

THE INSIDE TRACK

CONCISE INFORMATION ON THE UPCOMING SESSION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

The Inside Track HRC62: the 62nd regular session
of the Human Rights Council

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Assembly Hall, Palais des Nations

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Opening of session of the High-level segment, 61st session of the Human Rights Council, Palais des Nations, Geneva. 23 February 2026.

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IN BRIEF

- On **15 June**, H.E. Mr. Volker Türk, the High Commissioner for Human Rights, will open HRC62 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 **16 June**.
- 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*: **Venezuela** and **the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine including the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol**. Additionally, the High Commissioner will deliver oral updates/presentations on the attacks by the **Islamic Republic of Iran**, and the situation of human rights in **Nicaragua, Myanmar, Colombia, and Ukraine**.
- Other oral updates on country situations by Special Procedures mandate holders will focus on the situation of human rights in **Belarus, Burundi, and Eritrea**.
- It will also consider High Commissioner's and Secretary-General's reports on a number of **thematic issues**, including *inter alia*:
 - Annual report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.
 - Using digital tools for stakeholder engagement: aligning corporate practice with the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights.
 - Prevention of genocide with particular focus on early warning and genocide prevention.
 - Implementation and enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights ([High Commissioner's report](#)).
 - Impact of anti-personnel mines on human rights.
- The Council will hold **21 interactive dialogues with Special Procedures mandate-holders (18 thematic and 3 country-specific)**, including those dealing with: international solidarity; health; freedom of opinion and expression; education; summary executions; sexual orientation and gender identity; leprosy; climate change; migrants; trafficking; violence against women and girls; freedom of peaceful assembly and association; transnational corporations; discrimination against women and girls; judges and lawyers; extreme poverty; internally displaced persons; racism; **Belarus; Burundi; Eritrea**.
- In addition, the Council will also hold interactive dialogues with **three investigative mechanisms**: the Independent International Fact-Finding Mission for the **Sudan**; the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the **Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem and in Israel**; and the Independent International Commission of Inquiry **on the Human Rights Situation in the South and North Kivu Provinces of the Democratic Republic of the Congo**.

- Pursuant to President's statement [PRST OS/19/1](#) of 17 December 2025, no general debates will be held at the Council's June session. Therefore, the reports and oral updates of the High Commissioner, the Secretary-General and the subsidiary bodies to be presented during HRC62 will be considered during the relevant general debate at HRC63, unless they are mandated to be considered in the context of an interactive dialogue.
 - Based on the initiatives formally announced during the HRC62 organisational meeting and other information we have separately received, the Council is expected to act on around **26 draft resolutions and other texts**. The deadline for submitting draft resolutions has been set **on Thursday, 25 June 2026**. The deadlines to submit written revisions and written amendments have been set on **Wednesday, 1 July at 11 AM and 1 PM** respectively.
 - At the 62nd session, the Council will adopt UPR outcome reports of 13 States: [Australia](#), [Austria](#), [Georgia](#), [Lebanon](#), [Mauritania](#), [Micronesia](#) ([Federated States of](#)), [Nauru](#), [Nepal](#), [Oman](#), [Rwanda](#), [Saint Kitts and Nevis](#), [Saint Lucia](#), and [Sao Tome and Principe](#).
 - Additionally, the Human Rights Council is expected to appoint **four** mandate holders during the 62nd session, including the Special Rapporteur on the implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes; the Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health; the Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment; and the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression. On 28 May 2026, the President released the list of proposed candidates for the first three vacancies. More information on the upcoming appointments and the candidates can be found [here](#).
- For the full draft programme of work for HRC62, please click [here](#).



