

THE INSIDE TRACK

CONCISE INFORMATION ON THE UPCOMING SESSION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

The Inside Track HRC63: the 63rd regular session
of the Human Rights Council

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Volker Türk, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, speaking at the opening of the High-level segment, 61st session of the Human Rights Council, Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland - 23 February 2026

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IN BRIEF

- On **7 September**, H.E. Mr. Volker Türk, the High Commissioner for Human Rights, will open HRC63 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 enhanced interactive dialogue on **7 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*: the **Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem; Myanmar; Nicaragua; the Marshall Islands; Yemen; Somalia; Cambodia; and the Democratic Republic of the Congo**.
- Additionally, the High Commissioner will deliver oral updates on the situation of human rights in **El Obeid (North Kordofan, Sudan)** and in **Haiti**.
- It will also consider High Commissioner's and Secretary-General's reports on a number of **thematic issues**, including *inter alia*:
 - Right to development.
 - Rights of Indigenous Peoples ([HC's report](#)).
 - Impact of the use of strategic lawsuits against public participation on the enjoyment and realisation of human rights, in particular the right to freedom of opinion and expression.
 - Terrorism and human rights.
 - Impact of mental health challenges on the enjoyment of human rights of young people.
 - Protecting human rights defenders in the digital age.
 - Actionable pathways in mobilizing sufficient climate financing and associated challenges and opportunities in the pursuit of the full realization of human rights for all people.
 - Best practices and main challenges in the promotion and protection of the human rights of women and children in conflict and post-conflict situations.
 - Human rights challenges in addressing and countering all aspects of the world drug problem, in particular on the impact of drug policies on the rights of women and girls.
 - National human rights institutions ([SG's report](#)).
 - Education-related practices and measures to prevent racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance.
 - Prevention of genocide.
- The Council will hold **19 interactive dialogues with Special Procedures mandate-holders**, including **14 thematic** ones dealing with: a democratic and equitable international order; unilateral coercive measures; the human rights of older persons; contemporary forms of

slavery and trafficking in persons; the right to development; toxics; the rights to water and sanitation; mercenaries; enforced or involuntary disappearances; arbitrary detention; truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence; the rights of peasants; the rights of Indigenous Peoples; and People of African descent; as well as **5 country-specific** mandate holders on Afghanistan; Russian Federation; Burundi; Central African Republic; and Cambodia.

- In addition, the Council will hold interactive dialogues with **eight investigative mechanisms**: the Independent International Fact-Finding Mission for the **Sudan**; the Independent Investigative Mechanism for **Myanmar**; the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the **Syrian Arab Republic**; the Group of Independent Experts on the Human Rights Situation in **Belarus**; the Independent International Fact-Finding Mission on the **Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela**; the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on **Ukraine**; the Independent International Fact-Finding Mission on the **Islamic Republic of Iran**; and the Group of Human Rights Experts on **Nicaragua**.
- Pursuant to the President's statement [PRST/OS/19/1](#) of 17 December 2025, the reports and oral updates of the High Commissioner, the Secretary-General and the subsidiary bodies that were presented during HRC62 will be considered during the relevant general debate at HRC63.
- Based on the HRC63 organisational meeting, the Council is expected to act on around **31 draft resolutions**. The deadline for submitting draft

resolutions has been set at **1 PM on Thursday 24 September**.

- The Council will adopt UPR outcome reports of 15 States: [Belgium](#), [Denmark](#), [Estonia](#), [Latvia](#), [Mozambique](#), [Namibia](#), [Nicaragua](#)¹, [Niger](#), [Palau](#), [Paraguay](#), [the Seychelles](#), [Sierra Leone](#), [Singapore](#), [the Solomon Islands](#), and [Somalia](#).
- Additionally, the Council is expected to appoint **seven** mandate-holders including: the Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation; the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Eritrea; two members of the Working Group on arbitrary detention (one from Africa and one from Latin American and the Caribbean); one member of the Working Group on discrimination against women and girls (from Latin America and the Caribbean); one member of the Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination (from Asia-Pacific); and one member of the Working Group on enforced or involuntary disappearances (from Africa). On 10 August 2026, the President released the report of the Consultative Group concerning the first six vacancies. More information on the upcoming appointment and the candidates can be found [here](#).
- 10 September is designated a United Nations holiday; no official meetings will take place on that date.

For the full draft programme of work for HRC63, please click [here](#).

