

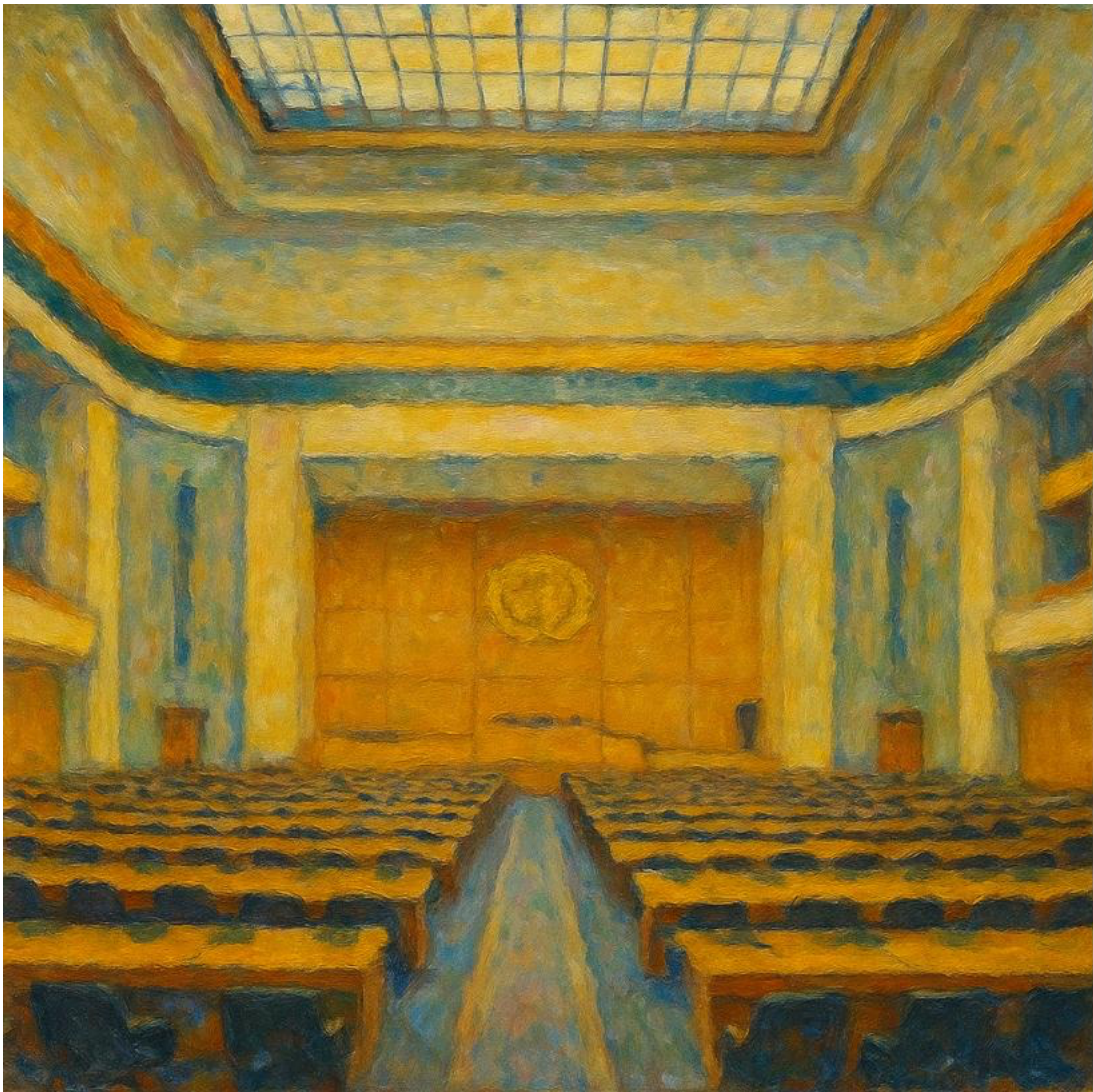
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INTRODUCTION

This A-Z guide provides a list of themes and countries to be formally addressed during the upcoming 61st session of the Human Rights Council according to the official programme of work.

Please note that additional issues (thematic and country situations) can be raised during the high-level and general segments, general debates and the consideration of draft decisions and resolutions scheduled to take place at the end of this 61st session.

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Afghanistan	HRC to consider the <u>report</u> of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan , Richard Bennett, on the situation of women and girls in the country, and a <u>report</u> of OHCHR reflecting victims' and survivors' perspectives on justice and redress , followed by an <u>enhanced interactive dialogue</u> . (See also <i>OHCHR; Special procedures; Women's and girls' rights</i>)	A/HRC/61/63 A/HRC/61/54	26 February
	HRC to hear the presentation of an <u>oral update</u> of the Secretary-General on the establishment of the independent investigative mechanism on Afghanistan . (See also <i>Investigations mandated by the Council; Secretary-General</i>)	HRC res 60/2	27 February
African descent, people of	HRC to consider the <u>appointment</u> of one member (from Asia-Pacific States) of the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent . The vacancy, originally	Consultative Group report & President's list	31 March

unscheduled, was occasioned by the resignation of the mandate holder. (See also *Appointment; Special procedures*)

