

Three-year programme of work of the Human Rights Council for 2024 - 2026¹

¹ The programme of work covers the 55th to the 63rd regular sessions to be held during the period from 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2026. It contains reporting and other mandates specifically indicated in the resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council and the General Assembly until 28 February 2024. It is an evolving document to be updated further according to the resolutions and decisions of the Human Rights Council and the General Assembly to be adopted from 29 February 2024 onwards. Exact wording of titles is subject to change.

2024

56th session² (18 June - 12 July 2024)

PANEL DISCUSSIONS

ITEM 3

- Annual full-day discussion on the human rights of women (two panels, theme: TBD) (HRC res. 6/30 and 53/27) [*two accessible panels*]
- Annual panel discussion on the adverse impacts of climate change on human rights (theme: Ensuring livelihood resilience in the context of the risk of loss and damage relating to the adverse effects of climate change) (HRC res. 50/9 and 53/6) [*accessible panel*]
- Quadrennial thematic panel discussion on promoting human rights through sport and the Olympic ideal (theme: Promoting inclusiveness in and through sports) (HRC res. 37/18) [*accessible panel*]

ITEM 10

- Annual thematic panel discussion on technical cooperation and capacity-building (theme: Enhancing technical cooperation and capacity-building in the implementation of universal periodic review recommendations) (HRC res. 18/18 and 54/28)

INTERACTIVE DIALOGUES

ITEM 2

- ID on the annual report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (GA res. 48/141)³
- ID on the report of the ongoing Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and Israel (HRC res. S-30/1)
- ID on the report of the HC on the situation of human rights in Myanmar, including of Rohingya Muslims and other minorities (HRC res. 50/3)
- ID on the report of the SR on the situation of human rights in Eritrea (HRC res. 53/2)
- Enhanced ID on the report of the SR on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan, on the phenomenon of an institutionalized system of discrimination, segregation, disrespect for human dignity and exclusion of women and girls (HRC res. 54/1)
- ID on the oral update of the Independent international fact-finding mission for the Sudan (HRC res. 54/2)

ITEM 3

- ID on the report of the SR on the promotion and protection of human rights in the context of climate change (HRC res. 48/14)
- ID on the report of the SR on the human rights of internally displaced persons (HRC res. 50/6)
- ID on the report of the SR on violence against women and girls, its causes and consequences (HRC res. 50/7)
- ID on the report of the IE on protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity (HRC res. 50/10)
- ID on the report of the SR on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association (HRC res. 50/17)
- ID on the report of the WG on discrimination against women and girls (HRC res. 50/18)
- ID on the report of the SR on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health (HRC res. 51/21)
- ID on the report of the SR on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression (HRC res. 52/9)

² No general debates will be held at this session in accordance with President's statements PRST OS/13/1 and OS/17/1.

³ Annual report of the HC to be presented at HRC56 in accordance with President's statements PRST OS/13/1 and OS/17/1.

- ID on the report of the SR on the human rights of migrants (HRC res. 52/20)⁴
- ID on the report of the WG on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises (HRC res. 53/3)
- ID on the report of the SR on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions (HRC res. 53/4)
- ID on the report of the IE on human rights and international solidarity (HRC res. 53/5)
- ID on the report of the SR on the right to education (HRC res. 53/7)
- ID on the report of the SR on the elimination of discrimination against persons affected by leprosy (Hansen's disease) and their family members (HRC res. 53/8)
- ID on the report of the SR on trafficking in persons, especially women and children (HRC res. 53/9)
- ID on the report of the SR on extreme poverty and human rights (HRC res. 53/10)
- ID on the report of the SR on the independence of judges and lawyers (HRC res. 53/12)
- ID on the report of OHCHR mapping the work and recommendations of the HRC, OHCHR, the treaty bodies and the special procedures of the Human Rights Council in the field of human rights and new and emerging digital technologies, including artificial intelligence (HRC res. 53/29)

ITEM 4

- ID on the comprehensive report of the HC on the situation of human rights in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela (HRC res. 51/29)
- ID on the report of the SR on the situation of human rights in Belarus (HRC res. 53/19)
- ID on the oral update of the SR on the situation of human rights in Burundi (HRC res. 54/20)

ITEM 9

- ID on the report of the SR on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, and on combating glorification of Nazism, neo-Nazism and other practices that contribute to fuelling contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance (HRC res. 52/36 and GA res. 78/190)

