

THE INSIDE TRACK

CONCISE INFORMATION ON THE UPCOMING SESSION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

The Inside Track HRC57: the 57th regular session
of the Human Rights Council

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A general view of participants at the 16th regular session of the Human Rights Council, Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland - 21 March 2011.

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IN BRIEF

- On **9th September**, H.E. Mr. Volker Türk, the High Commissioner for Human Rights, will open HRC57 with a presentation of the human rights situation around the world.
- 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*: **Nicaragua; the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem; Myanmar; Yemen; Honduras; Democratic Republic of the Congo; and Cambodia.**
- Additionally, the High Commissioner will deliver oral updates/presentations on cooperation with and assistance to **Ukraine.**
- Other oral updates on country situations by Special Procedures mandate holders will focus on the human rights situation in **Afghanistan, Nicaragua, Ukraine, and Belarus.**
- The Council will also hear an oral update from the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) regarding technical assistance and capacity-building for **South Sudan.**
- It will also consider the High Commissioner's and Secretary-General's reports on a number of **thematic issues**, including *inter alia*:
 - Question of death penalty.
 - Right to development.
 - Indigenous Peoples.
 - Youth.
 - Right to education by every girl.
 - Terrorism.
 - Climate change.
 - Civil society space.
 - Cooperation with the United Nations, its representatives and mechanisms in the field of human rights.
 - National human rights institutions.
- The Council will hold **19** interactive dialogues with Special Procedures mandate-holders, including **14** thematic mandate holders dealing with arbitrary detention; contemporary forms of slavery; development; enforced or involuntary disappearances; Indigenous Peoples; international order; mercenaries; older persons; peasants; People of African Descent; toxics and human rights; truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence; unilateral coercive measures; and water and sanitation; as well as **5** country-specific mandate holders on Burundi; Cambodia; the Russian Federation; Central African Republic; and Somalia.

- In addition, the Council will hold interactive dialogues with **6** investigative mechanisms: the Group of Independent Experts on the Human Rights Situation in **Belarus**; the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the **Syrian Arab Republic**; the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on **Ukraine**; the Independent International Fact-Finding Mission for the **Sudan**; the Independent International Fact-Finding Mission on the Bolivarian Republic of **Venezuela**; and the International Team of Experts on the **Democratic Republic of the Congo**.
 - Pursuant to 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 HRC56 will be considered during the relevant general debates at HRC57.
 - Based on the initiatives formally announced at the HRC57 organisational meeting, the Council is expected to act on around **32 draft resolutions and other texts**. The deadline for submitting draft resolutions has been set at **1 PM on Wednesday, 2nd October 2024**.
 - The Council will also adopt the UPR outcome reports of 14 States: [New Zealand](#), [Afghanistan](#), [Chile](#), [Viet Nam](#), [Uruguay](#), [Yemen](#), [Vanuatu](#), [North Macedonia](#), [the Comoros](#), [Slovakia](#), [Eritrea](#), [Cyprus](#), the [Dominican Republic](#) and [Cambodia](#)
 - Additionally, it is expected that **four** new mandate-holders will be appointed, including the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Belarus; a member of the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent (Western European and other States); one member of the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances (Asia-Pacific States); and 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 (Latin American and Caribbean States). On 26 August 2024, the President released the list of proposed candidates for the first two vacancies. More information on the upcoming appointments and the candidates can be found [here](#).
- For the full draft programme of work for HRC57, please click [here](#).



Mr. António Guterres, United Nations Secretary-General, speaking at the 55th regular session of the Human Rights Council, Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland - 26 February 2024.