Albinism, rights of persons with

HRC to consider the report of the **Independent Expert** on the enjoyment of human rights by **persons with albinism**, Muluka-Anne Miti-Drummond, on the **right to employment** for persons with albinism, followed by an interactive dialogue. (See also *Special procedures; Work, right to*)

A/HRC/61/53 5 March

Andorra

HRC to consider the report of the Working Group on the **Universal Periodic Review** and adopt the outcome of the review of **Andorra**. (See also *Universal periodic review*)

A/HRC/61/10 18, 19 & 23 March
& Add.1

Appointment

HRC to consider the appointment of four members of the **Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development**: one from African States, one from Asia-Pacific States, one from Eastern European States, and one from Western European and other States. (See also *Development, right to; Expert Mechanisms*)

Consultative 31 March
Group report
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list

HRC to consider the appointment of two members of the **Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples**: one from Asia and one from the Arctic. (See also *Indigenous Peoples, rights of; Expert Mechanisms*)

Consultative 31 March
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<p>HRC to consider the <u>appointment</u> of 11 Special procedures mandate holders: (1) Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons; (2) Special Rapporteur 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; (3) new mandate of Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery and trafficking in persons; (4) Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights; (5) Special Rapporteur on the negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights; (6) Special Rapporteur on the right to food; (7) Special Rapporteur on the sale, sexual exploitation and sexual abuse of children; (8) Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders; (9) Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Cambodia; (10) Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar; and (11) Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent, member from Asia-Pacific States. (See also <i>African Descent, People of; Cambodia; Child's rights; Food, right to; Housing, right to adequate; Human rights defenders; Myanmar; Older persons, rights of; Poverty; Slavery and trafficking in persons; Special procedures; Unilateral coercive measures</i>)</p>	<p>Consultative Group report & President's list</p>	<p>31 March</p>
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Belarus	HRC to consider a comprehensive <u>report</u> of the Group of Independent Experts on the Situation of Human Rights in Belarus , followed by an <u>interactive dialogue</u> . (See also <i>Investigations mandated by the Council</i>)	A/HRC/61/57	12 March
	HRC to consider the <u>report</u> of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review and adopt the <u>outcome</u> of the review of Belarus . (See also <i>Universal periodic review</i>)	A/HRC/61/4 & Add.1	18, 19 & 23 March
Biodiversity	HRC to consider the <u>report</u> of the High Commissioner entitled “Global analytical study on the implementation of a human rights-based approach into the goals and targets of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.” (See also <i>Environment; High Commissioner</i>)	A/HRC/61/36	11 March
Bosnia and Herzegovina	HRC to consider the <u>report</u> of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders , Mary Lawlor, on her <u>visit to Bosnia and Herzegovina</u> , followed by an <u>interactive dialogue</u> . (See also <i>Country visits; Human rights defenders, Special procedures</i>)	A/HRC/61/40 /Add.1	3 March
Bulgaria	HRC to consider the <u>report</u> of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review and adopt the <u>outcome</u> of the review of Bulgaria . (See also <i>Universal periodic review</i>)	A/HRC/61/11 & Add.1	18, 19 & 23 March

Business and human rights	HRC to consider the <u>report</u> of the open-ended intergovernmental working group on transnational corporations and other business enterprises with respect to human rights on its 11 th session held from 20 to 24 October 2025 in Geneva. (See also <i>Intergovernmental working groups</i>)	A/HRC/61/39	11 March
Cambodia	HRC to consider the <u>appointment</u> of a new Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Cambodia . The vacancy, originally unscheduled, was occasioned by the resignation of the mandate holder. (See also <i>Appointment; Special procedures</i>)	Consultative Group report & President's list	31 March
Central African Republic	HRC to hold a <u>high-level dialogue</u> to assess developments in the human rights situation in the Central African Republic , with particular emphasis on the implementation of peace instruments, and on progress in the disarmament, demobilization, reintegration and repatriation process, the complete and effective disbanding of armed groups, the restoration of State authority throughout the country and the efforts made to protect civilians and promote national reconciliation. (See also <i>Enhanced interactive dialogues, joint interactive dialogues and high-level dialogues; Peace</i>)	HRC res. 60/34	26 March

Child's rights HRC to consider the report of the **Special Rapporteur on the sale, sexual exploitation and sexual abuse of children**, Mama Fatima Singhateh, entitled "Protecting children from sale, sexual exploitation and sexual abuse: progress, new frontiers and the path forward," as well as her reports on her visits to Germany and to the **United Arab Emirates**, followed by an interactive dialogue. (See also *Country visits; Germany; Sexual violence; Special procedures; United Arab Emirates*) A/HRC/61/45 9 March , Add.1 & Add.2

HRC to hold its annual full-day meeting on the **rights of the child** on the theme "**rights of the child and violations of the human rights of children in armed conflicts.**" The meeting will be comprised of two panels. The first panel in the morning will be dedicated to **prevention and protection**, with the participation of the new **Special Representative of the Secretary-General for children and Armed Conflict**, Vanessa Frazier, and Benoit Van Keirsbilck, member of the **Committee on the Rights of the Child**. The second panel in the afternoon will be dedicated to **reintegration and recovery, remedies and reparation**, with the participation of the Deputy Director of the Office of Emergency Programmes at the United Nations Children's Fund (**UNICEF**), Hazel de Wet. (See also *Panel discussions*, HRC res. 7/29 & 55/29 9 March

