

THE INSIDE TRACK

CONCISE INFORMATION ON THE UPCOMING SESSION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

The Inside Track HRC60: the 60th regular session
of the Human Rights Council

Monday, 8th September 2025 to 8th October 2025 (4.5-week session)
in the Assembly Hall (from 8th September to 3rd October),
and subsequently in Room XVI (from 6th to 8th October for the adoption of draft proposals).

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Volker Türk, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, speaking at the opening of the Human Rights Council 55th Session, Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland - 26 February 2024.

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IN BRIEF

- On **8th September**, H.E. Mr. Volker Türk, the High Commissioner for Human Rights, will open HRC60 with the presentation of his annual report on the human rights situation around the world. The presentation of his annual report will provide the basis for an interactive dialogue with the High Commissioner on **9th and 10th September**.
- During the session, the Council will consider **country-specific reports** by the High Commissioner and the Secretary-General covering human rights issues in, *inter alia*: **Cambodia; the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem; Myanmar; Democratic People's Republic of Korea; Democratic Republic of the Congo; Yemen; and Nicaragua**.
- Additionally, the High Commissioner will deliver oral updates on technical assistance and capacity-building to improve the human rights situation in **Haiti**; and on cooperation with and assistance to **Ukraine**.
- Other oral updates on country situations by Special Procedures mandate-holders will focus on the situation of human rights in **Afghanistan**.
- It will also consider High Commissioner's and Secretary-General's reports on a number of **thematic issues**, including *inter alia*:
 - Right to development.
 - Question of the death penalty.
 - Just transition.
 - Cooperation with the United Nations, its representatives and mechanisms.
 - Indigenous Peoples.
 - **Nationality rights**.
 - Role of the family and family-oriented approaches, policies and programmes in the promotion and protection of human rights and in sustainable development.
 - Reinforcement of the work to promote and protect economic, social and cultural rights within the context of addressing inequalities.
 - Rights of the child and violations of the human rights of children in armed conflicts.
 - Thirtieth anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action.
 - Incompatibility between democracy and racism.
 - A world of sport free from racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance.
 - 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.
 - Work of the human rights adviser programme.

- The Council will hold **20 interactive dialogues with Special Procedures mandate-holders** (14 thematic and 6 country specific), including **14 thematic** dealing with: older persons; the right to development; arbitrary detention; the use of mercenaries; contemporary forms of slavery; Indigenous Peoples; the rights to water and sanitation; promotion of a democratic and equitable international order; truth, justice and reparation; the rights of peasants; toxics; enforced or involuntary disappearances; unilateral coercive measures; People of African Descent; and **5 country-specific** mandate-holders on Afghanistan; Russian Federation; Burundi; Cambodia; Somalia; and Central African Republic.
- In addition, the Council will also hold interactive dialogues with **nine investigative mechanisms**: the International Team of Experts on the **Democratic Republic of the Congo**; the Fact-Finding Mission on the situation in the **South and North Kivu provinces of the Democratic Republic of Congo**; the Group of Independent Experts on the Human Rights Situation in **Belarus**; the Independent Investigative Mechanism for **Myanmar**; the Group of Human Rights Experts on **Nicaragua**; the Independent International Fact-Finding Mission for the **Sudan**; the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the **Syrian Arab Republic**; the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on **Ukraine**; and the Independent International Fact-Finding Mission on the **Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela**.
- Pursuant to the President's statement [PRST/OS/17/1](#) of 8th December 2023, the reports and oral updates of the High Commissioner, the Secretary-General and the subsidiary bodies that were presented during HRC60 will be considered during the relevant general debate at HRC61.
- Based on the initiatives formally announced during the HRC60 organisational meeting, the Council is expected to act on around **34 draft resolutions and other texts**. The deadline for submitting draft resolutions has been set at **1 PM on Thursday, 25 September**.
- At HRC60, the Council will adopt UPR outcome reports of 15 States: [Armenia](#); [Grenada](#); [Guinea](#); [Guinea-Bissau](#); [Guyana](#); [Kenya](#); [Kiribati](#); [Kuwait](#); [Kyrgyzstan](#); [Lao People's Democratic Republic](#); [Lesotho](#); [Nicaragua](#);¹ [Spain](#); [Sweden](#); and [Türkiye](#).
- Additionally, the Human Rights Council is expected to appoint **one** mandate-holder during HRC60 relating to the vacancy of the mandate of the Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in the Central African Republic. On 8th August 2025, the President released the list of proposed candidates for this vacancy. More information on the upcoming appointment and the candidates can be found [here](#).
- 11th September is designated a United Nations holiday; no official meetings will take place on that date.