ITEM 10

- ID on the report of OHCHR on technical assistance and capacity-building to improve human rights in Libya (HRC res. 52/41)
- ID on the oral update of the HC on the findings of the OHCHR report on the situation of human rights in Ukraine (HRC res. 53/30) and on the interim report of the SG on the situation of human rights in the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine, including the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol (GA res. 78/221)
- ID on the report of the HC on enhancement of technical cooperation and capacity-building in the field of human rights in Colombia to implement the recommendations of the Commission for the Clarification of Truth, Coexistence and Non-Repetition (HRC res. 53/22)
- ID on the oral update of the IE on the situation of human rights in the Central African Republic (HRC res. 54/31)

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS OF THE WORKING GROUP ON THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (ITEM 6)

Consideration of the reports of the WG on the Universal Periodic Review (forty-fifth session):

Belize, Central African Republic, Chad, China, Congo, Jordan, Malaysia, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia, Senegal

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS AND ORAL UPDATES OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL / HIGH COMMISSIONER / OHCHR AND HRC SUBSIDIARY BODIES, AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

REPORTS AND UPDATES OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL / HIGH COMMISSIONER / OHCHR

ITEM 2

- Oral update of the HC on the situation of human rights in Nicaragua (HRC res. 52/2)

⁴The latest mandate extension decided in res. 52/20 was effective as from HRC53 for three years.

- Report of OHCHR on the feasibility study on developing an integrated and accessible digital information and knowledge management system related to the Human Rights Council's tools and activities (HRC PRST OS/17/1)
- Interim report of the SG on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran (GA res. 78/220)

ITEM 3

- Oral report of OHCHR on the implementation of the United Nations Disability Inclusion Strategy across its programmes and operations (HRC res. 49/12)
- Analytical study of OHCHR on key challenges regarding the human rights dimension of access to medicines and vaccines in the context of the right of everyone to the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health *[also in an accessible and easy-to-read format]* (HRC res. 50/13)
- Report of the HC on human rights challenges and good practices in relation to international and regional cooperation and coordination efforts and the implementation of national and subnational laws, policies, programmes and other initiatives to address cross-border and transnational female genital mutilation (HRC res. 50/16)
- Report of OHCHR on a half-day intersessional workshop on good practices and recent developments in the implementation of the right to conscientious objection to military service in law and in practice *[also in an accessible and readable format]* (HRC res. 51/6)
- Report of OHCHR on countering cyberbullying against persons with disabilities *[also in an accessible and Easy Read format]* (HRC res. 51/10)
- Report of OHCHR on a one-day expert meeting on enhancing capacity-building for local governments to incorporate human rights into all their work, as a basis for developing guidance tools on human rights education for local governments, held on 28 August 2023 (HRC res. 51/12)
- Summary report of OHCHR on the annual half-day panel discussion on the rights of Indigenous Peoples, held at HRC54 *[also in an easy-to-read version and in an accessible format]* (HRC res. 51/18)
- Report of OHCHR on the role of public service delivery in the promotion and protection of human rights and in the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals *[also in an accessible and easy-to-read format]* (HRC res. 52/8)
- Summary report of the Chair/OHCHR on the sixth intersessional meeting for dialogue and cooperation on human rights and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, to be held on 18 January 2024 (HRC res. 52/14)
- Report of the HC on the year-long programme of activities in commemoration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the thirtieth anniversary of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action *[also in an accessible format]* (HRC res. 52/19)
- Report of the HC on a one-day intersessional expert meeting on the obstacles to the repatriation of funds of illicit origin to the countries of origin and their impact on the enjoyment of human rights *[also in an accessible and easy-to-read format]* (HRC res. 52/21)
- Summary report of OHCHR on the HRC intersessional panel discussion on human rights challenges in addressing and countering all aspects of the world drug problem, to be held on 5 February 2024 (HRC res. 52/24)
- Report of OHCHR on the panel discussion on countering religious hatred constituting incitement to discrimination, hostility or violence, to be held at HRC55 (HRC res. 53/1)
- Report of the HC on the work of OHCHR in the implementation and enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights (HRC res. 53/11)
- Report of the HC on challenges and best practices in regularly assessing civic space trends and recommendations with a view to enhancing information-gathering on civic space (HRC res. 53/13)
- Analytical report of OHCHR on the impact of arms transfers, including the diversion of arms and unregulated or illicit arms transfers, on the enjoyment of human rights (HRC res. 53/15)
- Summary report of OHCHR on the annual full-day discussion on the human rights of women, held at HRC53 *[also in accessible formats, including easy-to-read and plain language formats]* (HRC res. 6/30 and 53/27)

- Report of OHCHR containing a compilation of best practices in the contribution of development to the promotion and protection of all human rights in the context of recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic *[also in an accessible and easy-to-read format]* (HRC res. 53/28)