Special Representatives of the Secretary-General, Treaty bodies; UNICEF)

HRC to consider the annual report of the **Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence against Children**, Najat Maalla M'jid, followed by an interactive dialogue. (See also *Special Representatives of the Secretary-General*)

A/HRC/61/38 10 March

HRC to consider the annual report of the new **Special Representative of the Secretary-General for children and Armed Conflict**, Vanessa Frazier, followed by an interactive dialogue. (See also *Special Representatives of the Secretary-General*)

A/HRC/61/37 10 March

Climate change

HRC to consider the report of the Chair of 5th session of the **Forum on Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law**, which was held on 13 and 14 October 2025 in Geneva on the theme **“Democracy and climate change: focusing on solutions.”** (See also *Democracy and rule of law; Environment; Forums*)

A/HRC/61/64 17 March

HRC to consider a note by the Secretariat on the summary report of **OHCHR** on the panel discussion on facilitating just transitions in the context of addressing the adverse impacts of **climate change** on the full realization of human rights for all people, and ways forward to address

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the challenges thereto, as well as on best practices and lessons learned, which was held on 30 June 2025. (See also *Environment; Panel discussions*)

Colombia	HRC to consider the <u>report</u> of the High Commissioner on the situation of human rights in Colombia and the activities of OHCHR in the country. (See also <i>High Commissioner, OHCHR</i>)	A/HRC/61/20	27 February
	HRC to consider the <u>report</u> of the Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities , Heba Hagrass, on her <u>visit</u> to Colombia , followed by an <u>interactive dialogue</u> . (See also <i>Country visits; Disabilities, rights of persons with; Special procedures</i>)	A/HRC/61/46 /Add.1	6 March
Cooperation, international assistance and	HRC to consider the <u>report</u> of the Independent Expert 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 , Attiya Waris, on international assistance and cooperation , followed by an <u>interactive dialogue</u> . (See also <i>Debt, foreign; Economic, social and cultural rights; Finance; Special procedures</i>)	A/HRC/61/44	4-5 March
Côte d’Ivoire	HRC to consider the <u>report</u> of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering	A/HRC/61/52 /Add.1	10 March

terrorism, Ben Saul, on his visit to **Côte d'Ivoire**, followed by an interactive dialogue. (See also *Country visits; Terrorism, countering; Special procedures*)

Country visits	HRC to consider the <u>report</u> of the Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment , Alice Jill Edwards, on her <u>visit</u> to Senegal , followed by an <u>interactive dialogue</u> . (See also <i>Senegal; Special procedures; Torture</i>)	A/HRC/61/42 /Add.1	2-3 March
	HRC to consider the <u>report</u> of the Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief , Nazila Ghanea, on her <u>visit</u> to Zambia , followed by an <u>interactive dialogue</u> . (See also <i>Religion or belief, freedom of; Special procedures; Zambia</i>)	A/HRC/61/50 /Add.1	3 March
	HRC to consider the <u>report</u> of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders , Mary Lawlor, on her <u>visit</u> to Bosnia and Herzegovina , followed by an <u>interactive dialogue</u> . (See also <i>Bosnia and Herzegovina; Human rights defenders, Special procedures</i>)	A/HRC/61/40 /Add.1	3 March
	HRC to consider the <u>reports</u> of the Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights , Alexandra Xanthaki, on her <u>visits</u> to the Lao People's Democratic Republic and to the Federated States of Micronesia , followed by an <u>interactive dialogue</u> . (See also <i>Cultural rights; Lao</i>)	A/HRC/61/49 /Add.1 & Add.2	3-4 March

*People's Democratic Republic;
Micronesia, Federated States of; Special
procedures)*

HRC to consider the report of the **Special Rapporteur 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, Balakrishnan Rajagopal, on his visit to **Guatemala**, followed by an interactive dialogue. (See also *Guatemala; Housing, right to adequate; Special procedures*)

A/HRC/61/43 4 March
/Add.1

HRC to consider the report of the **Independent Expert** 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**, Attiya Waris, on her visit to **Kuwait**, followed by an interactive dialogue. (See also *Debt, foreign; Economic, social and cultural rights; Finance; Kuwait; Special procedures*)

A/HRC/61/44 4-5 March
/Add.1

HRC to consider the report of the **Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities**, Heba Hagrass, on her visit to **Colombia**, followed by an interactive dialogue. (See also *Colombia; Disabilities, rights of persons with; Special procedures*)