MODALITIES FOR THE 63rd SESSION

- For States, inscription to the **list of speakers for all interactive dialogues and panel discussions** will open on **Monday 31 August at 10 AM and will close 2 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-hrclistofspeakers@un.org. States' registration for the **list of speakers for adoption of UPR outcomes** will open on **Monday 14 September at 9 AM and will close on Thursday 17 September at 6 PM**. No inscriptions will be possible after this deadline.
- For national human rights institutions, non-governmental organisations and Indigenous peoples, the list of speakers for oral statements during the session will open on **Tuesday 1 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 (<https://events.ohchr.org>) and the 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 2026:

- Speaking time in the general debates of HRC63 is 1 minute and 30 seconds for all.
- The length of interactive and enhanced interactive dialogues during HRC63, with the exception of the ID with the High Commissioner, will be capped at 1 hour and 30 minutes, with 15 minutes allocated to mandate-holders; 1 hour to States; and 15 minutes to NGOs.

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, allows delegates to circulate, table and co-sponsor resolutions, amongst others. It is accessible through the following [link](#).

The Sched app and website (<https://hrc63.sched.com>) 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 daily.

PANEL DISCUSSIONS

HRC63 is scheduled to hold six panel discussions:

1. **Panel discussion on progress, challenges, and opportunities in promoting and protecting economic, social and cultural rights in the context of addressing inequalities** (9 September; [concept note](#))
2. **Biennial panel discussion on the right to development**
Theme: '*Commemoration of the fortieth anniversary of the Declaration on the Right to Development*' (11 September; [concept note](#)).
3. **High-level panel discussion on the fifteenth anniversary of the United Nations Declaration on Human Rights Education and Training: good practices, challenges and the way forward** (15 September; [concept note](#))
4. **High-level panel discussion on the sixtieth anniversary of the International Covenants on Human Rights: universality, indivisibility, interdependence and interrelatedness of all human rights** (17 September; [concept note](#))

5. Annual panel discussion on the rights of Indigenous Peoples

Theme: 'Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage: Indigenous Peoples' rights and engagement' (23 September; [concept note](#)).

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

Theme: 'From gender stereotypes to structural discrimination: strengthening the Human Rights Council's response' (29 September; [concept note](#)).



Sidharto R. Suryodipuro, President of the Human Rights Council, Informal high-level discussion, Human Rights Council's 20th anniversary, Palais des nations. 19 June 2026.

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WHAT'S IN PRINT?

During HRC63, States will consider **86** 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 AT HRC63³

Based on announcements made during the HRC63 organisational meeting and information separately received, **31 draft resolutions** are expected to be tabled. Before adoption, these texts will be subject to at least one round of open informal consultations.



Informal high-level discussion,
Human Rights Council's
20th anniversary, Palais des
nations. 19 June 2026.

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COUNTRY-SPECIFIC RESOLUTIONS

	FOCUS OF RESOLUTION	LEAD SPONSOR (S)	EXPECTED AGENDA ITEM	VOTE HISTORY ⁴
1	<u>Responding to the human rights and humanitarian crisis caused by the ongoing armed conflict in the Sudan</u>	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Germany, Ireland, Netherlands (Kingdom of the), Norway	2	Vote (<u>24-11-12</u>)
2	<u>Situation of human rights in Afghanistan</u>	European Union	2	Consensus
3	<u>Situation of human rights in Burundi</u>	European Union	4	Vote (<u>23-9-15</u>)
4	<u>Situation of human rights in the Russian Federation</u>	European Union	4	Vote (<u>20-8-18</u>)

	FOCUS OF RESOLUTION	LEAD SPONSOR (S)	EXPECTED AGENDA ITEM	VOTE HISTORY
5	<u>Situation of human rights in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela</u>	Chile, Argentina, Canada, Ecuador, Guatemala, Paraguay, Uruguay	4	Vote (<u>23-6-18</u>)
6	<u>Technical assistance and capacity-building for Yemen in the field of human rights</u>	Sudan (on behalf of the Group of Arab States)	10	Consensus
7	<u>Technical assistance and capacity-building in the field of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo</u>	Democratic Republic of the Congo	10	Consensus
8	<u>Technical assistance and capacity-building to address the human rights implications of the nuclear legacy in the Marshall Islands</u>	Marshall Islands, Fiji, Micronesia (Federated States of), Nauru, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Vanuatu	10	Consensus
9	<u>Technical assistance and capacity-building in the field of human rights in the Central African Republic</u>	Kenya (on behalf of the African Group)	10	Consensus