MODALITIES FOR THE 62nd SESSION

- The 62nd session of the Human Rights Council will take place in the Assembly Hall.
- In light of the current financial situation, there is a minimum of 10 per cent reduction of meeting time below 2024 levels, meaning that the Council session will conclude on **Tuesday, 7 July** instead of 10 July as originally planned.
- HRC62 is taking place in parallel with the G7 Summit, which will be held in Evian from **16 to 17 June**. In view of planned traffic disruptions, delegations are advised to allow for sufficient time to travel to the Palais des Nations, as well as security checks to enter the Palais. The Secretariat will communicate through regular channels (Note Verbale, Indico, SMS alerts, Sched, Events) should there be any changes that may have an impact on the schedule of the Council meetings.
- The online registration platform for the 62nd session, '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, 9 June at 4 PM and will close 24 hours before the debate is scheduled to start**. The list of speakers will close approximately 15 minutes after the beginning of each debate. After the online inscription has closed, delegations may still inscribe or withdraw by sending an email to the address OHCHR-hrlistofspeakers@un.org. State registration for the **list of speakers for adoption of UPR outcomes** will open on **Monday, 15 June at 9 AM and will close on Thursday, 18 June 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 all debates during the session will open on **Tuesday, 9 June at 2 PM**. NHRIs with 'A' status and NGOs in consultative status with ECOSOC will have the possibility to deliver their statements in person in the Assembly Hall 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.

- **Proposed extraordinary measures for the Human Rights Council for the remainder of 2026:**
 - Speaking time in the general debates of HRC62 will be reduced to 1 minute and 30 seconds for all.
 - The length of interactive and enhanced interactive dialogues during HRC62, except for the ID with the High Commissioner on his annual report, and HRC60 will be capped at 1 hour and 30 minutes, with 15 minutes allocated for mandate holders; 1 hour for States; 15 minutes for NGOs.



Assembly Hall. Geneva, Switzerland.
Marcella Bona, April 2009

MEASURES TO ASSIST SMALL DELEGATIONS DURING THE HRC

The HRC Help Desk 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 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 use of the online tool, E-Delegate, will continue in order to facilitate delegates' work on resolutions during the HRC. The tool 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. 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

HRC62 is scheduled to hold five panel discussions on the following subjects:

1. Annual panel discussion on the adverse impacts of climate change on human rights

Theme: Facilitating actionable pathways for gaining momentum in climate financing in the context of addressing the adverse impacts of climate change on the full realization of human rights for all people (19 June; [concept note](#))

2. Panel discussion on the intensification of efforts to empower women and girls in and through sport (23 June; [concept note](#)).

3–4. Annual full-day discussion on the human rights of women (24 June)

- Panel 1: *Domestic violence against women and girls ([concept note](#))*
- Panel 2: *Commemoration of the International Day of Women in Diplomacy focusing on women's right to work and representation in decision-making ([concept note](#))*

5. Biennial thematic panel discussion on technical cooperation and capacity-building

Theme: Technical cooperation and capacity-building in supporting States in the full and effective realization of the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health (2 July; [concept note](#)).

WHAT'S IN PRINT?

During HRC62, States will consider **67 reports** from the Secretary-General, the High Commissioner and his Office, and/or the Special Procedures mandate-holders.

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 HRC62¹

Based on announcements made during the HRC62 organisational meeting and information we have separately received, **26 draft resolutions and other texts** are expected to be tabled during HRC62. Before adoption, these texts would be subject to at least one round of open informal consultations with interested delegations.



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COUNTRY-SPECIFIC RESOLUTIONS

**The table below includes initiatives formally announced during the HRC62 organisational meeting, as well as other resolutions which we separately understand will be tabled.*

	FOCUS OF RESOLUTION	LEAD SPONSOR (S) ²	EXPECTED AGENDA ITEM	VOTE HISTORY ³
1	<u>Situation of human rights of Rohingya Muslims and other minorities in Myanmar</u>	Pakistan (on behalf of the OIC)	2	Consensus
2	<u>Situation of human rights in Eritrea</u>	European Union	2	Vote (<u>23-4-20</u>)
3	<u>Technical assistance and capacity-building for South Sudan</u>	Kenya (on behalf of the Group of African States)	10	Consensus
4	<u>Technical Assistance and capacity-building for the Member-States of the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries</u>	Angola, Brazil, Cabo Verde, Mozambique, Portugal, Sao Tome and Principe, Timor Leste	10	New Initiative