ITEM 4

- Written update of the HC on the situation of human rights in Myanmar (HRC res. 52/31)

ITEM 6

- Report of OHCHR on the operations of the Voluntary Fund for Participation in the Universal Periodic Review (HRC dec. 17/119)
- Report of OHCHR on the operations of the Voluntary Fund for Financial and Technical Assistance in the Implementation of the Universal Periodic Review (HRC dec. 17/119)

ITEM 10

- Report of OHCHR on enhancing coordination among States, the Office and other relevant stakeholders to support States' efforts to implement universal periodic review recommendations through technical cooperation (HRC res. 54/28)

REPORTS OF SUBSIDIARY BODIES OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL AND OTHER REPORTS

ITEM 2

- Report of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women on the activities of the United Nations trust fund in support of actions to eliminate violence against women (GA res. 50/166)

ITEM 5

- Report on the twelfth session of the Forum on Business and Human Rights (HRC res. 17/4 and 53/3)

OTHER ACTIVITIES

ITEM 1

- Adoption of the programme of work for the session
 - Selection and appointment of mandate holders
 - Adoption of the report on the session
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2024

57th session (9 September - 9 October 2024)

PANEL DISCUSSIONS

ITEM 3

- Annual half-day panel discussion on the rights of Indigenous Peoples (theme: Laws, policies, judicial decisions and other measures that States have taken, consistent with article 38 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, to achieve the ends of the Declaration) (HRC res. 18/8 and 54/12) [*accessible panel*]
- Biennial panel discussion on the right to development (theme: TBD) (HRC res. 42/23 and 54/18) [*accessible panel*]
- Panel discussion on accessible, inclusive, equitable and quality education for peace and tolerance for every child, especially children in the most vulnerable situations (HRC res. 54/5) [*accessible panel*]
- Panel discussion on the implementation of States' obligations under relevant provisions of international human rights law on the role of the family in supporting the protection and promotion of human rights of its members, challenges and best practices in this regard (HRC res. 54/17) [*accessible panel*]
- Panel discussion on the reinforcement of the work to promote and protect economic, social and cultural rights within the context of addressing inequalities (HRC res. 54/22)

ITEM 8

- Annual discussion on the integration of a gender perspective throughout the work of the Human Rights Council and that of its mechanisms (theme: TBD) (HRC res. 6/30)

INTERACTIVE DIALOGUES

ITEM 2

- ID on the report of the Independent Investigative Mechanism for Myanmar (HRC res. 39/2 (and 49/23))
- ID on the comprehensive report of OHCHR on the situation of human rights in Sri Lanka, including further options for advancing accountability (HRC res. 51/1)
- ID on the comprehensive and gender-responsive report of the HC on the situation of human rights in Nicaragua (HRC res. 52/2)
- Enhanced ID on the comprehensive report of OHCHR including a stocktaking of accountability options and processes for human rights violations and abuses in Afghanistan and on the oral update of the SR on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan (HRC res. 54/1)
- Enhanced ID on the comprehensive report of the Independent international fact-finding mission for the Sudan, with the participation of the HC⁵, representatives of the African Union and the Special Adviser to the SG on the Prevention of Genocide (HRC res. 54/2)

ITEM 3

- ID on the report of the Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development (HRC res. 42/23 (and 54/18))
- ID on the report of the IE on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons (HRC res. 51/4)
- ID on the report of the SR on the right to development (HRC res. 51/7)
- ID on the report of the WG on Arbitrary Detention (HRC res. 51/8)
- ID on the report of the WG on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination (HRC res. 51/13 (and 54/3))
- ID on the report of the SR on contemporary forms of slavery, including its causes and consequences (HRC res. 51/15)
- ID on the report of the SR on the rights of Indigenous Peoples (HRC res. 51/16)

⁵ With the assistance of the designated Expert on human rights in the Sudan, unless the mandate of the designated Expert concludes before this session (HRC res. S-32/1 and 50/1).

- ID on the report of the SR on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation (HRC res. 51/19)
- ID on the analytical study of the SG on the impact of loss and damage from the adverse effects of climate change on the full enjoyment of human rights [*also in accessible formats, including in easy-to-read version*] (HRC res. 53/6)
- ID on the report of the IE on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order (HRC res. 54/4)
- ID on the report of the SR on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence (HRC res. 54/8)
- ID on the report of the WG on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas (HRC res. 54/9)
- ID on the report of the SR on the implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes (HRC res. 54/10)
- ID on the report of the WG on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances (HRC res. 54/14)
- ID on the report of the SR on the negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights (HRC res. 54/15)
- ID on the report of OHCHR on challenges and risks with regard to discrimination and unequal enjoyment of the right to privacy associated with the collection and processing of data (HRC res. 54/21)