THEMATIC RESOLUTIONS

	FOCUS OF RESOLUTION	LEAD SPONSOR (S)	EXPECTED AGENDA ITEM	PERIODICITY	VOTE HISTORY ⁵
1	<u>Promoting accessibility for the full enjoyment of human rights by all</u>	China, Cameroon, Honduras, Pakistan, Türkiye	3	Biennial	Consensus
2	<u>Mandate of Independent Expert on a democratic and equitable international order</u>	Cuba	3	Triennial	Vote (<u>31-13-3</u>)
3	Enhancing equal access of children to adequate nutritious food	Indonesia	3	New initiative	N/A
4	<u>Mandate of Special Rapporteur on the implications for human rights on the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes</u>	Kenya (on behalf of the African Group)	3	Triennial	Consensus

	FOCUS OF RESOLUTION	LEAD SPONSOR (S)	EXPECTED AGENDA ITEM	PERIODICITY	VOTE HISTORY
5	<u>Mandate of the open-ended intergovernmental Working Group to elaborate the content of an international regulatory framework on the regulation, monitoring and oversight of the activities of private military and security companies</u>	Kenya (on behalf of the African Group)	3	Triennial	Consensus
6	<u>Youth and human rights</u>	El Salvador, Cote d'Ivoire, Egypt, France, Greece, Italy, Morocco, the Philippines, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Tunisia and Uzbekistan	3	Biennial	Consensus
7	Implications of artificial intelligence for the promotion and protection of human rights	Bangladesh, Egypt, Nepal and others	3	New initiative	N/A
8	<u>Human rights and Indigenous Peoples</u>	Guatemala, Mexico	3	Annual	Consensus
9	<u>Human rights and unilateral coercive measures</u>	Uganda (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement)	3	Triennial	Vote (<u>32-13-2</u>)

	FOCUS OF RESOLUTION	LEAD SPONSOR (S)	EXPECTED AGENDA ITEM	PERIODICITY	VOTE HISTORY
10	The right to development	Uganda (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement)	3	Annual	Vote (28-14-5)
11	Human rights of migrants	Mexico	3	Biennial	Consensus
12	The impact of anti-personnel mines on the full enjoyment of all human rights: strengthening victim assistance	Algeria, Croatia, Mozambique, Peru, South Africa, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Vanuatu	3	First tabled in March 2025	Consensus
13	The role of good governance in the promotion and protection of human rights	Poland, Australia, Chile, Republic of Korea, South Africa	3	Biennial	Consensus
14	Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence	Switzerland, Morocco	3	Triennial	Consensus
15	Human rights and transitional justice	Switzerland	3	Last tabled in 2022	Consensus

	FOCUS OF RESOLUTION	LEAD SPONSOR (S)	EXPECTED AGENDA ITEM	PERIODICITY	VOTE HISTORY
16	Strengthening international cooperation for promoting and protecting the rights of women and girls in the context of digital technologies	Armenia	3	New initiative	N/A
17	<u>Countering cyberbullying</u>	Argentina, Germany, Greece	3	Biennial	Consensus
18	<u>The human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation</u>	Spain, Germany	3	Annual	Consensus
19	<u>Enforced or involuntary disappearances</u>	France, Argentina, Japan, Morocco	3	Triennial	Consensus
20	<u>National human rights institutions</u>	Australia, Timor-Leste	8	Biennial (intended to become Triennial)	Consensus
21	<u>Mandate of the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent</u>	Kenya (on behalf of the African Group)	9	Triennial	Consensus
22	<u>From rhetoric to reality: a global call for concrete action against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance</u>	Kenya (on behalf of the African Group)	9	Annual	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 HRC63. In addition, **5** 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 AND INTERACTIVE DIALOGUES ⁶
1	Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan	7 September
2	Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Burundi	18 September
3	Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Russian Federation	21 September
4	Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in the Central African Republic	1 October
5	Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Cambodia	2 October

THEMATIC MANDATES

	MANDATE	PRESENTATION OF REPORT AND INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE ⁷	COUNTRY MISSION REPORTS
1	<u>Independent Expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order</u>	8 September	<u>Iceland</u>
2	<u>Special Rapporteur on unilateral coercive measures</u>	8 September	<u>Cuba</u>
3	<u>Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons</u>	9 September	N/A
4	<u>Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery and trafficking in persons</u>	9 September	<u>Brazil</u>
5	<u>Special Rapporteur on the right to development</u>	11 September	<u>Germany</u>
6	<u>Special Rapporteur on toxics and human rights</u>	11 September	<u>Mexico</u>
7	<u>Special Rapporteur on the rights to water and sanitation</u>	14 September	<u>Egypt</u>