A/HRC/61/46 6 March
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<p>HRC to consider the <u>report</u> of the Special Rapporteur on the human right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment, Astrid Puentes Riaño, on her <u>visit</u> to Singapore, followed by an <u>interactive dialogue</u>. (See also <i>Environment; Singapore; Special procedures</i>)</p>	<p>A/HRC/61/47 /Add.1</p>	<p>6 March</p>
<p>HRC to consider the <u>reports</u> of the Special Rapporteur on the sale, sexual exploitation and sexual abuse of children, Mama Fatima Singhateh, on her <u>visits</u> to Germany and to the United Arab Emirates, followed by an <u>interactive dialogue</u>. (See also <i>Child's rights; Germany; Sexual violence; Special procedures; United Arab Emirates</i>)</p>	<p>A/HRC/61/45 /Add.1 & Add.2</p>	<p>9 March</p>
<p>HRC to consider the <u>report</u> of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism, Ben Saul, on his <u>visit</u> to Côte d'Ivoire and Somalia, followed by an <u>interactive dialogue</u>. (See also <i>Côte d'Ivoire; Somalia; Special procedures; Terrorism, countering</i>)</p>	<p>A/HRC/61/52 /Add.1 & Add.2</p>	<p>10 March</p>
<p>HRC to consider the <u>report</u> of the Special Rapporteur on the right to privacy, Ana Brian Nougrères, on her <u>visit</u> to Mongolia, followed by an <u>interactive dialogue</u>. (See also <i>Mongolia; Privacy, Right to; Special procedures</i>)</p>	<p>A/HRC/61/48 /Add.1</p>	<p>10-11 March</p>

	HRC to consider the <u>report</u> of the Special Rapporteur on minority issues , Nicolas Levrat, on his <u>country visit</u> to Nepal , followed by an <u>interactive dialogue</u> . (See also <i>Minority issues, Nepal; Special procedures</i>)	A/HRC/61/41 /Add.1	17 March
Croatia	HRC to consider the <u>report</u> of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review and adopt the <u>outcome</u> of the review of Croatia . (See also <i>Universal periodic review</i>)	A/HRC/61/15 & Add.1	18, 19 & 23 March
Cultural rights	HRC to consider the <u>reports</u> of the Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights , Alexandra Xanthaki, on cultural rights and nature conservation , and on her <u>visits</u> to the Lao People's Democratic Republic and to the Federated States of Micronesia , followed by an <u>interactive dialogue</u> . (See also <i>Country visits; Environment; Lao People's Democratic Republic; Micronesia, Federated States of; Special procedures</i>)	A/HRC/61/49 , Add.1 & Add.2	3-4 March
Cyprus	HRC to consider the <u>report</u> of OHCHR on the question of human rights in Cyprus . (See also <i>OHCHR</i>)	A/HRC/61/21	27 February
Data	HRC to consider the <u>report</u> of the Special Rapporteur on the right to privacy , Ana Brian Nougrères, on international collection of personal data , followed by an <u>interactive dialogue</u> . (See also <i>Privacy, right to; Special procedures</i>)	A/HRC/61/48	10-11 March

Debt, foreign	HRC to consider the <u>reports</u> of the Independent Expert 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 , Attiya Waris, on international assistance and cooperation , and on her <u>visit</u> to Kuwait , followed by an <u>interactive dialogue</u> . (See also <i>Cooperation, international assistance and; Country visits; Economic, social and cultural rights; Finance; Kuwait; Special procedures</i>)	A/HRC/61/44 /Add.1	4-5 March
Decisions and resolutions	HRC to take action on <u>draft decisions and resolutions</u> at the end of its 61 st session. (See also <i>Appointment</i>)	N/A	27, 30 & 31 March
Democracy and rule of law	HRC to consider the <u>report</u> of the Chair of the 5 th session of the Forum on Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law , which was held on 13 and 14 October 2025 in Geneva on the theme “ Democracy and climate change: focusing on solutions. ” (See also <i>Climate change; Environment; Forums</i>)	A/HRC/61/64	17 March
Democratic People’s Republic of Korea	HRC to consider the <u>report</u> of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea , Elizabeth Salmón, followed by an <u>interactive dialogue</u> . (See also <i>Special procedures</i>)	A/HRC/61/55	13 March

	HRC to hear an <u>oral update</u> of the High Commissioner on accountability for human rights violations in the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea . (See also <i>High Commissioner</i>)	HRC res. 58/17	16 March
Democratic Republic of the Congo	HRC to hear an <u>oral update</u> by the High Commissioner on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo in the framework of an <u>enhanced interactive dialogue</u> . (See also <i>Enhanced interactive dialogues, joint interactive dialogues and high-level dialogues; High Commissioner</i>)	HRC res. 60/35	25 March
Designated experts of the High Commissioner	HRC to consider a <u>report</u> of the High Commissioner on the situation of human rights in the Sudan , within the framework of an <u>enhanced interactive dialogue</u> with the participation of his designated expert on human rights in the Sudan, Radhouane Nouicer. (See also <i>Enhanced interactive dialogues, joint interactive dialogues and high-level dialogues; High Commissioner; Sudan</i>)	A/HRC/61/24	26 February
	HRC to consider the <u>report</u> of the High Commissioner on the situation of human rights in Haiti , within the framework of an <u>interactive dialogue</u> with the participation of the independent human rights expert appointed by the High Commissioner, William O’Neill. (See also <i>Haiti; High Commissioner</i>)	A/HRC/61/74	26 March

Development, right to	HRC to consider the <u>report</u> of OHCHR on best practices, challenges and lessons learned concerning integrated approaches to the promotion and protection of human rights and the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the global level. (See also <i>OHCHR; Sustainable development</i>)	A/HRC/61/13	11 March
	HRC to hold a <u>panel discussion</u> on financing sustainable development in line with economic, social and cultural rights obligations . The High Commissioner and the Director of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD) , Magdalena Sepúlveda Carmona, are expected to participate in this panel discussion. (See also <i>Economic, social and cultural rights; Finance; High Commissioner; Panel discussions, Sustainable development; UNRISD</i>)	HRC res. 58/9 & concept note	5 March
	HRC to consider the <u>appointment</u> of four members of the Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development : one from African States, one from Asia-Pacific States, one from Eastern European States, and one from Western European and other States. (See also <i>Appointment; Expert Mechanisms</i>)	Consultative Group report & President's list	31 March