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MODALITIES FOR THE 57TH SESSION

- The 57th session of the Human Rights Council will take place in Room XX.
- As of 22nd January 2024, the Department of General Assembly and Conference Management at the United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG) introduced restrictions relating to the management of official UN meetings and conferences, including restrictions on lunchtime meetings and the use of remote participation and hybrid modalities. Virtual live participation in meetings (e.g. on Zoom, Webex, Interpretify etc.) are not allowed, but pre-recorded video statements are still accepted, of course alongside in-person participation. UN Web TV will also continue to livestream the Council's meetings. This follows the request from the Council to the General Assembly, through its April 2024 decision 55/116, to authorise the Council to continue using remote participation modalities.
- Following on from the previous Council session, informal negotiations, side events and other informal meetings taking place on the sidelines of HRC57 would be able to benefit from audio-visual services as well as the use of WebEx on a cost-recovery basis.
- The online registration platform for the 57th session, 'Events,' can be found at: <https://events.ohchr.org>.
 - For **States**, inscription to the **list of speakers via the 'Events' platform for all interactive dialogues and panel discussions** will open on **Monday, 2nd September at 4 PM and will close 24 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. For the **adoption of UPR outcomes**, States' registration for the list of speakers will open on **Monday, 16th September at 9 AM and will close on Thursday, 19th 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, 3rd September at 2 PM**. NHRIs with 'A' status and NGOs with ECOSOC consultative status 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 be through the 'Events' platform and the uploading of transcripts is mandatory irrespective of the method of participation. The deadline for all participants (whether in person or via video statement) to upload the transcripts and video statements with transcripts (as applicable) is 6 PM on the working day before the debate is scheduled to start, and will constitute confirmation of participation.
 - 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.



Event to mark International Women In Diplomacy Day, Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland - 24 June 2024.

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MEASURES TO ASSIST SMALL DELEGATIONS DURING THE HRC

The virtual HRC Helpdesk for SIDS and LDCs is meant to 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 at hrcdesksmallpm@ohchr.org or phone/WhatsApp at +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 E-Delegate, online tool allows delegates to circulate, table and co-sponsor resolutions, amongst others. It is accessible through the following [link](#).

Delegates will be able to continue to use the Sched app to access details on plenary meetings, side events, and informal consultations during the session. Please note that meeting details may be subject to change and are updated regularly.

PANEL DISCUSSIONS

HRC57 is scheduled to hold six panel discussions:

1. Panel discussion on promoting and protecting economic, social and cultural rights within the context of addressing inequalities (11 September; [concept note](#)).
2. Panel discussion on quality education for peace and tolerance for every child (18 September; [concept note](#)).
3. Biennial panel discussion on the right to development under the theme '*realizing the right to development: the case for a United Nations framework convention on international tax cooperation*' (18 September; [concept note](#)).
4. Panel discussion on the implementation of States' obligations on the role of the family in supporting the human rights of its members (25 September; [concept note](#)).
5. Annual half-day panel discussion on the rights of Indigenous Peoples under the theme '*laws, policies, judicial decisions and other measures taken by States to achieve the ends of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*' (25 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 under the theme '*enhancing gender integration in human rights investigations: a victim-centred perspective*' (30 September; [concept note](#)).

WHAT'S IN PRINT?

During HRC57, States will consider 69 reports from the Secretary-General, the High Commissioner and his Office, and/or the Special Procedures mandate-holders.^[1]

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

'L NUMBER' – DRAFT RESOLUTIONS AND OTHER TEXTS AT HRC57^[2]

Based on announcements made during the organisational meeting, the following draft resolutions and other texts are expected to be tabled during HRC57. Before adoption, these texts would be subject to at least one round of open informal consultations with interested delegations.



51st regular session of the Human Rights Council, Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland - September 12, 2022.

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1. Additionally, the Council will consider and adopt 14 outcome reports of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review.
2. When tabled before the Council, draft resolutions (and other texts) are given an 'L number.'

COUNTRY-SPECIFIC RESOLUTIONS

**The table below only includes initiatives formally announced during the HRC57 organisational meeting.*

	FOCUS OF RESOLUTION	LEAD SPONSOR (S) ^[3]	EXPECTED AGENDA ITEM	VOTE HISTORY ^[4]
1	<u>Mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan</u>	European Union	2	Consensus
2	<u>Promoting reconciliation, accountability and human rights in Sri Lanka</u>	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Canada, Germany, Malawi, Montenegro, North Macedonia, United States of America	2	(<u>20-20-7</u>)
3	<u>Responding to the human rights and humanitarian crisis caused by the ongoing armed conflict in the Sudan</u>	United Kingdom, Germany, Norway, United States of America	2	(<u>19-12-16</u>)
4	<u>Mandate of the international independent fact-finding mission on the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela</u>	Canada, Brazil, Chile, Ecuador, Guatemala, Paraguay	4	(<u>19-23-5</u>)
5	<u>Mandate of Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Burundi</u>	European Union	4	(<u>20-17-10</u>)

3. Based on main sponsors of previous resolutions.

4. Vote results from the last time the resolution was adopted by the Council. Vote results are represented as (YES – NO – ABSTAIN).