For the full draft programme of work for HRC60, please click [here](#).



General view of the Assembly Hall,
Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland.

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MODALITIES FOR HRC60

- HRC60 will take place in the Assembly Hall from 8th September to 3rd October, and subsequently in Room XVI, from 6th to 8th October for the adoption of draft proposals. Room XII will serve as an additional overflow room from 6th to 8th October.
- Pre-recorded video statements are still an accepted form of participation, alongside in-person participation. UN Web TV will also continue to livestream the Council's meetings.
- The online registration platform for HRC60, 'Events,' can be found on the following website: <https://events.ohchr.org>.
 - For **States**, inscription to the **list of speakers for all interactive dialogues and panel discussions** will open on **Tuesday, 2nd September at 4 PM and will close 2 hours before the debate is scheduled to start**. After the online inscription has closed, delegations may still inscribe or withdraw by sending an email to the address OHCHR-hrclistofspeakers@un.org. The list of speakers will close approximately 15 minutes after the beginning of each debate. States' registration for the **list of speakers for adoption of UPR outcomes** will open on **Monday, 15th September at 9 AM and will close on Thursday, 18th September at 6 PM**. No inscriptions will be possible after this deadline.
 - For **national human rights institutions and non-governmental organisations**, the list of speakers for oral statements during the session will open on **Tuesday, 2nd September at 2 PM**. NHRIs with 'A' status and NGOs in consultative status with ECOSOC will have the possibility to deliver their statements in person or via pre-recorded video-statements for all interactive dialogues, panel discussions, and UPR adoptions. Registration, indication of method of participation and uploading of video statements for NGOs will also be through the 'Events' platform and uploading of transcripts is mandatory irrespective of the method of participation. The deadline for in-person participants to upload the transcripts and the deadline for participants through video message to upload video statements with transcripts, as confirmation of participation, is 6 PM on the working day before the debate is scheduled to start.
 - As in the previous session, the Secretariat has also implemented a feature that allows NGOs to co-sponsor other NGOs' statements directly through the online platform. The previous method, i.e. sending the co-sponsorship form via email, will no longer be accepted.
- At the end of the organisational meeting at the 59th session of the Human Rights Council, it was decided that for HRC60, the speaking time in the general debates would be set at 1 minute 30 seconds for all.



Ambassador Jürg Lauber, President of the 19th cycle of the Human Rights Council at a press conference ahead of 59th session. 11 June 2025.

Credit: UNOG News Room.



Ambassador Jürg Lauber
President of the Human Rights Council

MEASURES TO ASSIST SMALL DELEGATIONS DURING THE HRC

The HRC Helpdesk for SIDS and LDCs is meant to virtually facilitate the understanding of issues raised at the HRC and enhance small State delegates' participation in the session. The Help Desk can be reached before, during and after the session by email hrcdesksmallpm@ohchr.org or phone/WhatsApp +41 (0) 79 500 00 32. The Secretariat of the LDCs/SIDS Trust Fund is also available for in-person meetings or virtual consultations upon request.

The online tool, E-Delegate, will allow delegates to circulate, table and co-sponsor resolutions, amongst others. It is accessible through the following [link](#).