ITEM 4

- ID on the report of the independent international fact-finding mission on the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela (HRC res. 51/29)
- ID on the comprehensive report of the HC on the situation of human rights in Myanmar (HRC res. 52/31)
- ID on the comprehensive report of the SR on the situation of human rights in Burundi (HRC res. 54/20)
- ID on the comprehensive report of the SR on the situation of human rights in the Russian Federation (HRC res. 54/23)

ITEM 5

- ID on the report of the HRC Advisory Committee on its thirty-first and thirty-second sessions (HRC res. 16/21)
- ID on the annual report on the work of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (HRC res. 33/25)
- ID on the report of the SG on cooperation with the United Nations, its representatives and mechanisms in the field of human rights (HRC res. 12/2 and 36/21 (and 54/24))

ITEM 9

- Enhanced ID on the report of the HC on the promotion and protection of the human rights and fundamental freedoms of Africans and of people of African descent against excessive use of force and other human rights violations by law enforcement officers through transformative change for racial justice and equality (HRC res. 47/21)
- ID on the report of the Permanent Forum on People of African Descent on its third session (GA res. 75/314 and HRC res. 54/27)
- ID on the report of the WG of Experts on People of African Descent (HRC res. 54/26)
- ID on the report of the Group of Independent Eminent Experts on its ninth and tenth sessions and activities (HRC res. 54/27)

ITEM 10

- Enhanced ID on the report of OHCHR on addressing the challenges and barriers to the full realization and enjoyment of the human rights of the people of the Marshall Islands, stemming from the State's nuclear legacy (HRC res. 51/35)
- ID on the oral update of the HC on the findings of the OHCHR report on the situation of human rights in Ukraine (HRC res. 53/30)

- ID on the report of the HC on penitentiary system, security and justice: enhancement of technical cooperation and capacity-building to protect human rights in Honduras (HRC res. 54/30)
- ID on the report of the IE on the situation of human rights in the Central African Republic (HRC res. 54/31)
- ID on the report of the IE on the situation of human rights in Somalia (HRC res. 54/32)
- Enhanced ID on the comprehensive report of the HC on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and on the final report of the team of international experts in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (HRC res. 54/34)
- ID on the report of the SR on the situation of human rights in Cambodia (HRC res. 54/36)

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS OF THE WORKING GROUP ON THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (ITEM 6)

Consideration of the reports of the WG on the Universal Periodic Review (forty-sixth session):

Afghanistan, Cambodia, Chile, Comoros, Cyprus, Dominican Republic, Eritrea, New Zealand, North Macedonia, Slovakia, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Viet Nam, Yemen

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS AND ORAL UPDATES OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL / HIGH COMMISSIONER / OHCHR AND HRC SUBSIDIARY BODIES, AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

REPORTS AND UPDATES OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL / HIGH COMMISSIONER / OHCHR

ITEM 2

- Oral update by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (GA res. 48/141)
- Report of the HC on implementation of Human Rights Council resolution 31/36 (HRC res. 53/25)

ITEM 3

- Yearly supplement of the SG to his quinquennial report on capital punishment / report of the SG on the question of the death penalty (HRC dec. 18/117, res. 22/11 and 54/35)
- Consolidated report of the SG and the HC on the right to development (HRC res. 54/18 and GA res. 78/203)
- Annual report of the HC on the rights of Indigenous Peoples (HRC res. 54/12) [*also in plain language and Easy Read formats*]
- Study of OHCHR on the role of the rule of law and accountability on the national and international levels in the prevention of human rights violations and abuses (HRC res. 51/14)
- Study of the HC on the solutions to promote digital education for young people and to ensure their protection from online threats (HRC res. 51/17)
- Report of the HC on terrorism and human rights (HRC res. 51/24)
- Summary report of the HC on the half-day expert workshop, in an accessible format, to showcase best practices in the promotion of equal nationality rights in law and in practice, to be held before HRC56 (HRC res. 53/16)
- Summary report of OHCHR on the half-day intersessional panel discussion, accessible to persons with disabilities, on avenues to prevent and address human rights violations and abuses against migrants in transit and to ensure access to justice for victims and family members (HRC res. 53/24)
- Plan of action for the fifth phase of the World Programme for Human Rights Education (2025-2029) - OHCHR report (HRC res. 54/7)
- Stocktaking report of OHCHR compiling existing procedures on the participation of Indigenous Peoples at the United Nations and highlighting existing gaps and good practices (HRC res. 54/12)
- Summary report of OHCHR on the conclusions and recommendations of the OHCHR expert meeting on the human rights obligations of States regarding violence against and abuse and neglect of older persons in all settings (HRC res. 54/13) [*also in accessible formats, including plain language and Easy Read*]
- Report of the HC on the impact of climate change on the realization of the equal enjoyment of the right to education by every girl (HRC res. 54/19)