Disabilities, persons with	HRC to consider the <u>report</u> of the Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities , Heba Hagrass, on the equal participation of persons with disabilities in political life , and on her <u>visit to Colombia</u> , followed by an <u>interactive dialogue</u> . (See also <i>Colombia; Country visits; Political life, participation to, Special procedures</i>)	A/HRC/61/46 & Add.1	6 March
	HRC to hold an annual <u>interactive debate</u> on the rights of persons with disabilities on the theme “ Disability-inclusive infrastructure, including transport and housing. ” The High Commissioner and the Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities , Heba Hagrass are expected to participate in this annual interactive debate which will be fully accessible to persons with disabilities. (See also <i>Inclusions; Infrastructure, High Commissioner; Housing, right to adequate; Special procedures; Transport, inclusive; Panel discussions</i>)	HRC res. 7/9, & 55/8 Concept note	6 March
	HRC to consider the <u>report</u> of OHCHR on disability-inclusive infrastructure, including transport and housing . (See also <i>Disabilities, rights of persons with; Housing, right to adequate; Inclusion; Infrastructure; OHCHR; Transport, inclusive</i>)	A/HRC/61/32	11 March
Disinformation	HRC to consider the summary <u>report</u> of the High Commissioner on the <u>expert workshop</u> to review the methods used	A/HRC/61/80	11 March

to disseminate disinformation and to promote tools and approaches to counter these challenges while protecting and reinforcing human rights standards, which was held online on 12 June 2025. (See also *High Commissioner*)

HRC to consider the report of the **Advisory Committee** of the Human Rights Council on the impact of **disinformation** on the enjoyment and realization of human rights. (See also *Advisory Committee*)

A/HRC/61/68 17 March

Durban Declaration and Plan of Action

HRC to hold a high-level panel discussion on the commemoration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the adoption of the **Durban Declaration and Programme of Action**. (See also *Panels discussions; Racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related forms of intolerance*)

HRC res. 60/16 & GA res. 80/193 24 February

HRC to consider the report of the **Intergovernmental Working Group** on the Effective Implementation of the **Durban Declaration and Programme of Action**, on its 23rd session (13 - 17 January 2025) and 24th session (15 - 17 October 2025) held in Geneva. (See also *African Descent, People of; Racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related forms of intolerance; Intergovernmental working groups*)

A/HRC/61/73 24 March

Economic, social and cultural rights	<p>HRC to consider the <u>reports</u> of the Independent Expert 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, Attiya Waris, on international assistance and cooperation and on her <u>visit</u> to Kuwait, followed by an <u>interactive dialogue</u>. (See also <i>Cooperation, international assistance and; Country visits; Debt, foreign; Finance; Kuwait</i>)</p>	A/HRC/61/44 & Add.1 4-5 March
	<p>HRC to hold a <u>panel discussion</u> on financing sustainable development in line with economic, social and cultural rights obligations. The High Commissioner and the Director of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD), Magdalena Sepúlveda Carmona, are expected to participate in this panel discussion. (See also <i>Finance; High Commissioner; Panel discussions; Sustainable development; UNRISD</i>)</p>	HRC res. 58/9 5 March Concept note
	<p>HRC to consider the <u>report</u> of the 2025 Social Forum, which focused on the contribution of education to the respect, promotion, protection and fulfilment of all human rights for all and was held on 30 and 31 October 2025 in Geneva. (See also <i>Education; Forums</i>)</p>	A/HRC/61/67 17 March

	HRC to consider the <u>appointment</u> of the new Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights (See also <i>Appointment; Poverty; Special procedures</i>)	Consultative Group report & President's list	31 March
Education	HRC to consider the <u>report</u> of the 2025 Social Forum , which focused on the contribution of education to the respect, promotion, protection and fulfilment of all human rights for all and was held on 30 and 31 October 2025 in Geneva. (See also <i>Economic, social and cultural rights; Forums</i>)	A/HRC/61/67	17 March
Enhanced interactive dialogues, joint interactive dialogues and high-level dialogues	HRC to hold four <u>enhanced interactive dialogues</u> , one <u>joint interactive dialogue</u> and one <u>high-level dialogue</u> during its 61st session.		
	HRC to hold an <u>enhanced interactive dialogue</u> on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan . The Special Rapporteur on the human rights situation in Afghanistan , Richard Bennett, will present a report on the situation of human rights of women and girls , and OHCHR will present a report reflecting victims' and survivors' perspectives on justice and redress . (See also <i>Afghanistan; OHCHR; Special procedures, Women's and girls' rights</i>)	A/HRC/61/63 A/HRC/61/54	26 February

