerned.
- Objectives and goals of the workshops will include: knowledge sharing, strategic development, grant proposal workshops, forms of monitoring and evaluation, and setting expected outcomes. The first YEAR's initiatives will serve as models and as case studies to be replicated and further developed in the future in additional regions, countries and communities.
- During the planning of the workshops, particular attention will be given to existing Human Rights Cities and existing initiatives for launching Human Rights Learning programs at community levels.
- IEC materials and manuals (written and/or audio visual) will be gathered and/or developed both at the international and regional level. These will be scrutinized to assure that the learning process is practical and relevant to the concerns of the learners. Ongoing evaluation of these materials will be an integral part of the program. Special attention will be given to radio and cultural activities and the possible development of national "Traveling House of Learning".
- By November 2009, in accordance with the Resolutions, the five regional working groups in collaboration with the International Working Group, will report to the SG at the 64th General Assembly on the accomplishments, findings, and new initiatives.

Please note: after 20 years in the field, facilitating the development of more than 20 Human Rights Cities, and outreach to more than 60 countries, the network of PDHRE members could serve the secretariat.