ITEM 8

- Report of the SG on national human rights institutions (HRC res. 51/31) - biennial report
- Report of the SG on the activities of the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions in accrediting national institutions in compliance with the Paris Principles (HRC res. 51/31) - biennial report

ITEM 9

- Summary report of the HC on the HRC intersessional high-level panel discussion on the incompatibility between democracy and racism, to be held before HRC56 (HRC res. 53/21)
- Expert study of OHCHR to take stock of how the work of the different treaty bodies has contributed to the implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, to make recommendations on how to address the challenges identified (HRC res. 54/27)

ITEM 10

- Summary report of OHCHR on the 2023 and 2024 intersessional seminars on the experiences and good practices relating to the establishment and development of national mechanisms for implementation, reporting and follow-up (HRC res. 51/33)
- Report of the HC on the implementation of technical assistance and capacity-building for Yemen in the field of human rights (HRC res. 54/29)
- Report of the SG on the role and achievements of OHCHR in assisting the Government and the people of Cambodia in the promotion and protection of human rights (HRC res. 54/36)

REPORTS OF SUBSIDIARY BODIES OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL AND OTHER REPORTS

ITEM 2

- Oral update of the Group of Human Rights Experts on Nicaragua (HRC res. 52/2)

ITEM 3

- Report of the WG on the Right to Development on its twenty-fifth session (HRC res. 9/3 and 51/7)
- Briefing by the President of the Economic and Social Council on the discussions of the high-level political forum (HRC res. 37/25)
- Briefing by the Chair of the Peacebuilding Commission on the work of the Commission (HRC res. 45/31)
- Study of the HRC Advisory Committee on the impact, opportunities and challenges of neurotechnology with regard to the promotion and protection of all human rights *[also in an accessible format, including an easy-to-read version]* (HRC res. 51/3)
- Report of the open-ended IGWG to elaborate the content of an international regulatory framework relating to the activities of private military and security companies on its fifth session (HRC res. 54/11)

ITEM 5

- Annual study of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (HRC res. 33/25)
- Report of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples on good practices and lessons learned regarding efforts to achieve the ends of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (HRC res. 33/25)
- Report of the WG on Situations on its thirty-second and thirty-third sessions (HRC res. 5/1) *[restricted documents considered in a closed meeting]*

ITEM 9

- Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Elaboration of Complementary Standards on its fourteenth session (HRC dec. 3/103 and HRC res. 10/30, 34/36 and 54/27)

OTHER ACTIVITIES

ITEM 1

- Adoption of the programme of work for the session
- Selection and appointment of mandate holders
- Adoption of the report on the session

- Election of HRC Advisory Committee members (HRC dec. 18/121)
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2024

Intersessional activities of the Human Rights Council

ITEM 2

- ID on the oral update of the HC on the situation of human rights in Nicaragua (HRC res. 52/2) - *date to be determined (to be held before the end of 2024)*

ITEM 3

- Sixth intersessional meeting for dialogue and cooperation on human rights and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (HRC res. 52/14) - *18 January 2024 [full-day accessible meeting]*
- Intersessional panel discussion on human rights challenges in addressing and countering all aspects of the world drug problem (HRC res. 52/24) - *5 February 2024 [accessible panel]*
- Two two-day intersessional meetings on concrete ways to enhance the participation of Indigenous Peoples in the work of the Human Rights Council (HRC res. 54/12) [*two accessible meetings of two days each*] - *dates to be determined (to be held, respectively, before HRC57 and before HRC58)*

ITEM 9

- Intersessional high-level panel discussion on the incompatibility between democracy and racism (HRC res. 53/21) - *date to be determined (to be held before HRC56)*

ITEM 10

- ID on the oral update of the HC on the findings of the OHCHR report on the situation of human rights in Ukraine (HRC res. 53/30) - *date to be determined (to be held before the end of 2024)*

Organizational session for the nineteenth cycle (9 December 2024)

ITEM 1

- Election of the members of the HRC Bureau (HRC res. 5/1)
 - Comprehensive update of the Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva on the actual and envisaged resources for conference services provided to the Human Rights Council (PRST OS/12/1 and OS/17/1)
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2025

58th session (February - March 2025)

HIGH-LEVEL SEGMENT

- High-level segment
- General segment

PANEL DISCUSSIONS

ITEM 1

- Annual high-level panel discussion on human rights mainstreaming (theme: TBD) (HRC res. 16/21)