HRC to hold an enhanced interactive dialogue on the situation of human rights in the **Sudan**. The **High Commissioner**, with the assistance of the **Expert on human rights in the Sudan**, Radhouane Nouicer, will present a report on the situation of human rights in the Sudan and on violations and abuses committed by all parties to the conflict, and the **Independent International Fact-Finding Mission for the Sudan** will present a report on the findings of its inquiry into the violations and abuses of international human rights law and violations of international humanitarian law allegedly committed in and around El Fasher. (See also *Designated experts of the High Commissioner; High Commissioner; Investigations mandated by the Council; Sudan*)

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HRC to consider the report of the **Commission of Human Rights in South Sudan**, followed by an enhanced interactive dialogue. (See also *Investigations mandated by the Council ; South Sudan*)

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HRC to consider the reports of the **Independent International Fact-Finding Mission on the Islamic Republic of Iran** and of the **Special Rapporteur on the Islamic Republic of Iran**, Mai Sato, in the context of a joint interactive dialogue. (See also *Investigations mandated by*

A/HRC/61/60 16 March

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*the Council; Iran, Islamic Republic of;
Special Procedures)*

HRC to hear the presentation of an oral update of the **High Commissioner** on the situation of human rights in the **Democratic Republic of the Congo** in the context of an enhanced interactive dialogue. (See also *Democratic Republic of the Congo; High Commissioner*)

HRC res. 60/35 25 March

HRC to hold a high-level dialogue to assess developments in the human rights situation in the **Central African Republic**, with particular emphasis on the implementation of peace instruments, and on progress in the disarmament, demobilization, reintegration and repatriation process, the complete and effective disbanding of armed groups, the restoration of State authority throughout the country and the efforts made to protect civilians and promote national reconciliation. (See also *Central African Republic; Peace*)

HRC res. 60/34 26 March

Environment HRC to consider the report of the **Special Rapporteur** in the field of **cultural rights**, Alexandra Xanthaki, on **cultural rights and nature conservation**, followed by an interactive dialogue. (See also *Cultural rights; Special procedures*)

A/HRC/61/49 3-4 March

HRC to consider the report of the **Special Rapporteur** on the **human right to a clean, healthy and sustainable**

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environment, Astrid Puentes Riaño, entitled “Priority actions towards breathing clean air, protecting public health and ensuring a healthy environment,” as well as her report on her visit to **Singapore**, followed by an interactive dialogue. (See also *Country visits; Environment; Special procedures*)

HRC to consider the report of the **High Commissioner** entitled “Global analytical study on the implementation of a human rights-based approach into the goals and targets of the Kunming-Montreal Global **Biodiversity** Framework.” (See also *Biodiversity; High Commissioner*)

A/HRC/61/36 11 March

HRC to consider the report of the Chair of the 5th session of the **Forum on Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law**, which was held on 13 and 14 October 2025 in Geneva on the theme “**Democracy and climate change: focusing on solutions.**” (See also *Climate change; Democracy and rule of law; Forums*)

A/HRC/61/64 17 March

HRC to consider a note by the Secretariat on the summary report of **OHCHR** on the panel discussion on facilitating just transitions in the context of addressing the adverse impacts of **climate change** on the full realization of human rights for all people, and ways forward to address the challenges thereto, as well as on best practices and lessons learned, which was

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held on 30 June 2025. (See also *Environment; Panel discussions*)

Expert Mechanisms	HRC to consider the appointment of four members of the Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development : one from African States, one from Asia-Pacific States, one from Eastern European States, and one from Western European and other States. (See also <i>Appointment; Development, right to</i>)	Consultative Group report & President’s list	31 March
	HRC to consider the appointment of two members of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples : one from Asia and one from the Arctic. (See also <i>Appointment; Indigenous Peoples, rights of</i>)	Consultative Group report & President’s list	31 March
Female genital mutilation	HRC to hold its <u>annual high-level panel discussion</u> on human rights mainstreaming on the “ role of new and emerging digital technologies in preventing and eliminating female genital mutilation. ” The High Commissioner, the President of the General Assembly , Annalena Baerbock, the Executive Director of the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), Catherine Russell (video message), the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), Diene Keita (video message), the Director of the Department of Sexual, Reproductive, Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health and Ageing, including the Special	HRC res. 59/16 Concept note	23 February

Programme in Human Reproduction at the World Health Organization (**WHO**), Pascale Allotey, and the Giga Programme Manager at the International Telecommunications Union (**ITU**), Irene Kaggwa, are expected to participate in this panel discussion. (See also *General Assembly, President of the; Health, right to; ITU; Panel discussions; Technologies, new and digital; UNFPA; UNICEF; Women's and girls' rights, WHO*)

Finance

HRC to consider the reports of the **Independent Expert** 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**, Attiya Waris, on **international assistance and cooperation**, and on her visit to **Kuwait**, followed by an interactive dialogue. (See also *Cooperation, international assistance and; Country visits; Debt, foreign; Economic, social and cultural rights; Kuwait; Special procedures*)

A/HRC/61/44 4-5 March
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HRC to hold a panel discussion on **financing sustainable development in line with economic, social and cultural rights obligations**. The **High Commissioner** and the Director of the **United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD)**, Magdalena Sepúlveda Carmona, are expected to participate in this panel

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discussion. (See also *Economic, social and cultural rights; High Commissioner; Panel discussions; Sustainable development; UNRISD*)