THEMATIC RESOLUTIONS

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	FOCUS OF RESOLUTION	LEAD SPONSOR (S) ⁴	EXPECTED AGENDA ITEM	PERIODICITY ⁵	VOTE HISTORY ⁶
1	Mandate of Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions	Sweden, Finland	3	Triennial	Consensus
2	Twentieth anniversary of the first session of the Human Rights Council	Mexico, Morocco, Slovenia, Spain, Thailand	3	New initiative	N/A
3	Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities	Mexico, New Zealand	3	Triennial	Consensus
4	Elimination of all forms of discrimination against women and girls	Mexico, Chile, Ireland, Spain	3	Biennial	Consensus
5	Business and human rights	Argentina	3	Triennial	Consensus
6	Protection of healthcare in armed conflict	Qatar	3	New initiative	N/A

	FOCUS OF RESOLUTION	LEAD SPONSOR (S)	EXPECTED AGENDA ITEM	PERIODICITY	VOTE HISTORY
7	Freedom of opinion and of expression	Netherlands (Kingdom of the), Brazil, Canada, Fiji, Namibia, Sweden	3	Annual	Consensus
8	Extreme poverty and human rights	France, Albania, Chile, Morocco, Peru, Philippines, others	3	Triennial	Consensus
9	Human rights and climate change	Philippines, Bangladesh, Viet Nam	3	Annual	Consensus
10	Elimination of discrimination against persons affected by leprosy (Hansen's disease) and their family members	Japan, Brazil, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Fiji, India, Kyrgyzstan, Morocco	3	Triennial	Consensus
11	Human rights and international solidarity	Cuba	3	Annual	Vote (27-16-4)
12	The Social Forum	Cuba	5	Annual	Consensus
13	Promoting, protecting and fulfilling women's and girls' full enjoyment of human rights in humanitarian situations	Colombia, Fiji, Georgia, Japan, Sierra Leone, Sweden, Uruguay	3	Last tabled in 2020	Consensus

	FOCUS OF RESOLUTION	LEAD SPONSOR (S)	EXPECTED AGENDA ITEM	PERIODICITY	VOTE HISTORY
14	<u>Child, early and forced marriage</u>	Switzerland, Canada, Honduras, Italy, Montenegro, Netherlands (Kingdom of the), Poland, Sierra Leone, Thailand, Uruguay	3	Triennial	Consensus
15	<u>Independence and impartiality of the judiciary, jurors and assessors, and the independence of lawyers</u> merged with <u>Mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers</u>	Hungary, Australia, Botswana, the Maldives, Mexico, Thailand	3	Triennial (going forward)	Consensus (both)
16	<u>Role of States in countering the negative impact of disinformation on the enjoyment and realization of human rights</u>	Ukraine, Japan, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	3	Biennial	Consensus
17	<u>The right to education</u>	Portugal	3	Annual	Consensus

	FOCUS OF RESOLUTION	LEAD SPONSOR (S)	EXPECTED AGENDA ITEM	PERIODICITY	VOTE HISTORY
18	<u>Human rights and the civilian acquisition, possession, and use of firearms</u>	Peru, Ecuador	3	Biennial	Consensus
19	Human rights implications of the obstruction and denial of humanitarian access and threats to the safety of humanitarian personnel in armed conflict	Kuwait, Indonesia, Egypt, Malaysia	2	New Initiative	N/A
20	<i>[A resolution relating to tropical diseases - title to be confirmed]</i>	Malawi, Morocco, Burkina Faso, Tanzania, Kenya	[TBC]	New Initiative	N/A
21	Technical assistance and capacity building for empowering women's access to education and work in digital and cybersecurity-related fields <i>(Draft title TBC)</i>	Saudi Arabia, Greece, Qatar, The Gambia	10	New Initiative	N/A
22	<u>Enhancement of International Cooperation in the Field of Human Rights</u>	Movement of Non-Aligned Countries (NAM)	10	Annual	Vote (30-16-1)