ITEM 3

- Biennial high-level panel discussion on the question of the death penalty (theme: Contribution of the judiciary to the advancement of human rights and the question of the death penalty) (HRC res. 26/2 and 54/35) [*accessible panel*]
- Annual full-day meeting on the rights of the child (two panels, theme: TBD) (HRC res. 7/29)
- Annual interactive debate on the rights of persons with disabilities (theme: TBD) (HRC res. 7/9) [*accessible panel*]

INTERACTIVE DIALOGUES

ITEM 2

- ID on the annual report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (GA res. 48/141)
- ID on the report of the Group of Human Rights Experts on Nicaragua (HRC res. 52/2)
- Enhanced ID on the comprehensive report of the HC, presented with the assistance of the designated Expert on human rights in the Sudan, on the situation of human rights in the Sudan (HRC res. S-32/1 and S-36/1)⁶
- ID on the oral update of the HC on the situation of human rights of Rohingya Muslims and other minorities in Myanmar (HRC res. 53/26)

ITEM 3⁷

- ID on the report of the SR on freedom of religion or belief (HRC res. 49/5 (and 52/6))
- ID on the report of the SR on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism (HRC res. 49/10)
- ID on the report of the SR on the right to food (HRC res. 49/13 (and 52/16))
- Enhanced ID on the report of OHCHR on lessons learned and good practices of transitional justice in the context of sustaining peace and of sustainable development, notably Sustainable Development Goal 16 (HRC res. 51/23)
- ID on the report of the SR on the situation of human rights defenders (HRC res. 52/4)
- ID on the report of the SR on minority issues (HRC res. 52/5)
- ID on the report of the SR on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment (HRC res. 52/7)
- ID on the report of the SR on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living, and on the right to non-discrimination in this context (HRC res. 52/10)
- ID on the report of the IE on the effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of all human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights (HRC res. 52/17)
- ID on the report of the SR on the sale, sexual exploitation and sexual abuse of children (HRC res. 52/26)

⁶ To be presented with the assistance of the designated Expert on human rights in the Sudan, unless the mandate of the designated Expert concludes before this session (HRC res. S-32/1, 50/1 and S-36/1).

⁷ Additional special procedure mandates to be added if and when renewed.

- ID on the report of the SR on the rights of persons with disabilities (HRC res. 53/14) [*accessible meeting*]
- ID on the annual report of the SRSG on Violence against Children (GA res. 77/201 and 78/187)
- ID on the annual report of the SRSG for Children and Armed Conflict (GA res. 78/187)

ITEM 7

- ID on the report of the SR on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian Territories occupied since 1967 (CHR res. 1993/2 A and HRC res. 5/1)

ITEM 10

- ID on the oral update of the HC on the findings of the OHCHR report on the situation of human rights in Ukraine (HRC res. 53/30)

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS OF THE WORKING GROUP ON THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (ITEM 6)

Consideration of the reports of the WG on the Universal Periodic Review (forty-seventh session):

Albania, Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Dominica, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Nicaragua, Norway, Portugal, Qatar

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REPORTS AND UPDATES OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL / HIGH COMMISSIONER / OHCHR

ITEM 2

- Annual reports of the HC on Colombia, Guatemala and Honduras (GA res. 48/141)
- Report of OHCHR on the question of human rights in Cyprus (CHR res. 4 (XXXI) and HRC dec. 2/102)
- Report of the SG containing conclusions and recommendations by special procedures (CHR res. 2004/76 and HRC dec. 2/102)
- Report of the SG on measures taken to implement resolution 9/8 and obstacles to its implementation, including recommendations for further improving the effectiveness, harmonization and reform of the treaty body system (HRC res. 9/8)
- Oral update of the HC on the situation of human rights in Nicaragua (HRC res. 52/2)

ITEM 3

- Report of the HC on a one-day workshop to review and promote the tools for the dissemination and possible methods of implementation of an approach to the protection, restoration and preservation of cultural heritage that promotes universal respect for cultural rights by all (HRC res. 49/7)
- Annual thematic study on the rights of persons with disabilities (HRC res. 49/12)
- Annual report of the HC on the rights of persons belonging to national or ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities (HRC res. 49/14)
- Report of the SG on the question of the realization in all countries of economic, social and cultural rights under agenda item 3, with a special focus on challenges and good practices to strengthen the fulfilment of the right to social security [*also in formats accessible to persons with disabilities*] (HRC res. 52/11)
- Comprehensive report of the HC on the outcome of the consultation on mental health and human rights, with recommendations for States and all other relevant stakeholders, including health professionals, and with suggestions of policy tools for the implementation of a human rights perspective to mental health [*also in a format accessible to persons with disabilities*] (HRC res. 52/12)
- Comprehensive study of the HC on the use of digital technologies to achieve universal birth registration (HRC res. 52/25)
- Summary report of the HC on the annual panel discussion on human rights and climate change held at HRC56 [*also in accessible formats, including in easy-to-read version*] (HRC res. 53/6)