Food, right to	HRC to consider the <u>report</u> of the Special Rapporteur on the right to food , Michael Fakhri, on land and the right to food, followed by an <u>interactive dialogue</u> . (See also <i>Land, Special procedures</i>)	A/HRC/61/51	5 March
Forums	HRC to consider the <u>report</u> of the Special Rapporteur on minority issues , Nicolas Levrat, on the recommendations of the Forum on Minority Issues at its 18 th session held in Geneva on 27 and 28 November 2025 on the theme “The contribution of minorities to diverse, resilient and peaceful societies .” (See also <i>Minority issues; Peace; Special procedures</i>)	A/HRC/61/65	17 March
	HRC to consider the <u>report</u> of the 2025 Social Forum , which focused on the contribution of education to the respect, promotion, protection and fulfilment of all human rights for all and was held on 30 and 31 October 2025 in Geneva. (See also <i>Economic, social and cultural rights; Education</i>)	A/HRC/61/67	17 March
	HRC to consider the <u>report</u> of the Chair of the 5 th session of the Forum on Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law , which was held on 13 and 14 October 2025 in Geneva on the theme	A/HRC/61/64	17 March

“Democracy and **climate change**: focusing on solutions.” (See also *Climate change; Democracy and rule of law; Environment*)

Funds, voluntary or special

HRC to consider the report of the **Secretary-General on the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture**. (See also *Secretary-General, Torture*)

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HRC to consider the report of the **Secretary-General on the Special Fund established by the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment**. (See also *Secretary-General; Torture; Treaty bodies*)

A/HRC/61/28 11 March

HRC to consider the report of the Chair of the Board of Trustees of the **United Nations Voluntary Fund for Technical Cooperation in the Field of Human Rights**. (See also *Technical cooperation and assistance and capacity-building*)

A/HRC/61/75 26 March

General Assembly, President of the

HRC to hear remarks by the **President of the United Nations General Assembly, Annalena Baerbock**, at the opening of its 61st session. (See also *Opening of the session*)

N/A 23 February

HRC to hear remarks by the **President of the United Nations General Assembly, Annalena Baerbock**, during the annual

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	<p><u>high-level panel discussion</u> on human rights mainstreaming on the theme “Role of new and emerging digital technologies in preventing and eliminating female genital mutilation.” (See also <i>Female genital mutilation; Health, right to; Panel discussions; Technologies, new and digital; Women’s and girls’ rights</i>)</p>	Concept note	
General debates	HRC to hold a total of nine <u>general debates</u> on agenda items 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9.		
General segment	All States and organizations that will not be represented by a dignitary during the high-level segment of the 61 st session can have their representatives speaking during the <u>general segment</u> .	N/A	25 February
Germany	HRC to consider the <u>report</u> of the Special Rapporteur on the sale, sexual exploitation and sexual abuse of children , Mama Fatima Singhateh, on her <u>visit to Germany</u> , followed by an <u>interactive dialogue</u> . (See also <i>Child’s rights; Country visits; Sexual violence</i>)	A/HRC/61/45 /Add.1	9 March
Georgia	HRC to hear the presentation of an <u>oral update</u> of the High Commissioner on cooperation with Georgia . (See also <i>High Commissioner</i>)	HRC res. 60/29	26 March
Guatemala	HRC to consider the <u>report</u> of the High Commissioner on the situation of human rights in Guatemala and the activities of	A/HRC/61/18	27 February

OHCHR in the country. (See also *High Commissioner; OHCHR*)

HRC to consider the report of the **Special Rapporteur 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, Balakrishnan Rajagopal, on his visit to Guatemala, followed by an interactive dialogue. (See also *Country visits; Housing, right to adequate; Special procedures*)

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Haiti HRC to consider the report of the **High Commissioner** on the situation of human rights in **Haiti**, within the framework of an interactive dialogue with the participation of the **independent human rights expert** appointed by the High Commissioner, William O’Neill. (See also *Designated experts of the High Commissioner; High Commissioner*)

A/HRC/61/74 26 March

Health, right to HRC to hold its annual high-level panel discussion on human rights mainstreaming on the “**role of new and emerging digital technologies in preventing and eliminating female genital mutilation.**” The **High Commissioner**, the **President of the General Assembly**, Annalena Baerbock, the Executive Director of the United Nations Children’s Fund (**UNICEF**), Catherine Russell (video message), the Executive Director of the United Nations

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Population Fund (**UNFPA**), Diene Keita (video message), the Director of the Department of Sexual, Reproductive, Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health and Ageing, including the Special Programme in Human Reproduction at the World Health Organization (**WHO**), Pascale Allotey, and the Giga Programme Manager at the International Telecommunications Union (**ITU**), Irene Kaggwa, are expected to participate in this panel discussion. (See also *Female genital mutilation; General Assembly, President of the; High Commissioner; ITU; Panel discussions; Technologies, new and digital; UNFPA; UNICEF; Women's and girls' rights, WHO*)

High Commissioner

HRC to hear a presentation by the **High Commissioner**, Volker Türk, of his **global update** on the activities of his Office and recent human rights developments around the globe. HRC to also hear presentations of oral updates of and consider reports of the High Commissioner on various thematic issues and country situations throughout the 61st session. (See also *Afghanistan, Biodiversity; Colombia; Democratic People's Republic of Korea; Democratic Republic of the Congo; Disabilities, rights of persons with; Disinformation; Economic, social and cultural rights; Georgia; Guatemala; Haiti; Honduras; Israel; Minority Issues, Myanmar; Nicaragua; OHCHR; Opening of the*