The Sched app provides details on plenary meetings as well as other meetings scheduled in parallel to the HRC session at the Palais des Nations. Please note that meeting details may be subject to change and will be updated in real time. Delegates will be able to continue using the Sched app to personalise their agendas and synchronise with their calendars.

PANEL DISCUSSIONS

HRC60 is scheduled to hold five panel discussions:

1. **Biennial panel discussion on unilateral coercive measures and human rights**

Theme 'impact of unilateral coercive measures and overcompliance on the right to food and food security' (12 September; [concept note](#)).

2. **Panel discussion on combating discrimination, violence and harmful practices against intersex persons** (15 September; [concept note](#)).

3. **Biennial panel discussion on youth and human rights**

Theme 'role of youth in fostering peaceful societies and creating an enabling environment for the enjoyment of human rights by all' (16 September; [concept note](#)).

4. **Annual half-day panel discussion on the rights of Indigenous Peoples**

Theme 'rights of Indigenous Peoples in the context of a just transition to sustainable energy systems, including in relation to critical minerals' (24 September; [concept note](#)).

5. **Annual discussion on the integration of a gender perspective throughout the work of the Human Rights Council and that of its mechanisms**

Theme 'strengthening gender perspectives in transitional justice processes' (30 September; [concept note](#)).

WHAT'S IN PRINT?

During HRC60, States will consider 96 reports from the Secretary-General, the High Commissioner and his Office, Special Procedures mandate-holders, and Human Rights Council-mandated Investigative Bodies.²

These UN reports, which were commissioned by the Council through earlier resolutions, when published, will be made available [here](#).

'L NUMBER' – DRAFT RESOLUTIONS AND OTHER TEXTS AT HRC60³

Based on announcements made during the HRC60 organisational meeting, **34 draft resolutions and other texts** are expected to be tabled during HRC60. Before adoption, these texts would be subject to at least one round of open informal consultations with interested delegations.



General view of the Building A, Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland.

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COUNTRY-SPECIFIC RESOLUTIONS

*The table below only includes initiatives formally announced during the HRC60 organisational meeting.

	FOCUS OF RESOLUTION	LEAD SPONSOR (S)	EXPECTED AGENDA ITEM	VOTE HISTORY ⁴
1	Situation of human rights in Afghanistan	The European Union	2	Consensus
2	Promoting reconciliation, accountability and human rights in Sri Lanka	The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Canada, Malawi, Montenegro, North Macedonia	2	Consensus
3	Situation of human rights in the East of the Democratic Republic of the Congo	Democratic Republic of the Congo	2	Consensus
4	Mandate of the Independent International Fact-Finding Mission on Sudan	The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Germany, Ireland, the Netherlands, Norway	2	Vote (23-12-12)
5	Situation of human rights in Burundi	The European Union	4	Vote (22-10-15)
6	Situation of human rights in the Russian Federation	The Netherlands (on behalf of Benelux), 26 other European States	4	Vote (20-8-19)

	FOCUS OF RESOLUTION	LEAD SPONSOR (S)	EXPECTED AGENDA ITEM	VOTE HISTORY
7	<u>Advisory services and technical assistance for Cambodia</u>	Japan	10	Consensus
8	<u>Assistance to Somalia in the field of human rights</u>	The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Somalia	10	Consensus
9	<u>Cooperation with Georgia</u>	Georgia	10	Vote (<u>24-3-20</u>)
10	<u>Technical assistance and capacity-building in the field of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo</u>	Ghana (on behalf of the Group of African States)	10	Consensus
11	<u>Technical assistance and capacity-building for Yemen in the field of human rights</u>	Bahrain (on behalf of the Group of Arab States)	10	Consensus