- Report of OHCHR on gaps and future steps regarding the impact of arms transfers on human rights, informed by a full-day intersessional workshop to hold stocktaking discussions on the role of States and the private sector in preventing, addressing and mitigating the negative human rights impact of arms transfers, including the diversion of arms and unregulated or illicit arms transfers, to be held before HRC57 (HRC res. 53/15)
- Report of OHCHR on the intersessional half-day expert seminar to share good practices, achievements, challenges and lessons learned in the promotion and protection of economic, social and cultural rights in anti-corruption efforts in the context of recovery from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, to be held before HRC57 (HRC res. 53/17)
- Comprehensive thematic study of the HC on the human rights dimension of care and support (HRC res. 54/6) [*also accessible and easy-to-read version*]
- Summary report of the HC on the panel discussion on the implementation of States' obligations under relevant provisions of international human rights law on the role of the family in supporting the protection and promotion of human rights of its members, challenges and best practices in this regard, to be held at HRC57 (HRC res. 54/17) [*also in an Easy Read version*]
- Summary report of OHCHR on the biennial panel discussion on the right to development, to be held at HRC57 (HRC res. 42/23 and 54/18)
- Report of the SG on the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture (GA res. 77/209)
- Report of the SG on the special fund established by the OPCAT (GA res. 77/209)
- Report of the SG on missing persons (GA res. 77/220) - *biennial report*

ITEM 4

- Report of the HC on the implementation of relevant recommendations made by the group of independent experts on accountability in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (HRC res. 52/28)

ITEM 10

- Annual oral presentation of the HC on the overview of and successes, best practices and challenges in technical assistance and capacity-building efforts, particularly those provided by OHCHR and relevant United Nations agencies (HRC res. 18/18 and 36/28)

REPORTS OF SUBSIDIARY BODIES OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL AND OTHER REPORTS

ITEM 3

- Report of the IGWG on transnational corporations and other business enterprises with respect to human rights on its tenth session (HRC res. 26/9)⁸

ITEM 5

- Recommendations of the Forum on Minority Issues at its seventeenth session (HRC res. 19/23)
- Report of the 2024 Social Forum, focusing on the contribution of financing for development to the advancement of all human rights for all (HRC res. 6/13 and 53/20)
- Activities of special rapporteurs, independent experts and working groups of the special procedures of the Human Rights Council undertaken in 2024, including updated information on special procedures and information on the thirtieth annual meeting of special rapporteurs, independent experts and chairs of working groups (CHR res. 2004/76 and HRC dec. 2/102)
- Report of the Forum on Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law on its fifth session, to be held in 2024 (theme: "Democracy and climate change: focusing on solutions") (HRC res. 28/14 and 52/22)

ITEM 9

- Report of the IGWG on the Effective Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action on its twenty-second session (HRC res. 52/37 (and 54/25))

ITEM 10

- Report of the Chair of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Technical Cooperation in the Field of Human Rights (HRC res. 36/28)

⁸ To be confirmed.

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PANEL DISCUSSIONS

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- Annual full-day discussion on the human rights of women (two panels, theme: TBD) (HRC res. 6/30 and 53/27) [*accessible panels*]
- Annual panel discussion on the adverse impacts of climate change on human rights (theme: TBD) (HRC res. 50/9) [*accessible panel*]

ITEM 10

- Annual thematic panel discussion on technical cooperation and capacity-building (theme: TBD) (HRC res. 18/18)

INTERACTIVE DIALOGUES

ITEM 2

- ID on the report of the ongoing Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and Israel (HRC res. S-30/1)
- ID on the report of the HC on the situation of human rights of Rohingya Muslims and other minorities in Myanmar (HRC res. 53/26)

