

## Find what matters with Uwazi

An open-source information management solution for the human rights community

Human rights groups are often confronted with enormous amounts of data and information, accumulating years' or even decades' worth of facts, observations, testimonies, research and materials that support the case for change.

To address this challenge, the open-source human rights documentation tool Uwazi was launched in 2017. Uwazi, which means 'openness' in Swahili, is a flexible web-based database application designed for human rights defenders to manage their collections of information, including documents, evidence, cases and complaints. More recently, Uwazi started to leverage machine learning to make human rights information even more accessible.

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## What can you do with Uwazi?



## **Collect & Categorise**

- Capture and organise raw data, including text, documents, images and video.
- Add context to your information.
- Create templates to categorise and retrieve items.
- Use relationships to track complex cases.

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Store & Analyse

- Store large amounts of information.
- Decide what information you share with the public.
- Search and filter for subsets of information.
- Analyse your content by displaying it in tables, graphs and maps.

Collaborate & Protect

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Assess & Showcase

your collection.

matters.

formats.

Tell stories with your

data and show what

Export your information

into commonly used

Share it privately for

accountability

purposes.

advocacy, litigation and

• Build a public version of

- Receive information through public submission forms.
- Choose what you share with each collaborator or team.
- Ensure your information is safe by keeping an eye on all changes made.
- Protect your accounts with an extra security layer.

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## PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

### Justice Watch Archive

"We believe this will significantly help in delivering and verifying the information, identifying the victims closely and showing their own narratives, and, thus, shedding more light on the perpetrators and the places where they have committed their crimes."

#### – Ahmed Mefreh

Human rights lawyer and Executive Director of the Committee for Justice, who developed the Justice Watch Archive to document human rights violations in the context of the Egyptian justice system



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### COLLECTIONS

#### 300+ Uwazi collections and growing!

At the moment, more than 150 human rights organisations across the globe are using Uwazi as a database tool – some for more than one collection. That brings the total to more than 300 public and private Uwazi databases.

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## What is Uwazi used for?

To date, Uwazi has been used by for the following purposes:

- Preserving evidence related to an ongoing situation
- Managing complaints or cases for strategic litigation
- Compiling libraries of law, jurisprudence, reports or academic works
- Investigating a trove of public-interest documents
- Building an archive that preserves collective memory
- Monitoring and recording progress around policy implementation
- Collecting and sharing open-access educational resources
- Showcasing digitised art pieces or museum objects
- Cataloguing a collection of campaign or advocacy materials

## Who can use Uwazi?

Uwazi can be customised for a variety of needs and users. The following groups of people are already using Uwazi in a number of ways:

- Human rights defenders
- Journalists
- Academics and researchers
- Museum workers and art curators
- Librarians and archivists
- Educators
- Lawyers
- Open knowledge activists

### PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

## Case management and monitoring of violations against migrants, refugees and asylum seekers

"Uwazi is helping us to improve case management, supervision and reporting, as we have detailed control based on the structure of our data collection and documentation tools. It also allows us to focus our documentation on the persons, which is an essential aspect of our psycho-legal accompaniment model. The management of the content, the use of filters, downloading, analysis and generation of indicators, contribute to strengthening our documentation model."

#### – Mavi Cruz Reyes

Centro de Derechos Humanos Fray Matías de Córdoba (FrayMa), who works on issues affecting the human rights of migrants, refugees and asylum seekers in Central America



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## Interested in Uwazi?

#### Who creates Uwazi?

Uwazi is developed by an in-house team of software engineers at HURIDOCS, a global NGO, and we're adding new features on a regular basis.

#### Get in touch!

Want to know how we can work together? Get in touch with us at **hello@huridocs.org** 

#### Support our work

Want to support a community-driven open-source tool to preserve truth and pursue justice? **Donate to HURIDOCS**.

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