THE COUNCIL'S MECHANISMS

SPECIAL PROCEDURES

18 thematic Special Procedures (Special Rapporteurs, Independent Experts, and Working Groups) will present their reports and conduct interactive dialogues, including the presentation of **country mission reports**. Additionally, **3 country-specific Special Procedures** will present reports and/or provide oral updates on the human rights situations in their respective countries and their engagement with concerned State(s).

COUNTRY-SPECIFIC MANDATES

	MANDATE	PRESENTATION OF REPORT/ORAL UPDATES AND INTERACTIVE DIALOGUES
1	<u>Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Eritrea</u>	15 June
2	<u>Special Rapporteur on Burundi</u>	29 June
3	<u>Special Rapporteur on Belarus</u>	29 June

THEMATIC MANDATES

MANDATE	PRESENTATION OF REPORT AND INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE	COUNTRY MISSION REPORTS	
1	Independent Expert on human rights and international solidarity	16 and 17 June	N/A
2	Special Rapporteur on the right to health	17 June	Thailand
3	Special Rapporteur on freedom of opinion and expression	17 June	Germany
4	Special Rapporteur on the right to education	17 and 18 June	Hungary
5	Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions	18 June	Lebanon
6	Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity	18 June	Colombia

MANDATE	PRESENTATION OF REPORT AND INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE	COUNTRY MISSION REPORTS	
7	<u>Special Rapporteur on the elimination of discrimination against persons affected by leprosy (Hansen's disease)</u>	18 and 19 June	N/A
8	<u>Special Rapporteur on climate change</u>	19 June	Dominica
9	<u>Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants</u>	22 June	Mauritania
10	<u>Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children</u>	22 June	Democratic Republic of the Congo Chad
11	<u>Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences</u>	22 June	Kuwait
12	<u>Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association</u>	23 June	Chile
13	<u>Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises</u>	23 June	Serbia

MANDATE	PRESENTATION OF REPORT AND INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE	COUNTRY MISSION REPORTS	
14	<u>Working Group on discrimination against women and girls</u>	24 June	<u>Zimbabwe</u>
15	<u>Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers</u>	25 June	<u>Guatemala</u>
16	<u>Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights</u>	25 June	<u>Rwanda</u>
17	<u>Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons</u>	25 and 26 June	Democratic Republic of the Congo
18	<u>Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance</u>	2 July	Austria

UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW

The UPR outcome reports of 13 States will be considered for adoption by the Council during HRC62 (expected 30 June – 1 July).

- [Australia](#)
- [Austria](#)
- [Georgia](#)
- [Lebanon](#)
- [Mauritania](#)
- [Micronesia \(Federated States of\)](#)
- [Nauru](#)
- [Nepal](#)
- [Oman](#)
- [Rwanda](#)
- [Saint Kitts and Nevis](#)
- [Saint Lucia](#), and
- [Sao Tome and Principe](#)

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 8 government officials (6 female and 2 male) to participate in HRC62. They come from:

- Cuba*
- Dominican Republic*
- Guinea
- Guyana
- Micronesia (Federated States of)
- Rwanda
- Samoa
- Senegal

* Council Members

MOST COMMON THEMES OF HRC62*



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

ENDNOTES

1. When tabled before the Council, draft resolutions (and other texts are given an 'L number.'
2. Based on the main sponsors of previous resolutions.
3. Vote results from the last time the resolution was adopted by the Council. Vote results are represented as (YES – NO – ABSTAIN).
4. Based on the main sponsors of previous resolutions.
5. Based on the voluntary calendar of thematic resolutions.
6. 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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