THEMATIC RESOLUTIONS

**The table below only includes initiatives formally announced during the HRC60 organisational meeting.*

	FOCUS OF RESOLUTION	LEAD SPONSOR (S)	EXPECTED AGENDA ITEM	PERIODICITY	VOTE HISTORY ⁵
1	<u>Arbitrary detention</u>	France	3	Triennial	Consensus
2	<u>Human rights and Indigenous Peoples</u>	Guatemala, Mexico	3	Annual	Consensus
3	<u>Human rights of older persons</u>	Argentina, Brazil, the Gambia, the Philippines, Slovenia	3	Triennial	Consensus
4	<u>Impact of drug policies on human rights*</u> (title not specified)	Colombia, on behalf of an interregional group of countries (unspecified)	3		
5	<u>Mandate of the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery, including its causes and consequences</u>	The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Australia	3	Triennial	Consensus

	FOCUS OF RESOLUTION	LEAD SPONSOR (S)	EXPECTED AGENDA ITEM	PERIODICITY	VOTE HISTORY
6	Mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the rights of Indigenous Peoples	Mexico, Guatemala	3	Triennial	Consensus
7	Mandate of the Working Group on the use of mercenaries	Cuba	3	Triennial	Vote (28-15-4)
8	Preventable maternal mortality and morbidity and human rights	New Zealand, Colombia, Estonia	3	Biennial	Consensus
9	Promoting and protecting economic, social and cultural rights within the context of addressing inequalities	China	3	Biennial	Consensus
10	Promoting and protecting the human rights of children during and after conflicts and justice and redress for victims	Qatar, Costa Rica	3	New initiative	N/A

	FOCUS OF RESOLUTION	LEAD SPONSOR (S)	EXPECTED AGENDA ITEM	PERIODICITY	VOTE HISTORY
11	Promotion of a democratic and equitable international order	Cuba	3	Annual	Consensus
12	Question of the death penalty	Switzerland, Belgium, France, Mexico, Mongolia, Republic of Moldova	3	Biennial	Vote (28-11-7)
13	The human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation	Germany, Spain	3	Annual	Consensus
14	The impact of rising sea levels on human rights	Dominican Republic, Cabo Verde, Cyprus, Malta	3	New initiative	N/A
15	The right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health	Brazil	3	Triennial	Consensus

	FOCUS OF RESOLUTION	LEAD SPONSOR (S)	EXPECTED AGENDA ITEM	PERIODICITY	VOTE HISTORY
16	The right to development	Uganda (on behalf of the Movement of Non-Aligned countries)	3	Annual	Vote (29-14-4)
17	The role of freedom of opinion and expression in women's empowerment	Brazil	3	It was last adopted in 2013	Consensus
18	The role of prevention in the promotion and protection of human rights	Ukraine, Australia, Hungary, the Maldives, Morocco, Poland, Uruguay	3	Triennial	Consensus
19	Cooperation with the United Nations, its representatives and mechanisms in the field of human rights	Hungary, Fiji, Ghana, Ireland, Uruguay	5	Biennial	Consensus

	FOCUS OF RESOLUTION	LEAD SPONSOR (S)	EXPECTED AGENDA ITEM	PERIODICITY	VOTE HISTORY
20	<u>A world of sports free from racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance</u>	Brazil, Ghana (on behalf of the African Group)	9	Biennial	Consensus
21	<u>From rhetoric to reality: a global call to concrete action against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance</u>	Ghana (on behalf of the Group of African States)	9	Annual	Vote (30-5-12)
22	<u>Enhancement of technical cooperation and capacity-building in the field of human rights</u>	Thailand, Brazil, Honduras, Indonesia, Morocco, Norway, Qatar, Singapore, Türkiye	10	Biennial	Consensus
23	<u>Promoting international cooperation to support national mechanisms for implementation, reporting and follow-up</u>	Paraguay, Brazil	10	Triennial	Consensus

THE COUNCIL'S MECHANISMS

SPECIAL PROCEDURES

14 thematic Special Procedures (i.e. Special Rapporteurs, Independent Experts, and Working Groups) will present their reports (including country mission reports) during HRC60. In addition, **6** country-specific Special Procedures (i.e. Special Rapporteurs and Independent Experts) will present reports/oral updates on the human rights situation in the countries covered by their mandates and their engagement with the concerned State(s).