ITEM 3⁹

- ID on the report of the SR on the human rights of internally displaced persons (HRC res. 50/6)
- ID on the report of the SR on violence against women and girls, its causes and consequences (HRC res. 50/7)
- ID on the report of the IE on protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity (HRC res. 50/10)
- ID on the report of the SR on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association (HRC res. 50/17)
- ID on the report of the WG on discrimination against women and girls (HRC res. 50/18)
- ID on the report of the SR on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health (HRC res. 51/21)
- ID on the report of the SR on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression (HRC res. 52/9)
- ID on the report of the SR on the human rights of migrants (HRC res. 52/20)¹⁰
- ID on the report of the WG on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises (HRC res. 53/3)
- ID on the report of the SR on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions (HRC res. 53/4)
- ID on the report of the IE on human rights and international solidarity (HRC res. 53/5)
- ID on the report of the SR on the right to education (HRC res. 53/7)
- ID on the report of the SR on the elimination of discrimination against persons affected by leprosy (Hansen's disease) and their family members (HRC res. 53/8)
- ID on the report of the SR on trafficking in persons, especially women and children (HRC res. 53/9)
- ID on the report of the SR on extreme poverty and human rights (HRC res. 53/10)
- ID on the report of the SR on the independence of judges and lawyers (HRC res. 53/12)

ITEM 9

⁹ Additional special procedure mandates to be added if and when renewed.

¹⁰ The latest mandate extension decided in res. 52/20 was effective as from HRC53 for three years.

- ID on the report of the SR on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance (HRC res. 52/36)

ITEM 10

- ID on the oral update of the HC on the findings of the OHCHR report on the situation of human rights in Ukraine (HRC res. 53/30)
- ID on the report of the HC on enhancement of technical cooperation and capacity-building in the field of human rights in Colombia to implement the recommendations of the Commission for the Clarification of Truth, Coexistence and Non-Repitition (HRC res. 53/22)

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS OF THE WORKING GROUP ON THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (ITEM 6)

Consideration of the reports of the WG on the Universal Periodic Review (forty-eighth session):

Angola, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Egypt, El Salvador, Fiji, Gambia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Italy, Kazakhstan, Madagascar, San Marino, Slovenia

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS AND ORAL UPDATES OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL / HIGH COMMISSIONER / OHCHR AND HRC SUBSIDIARY BODIES, AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

REPORTS AND UPDATES OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL / HIGH COMMISSIONER / OHCHR

ITEM 2

- Oral update by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (GA res. 48/141)

ITEM 3

- Summary report of OHCHR on the one-day intersessional meeting to mark the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, to be held before HRC56 (HRC res. 49/9)
- Comprehensive report of OHCHR on the human rights dimension of access to medicines and vaccines in the context of the right of everyone to the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health [*also in an accessible and easy-to-read format*] (HRC res. 50/13)
- Summary report of the Chair/OHCHR on the seventh intersessional meeting for dialogue and cooperation on human rights and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, to be held in advance of the 2025 high-level political forum on sustainable development (HRC res. 52/14)
- Report of OHCHR containing the guidelines as a set of orientations for States on the effective application of a human rights-based approach to the development and implementation of laws, policies and programmes to prevent and eliminate child, early and forced marriage [*also in an accessible and easy-to-read format*] (HRC res. 53/23)
- Summary report of OHCHR on the annual full-day discussion on the human rights of women, held at HRC56 [*also in accessible formats, including easy-to-read and plain language formats*] (HRC res. 6/30 and 53/27)
- Report of OHCHR on the situation of human rights of women and girls in criminal justice detention [*also in plain language and easy-to-read formats*] (HRC res. 53/27)
- Report of OHCHR on the challenges, good practices and lessons learned in applying the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights to the activities of technology companies, including activities relating to artificial intelligence (HRC res. 53/29)
- Comprehensive report of OHCHR on accessible, inclusive, equitable and quality education for peace and tolerance for every child, especially children in the most vulnerable situations (HRC res. 54/5) [*also in accessible and child-friendly format*]
- Summary report of OHCHR on the annual half-day panel discussion on the rights of Indigenous Peoples, to be held at HRC57 (HRC res. 54/12)
- Joint report of co-facilitators and OHCHR on two intersessional meetings on concrete ways to enhance the participation of Indigenous Peoples in the work of the Human Rights Council, to be held before HRC57 and HRC58 (HRC res. 54/12)

ITEM 6

- Report of OHCHR on the operations of the Voluntary Fund for Participation in the Universal Periodic Review (HRC dec. 17/119)
- Report of OHCHR on the operations of the Voluntary Fund for Financial and Technical Assistance in the Implementation of the Universal Periodic Review (HRC dec. 17/119)

REPORTS OF SUBSIDIARY BODIES OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL AND OTHER REPORTS

ITEM 2

- Report of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women on the activities of the United Nations trust fund in support of actions to eliminate violence against women (GA res. 50/166)

ITEM 5

- Report on the thirteenth session of the Forum on Business and Human Rights (HRC res. 17/4 and 53/3)

OTHER ACTIVITIES

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