MANDATE		PRESENTATION OF REPORT AND INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE	COUNTRY MISSION REPORTS
8	<u>Working Group on the use of mercenaries</u>	14 September	Colombia
9	<u>Working Group on enforced or involuntary disappearances</u>	14 September	N/A
10	<u>Working Group on arbitrary detention</u>	15 September	Australia
11	<u>Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence</u>	15 September	N/A
12	<u>Working Group on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas</u>	16 September	Ghana
13	<u>Special Rapporteur on the rights of Indigenous Peoples</u>	23 September	<u>Botswana</u>
14	<u>Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent</u>	30 September	Suriname Mexico

UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW

The UPR outcome reports of 15 States will be considered for adoption by the Council (expected 24-28 September):

- [Belgium](#);
- [Denmark](#);
- [Estonia](#)*;
- [Latvia](#);
- [Mozambique](#);
- [Namibia](#);
- [Nicaragua](#);
- [Niger](#);
- [Palau](#);
- [Paraguay](#);
- [the Seychelles](#);
- [Sierra Leone](#);
- [Singapore](#);
- [the Solomon Islands](#);
- [Somalia](#).

*Council Member

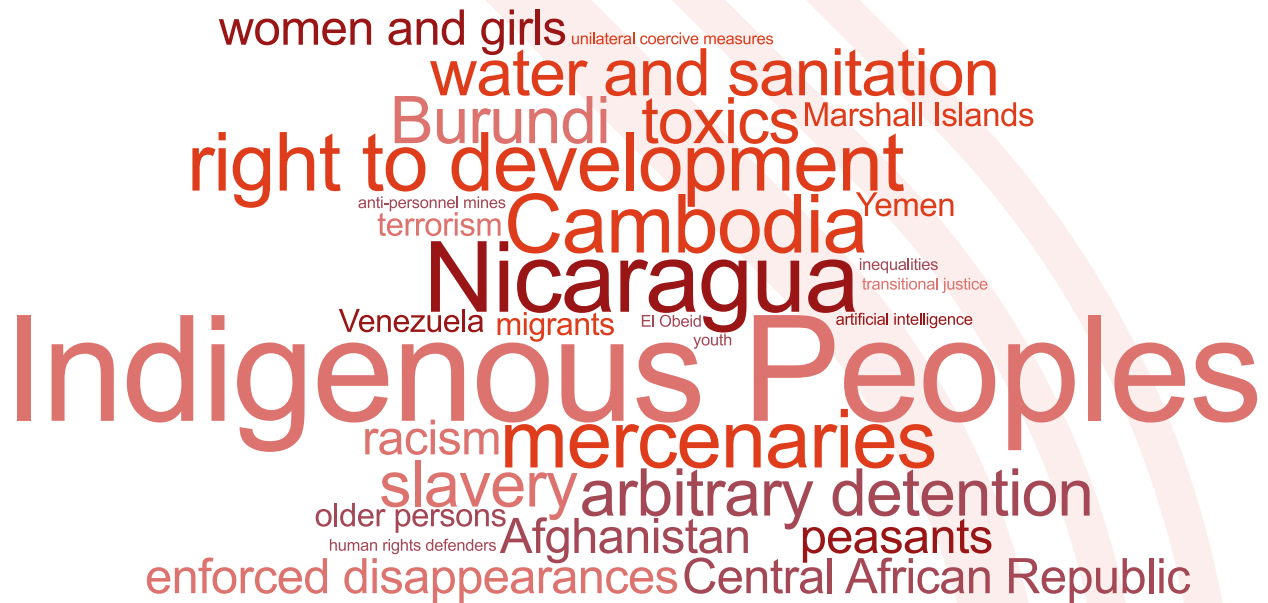
TRUST FUND TO SUPPORT THE PARTICIPATION OF LDCs AND SIDS

The Trust Fund to support the participation of LDCs and SIDS in the work of the Council, set up in 2012, will be supporting 6 government officials (3 female and 3 male) to participate in HRC63. They come from:

- Angola*
- Barbados
- Benin
- Cambodia
- Jamaica
- Marshall Islands*

* Council Members

MOST COMMON THEMES OF HRC63*



*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 60th to the 63rd 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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