	FOCUS OF RESOLUTION	LEAD SPONSOR (S)	EXPECTED AGENDA ITEM	VOTE HISTORY
6	<u>Mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the human rights situation in the Russian Federation</u>	Luxembourg, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden	4	(18-22-7)
7	<u>Situation of human rights in the Syrian Arab Republic</u>	United Kingdom, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Qatar, Turkiye, United States of America	4	(24-18-4)
8	<u>Cooperation with Georgia</u>	Georgia	10	(22-21-4)
9	<u>Technical assistance and capacity building to address the human rights implications of the nuclear legacy in the Marshall Islands</u>	Marshall Islands, Fiji, Nauru, Samoa, and Vanuatu	10	Consensus
10	<u>Technical assistance and capacity-building in the field of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo</u>	The Gambia (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>	United Arab Emirates (on behalf of the Group of Arab States)	10	Consensus

THEMATIC RESOLUTIONS

**The table below only includes initiatives formally announced during the HRC57 organisational meeting.*

	FOCUS OF RESOLUTION	LEAD SPONSOR (S) ^[5]	EXPECTED AGENDA ITEM	PERIODICITY ^[6]	VOTE HISTORY ^[7]
1	<u>Countering cyberbullying</u>	Argentina, Germany, Greece, Israel	3	Biennial	Consensus
2	Elimination of domestic violence	Kazakhstan	3	New initiative	N/A
3	<u>Equal participation in political and public affairs</u>	Botswana, Czech Republic, Indonesia, The Netherlands, Peru	3	Triennial	Consensus
4	<u>Human rights and Indigenous Peoples</u>	Mexico, Guatemala	3	Annual	Consensus
5	<u>Human rights of migrants</u>	Mexico	3	Annual	Consensus
6	Importance of applying a human rights perspective to the implementation of the global biodiversity framework	Colombia	3	New initiative	N/A

5. Based on main sponsors of previous resolutions.
6. Based on the voluntary calendar of thematic resolutions.
7. Vote results from the last time the resolution was adopted by the Council.

	FOCUS OF RESOLUTION	LEAD SPONSOR (S)	EXPECTED AGENDA ITEM	PERIODICITY	VOTE HISTORY
7	<u>Local government and human rights</u>	Chile, Egypt, Republic of Korea and Romania	3	Biennial	Consensus
8	<u>Mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights in the context of climate change</u>	Bahamas, European Union, Fiji, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Panama, Paraguay, Sudan	3	Triennial	(42-4-1)
9	<u>National human rights institutions</u>	Australia, Timor-Leste	3	Biennial	Consensus
10	<u>Promotion of a democratic and equitable international order</u>	Cuba	3	Annual	(29-4-14)
11	Social reintegration of persons released from prison and persons subjected to non-custodial measures	Costa Rica, Gambia, Montenegro, Kazakhstan	3	New initiative	N/A
12	<u>Terrorism and human rights</u>	Mexico, Egypt	3	Biennial	Consensus

	FOCUS OF RESOLUTION	LEAD SPONSOR (S)	EXPECTED AGENDA ITEM	PERIODICITY	VOTE HISTORY
13	The human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation	Spain, Germany	3	Biennial	Consensus
14	The promotion, protection and enjoyment of human rights on the Internet	Brazil, Nigeria, Sweden, Tunisia, United States of America	3	Triennial	(43-4-0)
15	The role of good governance in the promotion and protection of human rights	Poland, Australia, Chile, Republic of Korea, South Africa	3	Annual	Consensus
16	Use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination	Cuba	3	Annual	(32-2-13)
17	World Programme for Human Rights Education	Philippines, Brazil, Costa Rica, Italy, Morocco, Senegal, Slovenia, Thailand	3	Annual	Consensus