COUNTRY-SPECIFIC MANDATES

	MANDATE	PRESENTATION OF REPORT/ORAL UPDATES AND INTERACTIVE DIALOGUES ⁶
1	Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan	8 September (oral update)
2	Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Burundi	19 September
3	Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Russian Federation	22 September
4	Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in the Central African Republic	2 October
5	Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Somalia	2 October
6	Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Cambodia	3 October

THEMATIC MANDATES

MANDATE	PRESENTATION OF REPORT AND INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE ⁷	COUNTRY MISSION REPORTS	
1	<u>Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons</u>	<u>17 September</u>	<u>Malaysia</u> <u>Saudi Arabia</u>
2	<u>Special Rapporteur on truth, justice and reparation</u>	<u>10 September</u>	<u>Brazil</u>
3	<u>Special Rapporteur on the right to development</u>	<u>10 September</u>	<u>Honduras</u>
4	<u>Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery</u>	<u>12 September</u>	<u>Australia</u>
5	<u>Independent Expert on international order</u>	<u>12 September</u>	N/A

MANDATE	PRESENTATION OF REPORT AND INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE	COUNTRY MISSION REPORTS	
6	Special Rapporteur on unilateral coercive measures	12 and 15 September	N/A
7	Working Group on the use of mercenaries	15 September	Cyprus
8	Special Rapporteur on the rights to water and sanitation	15 September	Guinea-Bissau
9	Special Rapporteur on toxics and human rights	15 and 16 September	Dominican Republic Samoa
10	Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances	16 September	Lithuania

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REPORTS

	MANDATE	PRESENTATION OF REPORT AND INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE	COUNTRY MISSION REPORTS
11	<u>Working Group on Arbitrary Detention</u>	<u>16 September</u>	Canada
12	<u>Working group on peasants</u>	17 September	N/A
13	<u>Special Rapporteur on the rights of Indigenous Peoples</u>	23 September	N/A
14	<u>Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent</u>	1st October	Colombia Suriname

UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW

The **UPR outcome reports of 15 States** will be considered for adoption by the Council during HRC60 (expected 25th – 29th September):

- [Armenia](#)
- [Grenada](#)
- [Guinea](#)
- [Guinea-Bissau](#)
- [Guyana](#)
- [Kenya](#)*
- [Kiribati](#)
- [Kuwait](#)*
- [Kyrgyzstan](#)*
- [Lao People's Democratic Republic](#)
- [Lesotho](#)
- [Nicaragua](#)⁸
- [Spain](#)*
- [Sweden](#)
- [Türkiye](#)

*Council Members

TRUST FUND TO SUPPORT THE PARTICIPATION OF LDCS AND SIDS

The Trust Fund to support the participation of LDCs and SIDS in the work of the Council, set up in 2012, will be supporting 7 government officials (6 female and 1 male) to participate in HRC60. They come from:

- Benin*
- Burundi*
- Ethiopia*
- Malawi*
- Maldives*
- Marshall Islands*
- St. Kitts and Nevis

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MOST COMMON THEMES OF HRC60*



*Based on all announced resolutions, interactive dialogues, panel discussions, and reports.

ENDNOTES

1. Consideration of the UPR outcome report for Nicaragua was postponed from the 58th to the 60th session.
2. Additionally, the Council will consider and adopt 15 outcome reports of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review.
3. When tabled before the Council, draft resolutions (and other texts) are given an 'L number.'
4. Vote results from the last time the resolution was adopted by the Council. Vote results are represented as (YES – NO – ABSTAIN).
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6. Dates liable to change.
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