	FOCUS OF RESOLUTION	LEAD SPONSOR (S)	EXPECTED AGENDA ITEM	PERIODICITY	VOTE HISTORY
18	<u>Youth and human rights</u>	Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, El Salvador, France, Greece, Italy, Morocco, Philippines, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Tunisia and Uzbekistan	3	Biennial	Consensus
19	<u>Education as a tool for the prevention of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia, and related intolerance</u>	Brazil, Colombia, South Africa	9	Last adopted in 2013	(<u>46-1-0</u>)
20	<u>From rhetoric to reality: a global call for concrete action against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance</u>	The Gambia (on behalf of the Group of African States)	9	Annual	(<u>33-7-7</u>)
21	<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

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 HRC57. 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/ORAL UPDATES AND INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE ⁸
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Burundi	20th September
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Russian Federation	23rd September
Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in the Central African Republic	4th October
Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Somalia	4th October
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Cambodia	7th October

8. Dates liable to change.

THEMATIC MANDATES

MANDATE	PRESENTATION OF REPORT AND INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE	COUNTRY MISSION REPORTS
<u>Special Rapporteur on truth, justice and reparation</u>	<u>11th and 12th September</u>	<u>Armenia</u> <u>Colombia</u> <u>Finland and Sweden</u>
<u>Working Group on the use of mercenaries</u>	12th September	<u>Côte d'Ivoire</u>
<u>Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery</u>	<u>12th September</u>	<u>Canada</u> <u>Côte d'Ivoire</u>
<u>Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons</u>	<u>12th September</u>	Moldova <u>Peru</u>
<u>Special Rapporteur on unilateral coercive measures</u>	<u>13th September</u>	<u>China</u>

MANDATE	PRESENTATION OF REPORT AND INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE	COUNTRY MISSION REPORTS
<u>Special Rapporteur on the rights to water and sanitation</u>	<u>16th September</u>	Canada
<u>Independent Expert on international order</u>	16th September	Maldives
<u>Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances</u>	<u>16th September</u>	<u>African Union judicial and human rights organs and other subregional bodies</u> <u>Follow-up to the recommendations made by the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances in the report of its visit to Kyrgyzstan</u> <u>Follow-up to the recommendations made by the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances in its report on its visit to Tajikistan</u>
<u>Special Rapporteur on toxics and human rights</u>	<u>17th September</u>	Australia South Africa

MANDATE	PRESENTATION OF REPORT AND INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE	COUNTRY MISSION REPORTS
<u>Working Group on Arbitrary Detention</u>	<u>17th September</u>	<u>Bahamas</u> <u>Mexico</u>
<u>Special Rapporteur on the right to development</u>	<u>17th September</u>	<u>Viet Nam</u>
<u>Working group on peasants</u>	18th September	
<u>Special Rapporteur on the rights of Indigenous Peoples</u>	<u>24th September</u>	Colombia
<u>Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent</u>	2nd October	<u>Norway</u>

UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW

The UPR outcome reports of the following 14 States will be considered for adoption by the Council during HRC57 (expected to be between 26th September and 1st October):

- [Afghanistan](#)
- [Cambodia](#)
- [Chile*](#)
- [Comoros](#)
- [Cyprus](#)
- [Dominican Republic*](#)
- [Eritrea*](#)
- [New Zealand](#)
- [North Macedonia](#)
- [Slovakia](#)
- [Uruguay](#)
- [Vanuatu](#)
- [Viet Nam*](#)
- [Yemen](#)

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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 15 government officials' (8 female and 7 male) participation in HRC57. They come from:

- The Bahamas
- Bangladesh*
- Benin*
- Burundi*
- Comoros
- Guinea
- Guinea Bissau
- Jamaica
- Lao People's Democratic Republic
- The Maldives*
- The Republic of the Marshall Islands
- Somalia*
- South Sudan
- Tuvalu
- Vanuatu

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MOST COMMON THEMES OF HRC57*



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

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