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session; Palestine and other occupied Arab territories; Racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance; Religion or belief, freedom of; Regional human rights organizations; Sudan; Technical cooperation and assistance and capacity-building, Ukraine; Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of;)

High-level segment	Over 100 dignitaries are expected to speak during the <u>high-level segment</u> of the 61 st session.	N/A	23-25 February
Honduras	HRC to hear a <u>presentation</u> of the <u>report</u> of the High Commissioner on the situation of human rights in Honduras and the activities of OHCHR in the country. (See also <i>High Commissioner, OHCHR</i>)	A/HRC/61/19	27 February
	HRC to consider the <u>report</u> of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review and adopt the <u>outcome</u> of the review of Honduras . (See also <i>Universal periodic review</i>)	A/HRC/61/12 & Add.1	18, 19 & 23 March
Housing, right to adequate	HRC to consider the <u>reports</u> of the Special Rapporteur 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, Balakrishnan Rajagopal, entitled “Guiding Principles on Resettlement ,” and on his <u>visit</u> to Guatemala , followed by an <u>interactive dialogue</u> . (See also	A/HRC/61/43 & Add.1	4 March

Country visits; Guatemala; Resettlement; Special procedures)

HRC to hold an annual interactive debate on the **rights of persons with disabilities** on the theme “**Disability-inclusive infrastructure, including transport and housing.**” The **High Commissioner** and the **Special Rapporteur** on the rights of persons with **disabilities**, Heba Hagrass, are expected to participate in this debate. (See also *Disabilities, rights of persons with; High Commissioner; Inclusion; Panel discussions; Special procedures; Transport, inclusive*)

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HRC to consider the report of **OHCHR** on **disability-inclusive infrastructure, including transport and housing.** (See also *Disabilities, rights of persons with; High Commissioner; Inclusion; OHCHR; Transport, inclusive*)

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Human rights defenders

HRC to consider the report of the **Special Rapporteur** on **human rights defenders**, Mary Lawlor, entitled “Defending dignity and claiming rights: human rights defenders hold firm to universal values as others desert them,” as well as her report on her visit to **Bosnia and Herzegovina**, followed by an interactive dialogue. (See also *Bosnia and Herzegovina; Country visits; Special procedures*)

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Inclusion	<p>HRC to hold an annual <u>interactive debate</u> on the rights of persons with disabilities on the theme “Disability-inclusive infrastructure, including transport and housing.” The High Commissioner and the Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities, Heba Hagrass, are expected to participate in this debate. (See also <i>Disabilities, rights of persons with; High Commissioner; Infrastructure; Housing, right to adequate; Panel discussions; Special procedures; Transport, inclusive</i>)</p>	<p>HRC res. 7/9 & 55/8 Concept note</p>	<p>6 March</p>
	<p>HRC to consider the <u>report</u> of OHCHR on disability-inclusive infrastructure, including transport and housing. (See also <i>Disabilities, rights of persons with; Housing, right to adequate; Infrastructure; OHCHR; Panel discussions; Transport, inclusive</i>)</p>	<p>A/HRC/61/32</p>	<p>11 March</p>
Indigenous Peoples, rights of	<p>HRC to consider the appointment of two members of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples: one from Asia and one from the Artic. (See also <i>Appointment; Expert Mechanisms</i>)</p>	<p>Consultative Group report & President’s list</p>	<p>31 March</p>
Infrastructure	<p>HRC to hold an annual <u>interactive debate</u> on the rights of persons with disabilities on the theme “Disability-inclusive infrastructure, including transport and housing.” The High Commissioner and the Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities, Heba Hagrass, are expected to participate in this</p>	<p>HRC res. 7/9 & 55/8 Concept note</p>	<p>6 March</p>

debate. (See also *Disabilities, rights of persons with; High Commissioner; Inclusion; Housing, right to adequate; Panel discussions; Special procedures; Transport, inclusive*)

Interactive dialogues

HRC to hold a total of 29 interactive dialogues during its 61st session. (See also *Albinism, rights of persons with; Belarus; Child's rights; Cultural rights; Debt, foreign; Democratic People's Republic of Korea; Disabilities, rights of persons with; Environment; Food, right to; Haiti; Housing, right to adequate; Human rights defenders; Israel; Mali; Minority issues; Myanmar; Nicaragua; Palestine and other occupied Arab territories; Privacy, right to; Religion or belief, freedom of; Syrian Arab Republic; Terrorism, countering; Torture; Ukraine; Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of*)

Intergovernmental working groups

HRC to consider the report of the **open-ended intergovernmental working group on transnational corporations and other business enterprises with respect to human rights** on its 11th session held in Geneva from 20 to 24 October 2025. (See also *Business and human rights*)

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HRC to consider the report of the **Intergovernmental Working Group on the Effective Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action** on its 23rd session held from 13 to

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17 January 2025 and 24th session held from 15 to 17 October 2025 in Geneva. (See also *Durban Declaration and Programme of Action; Racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia, and related forms of intolerance*)

Investigations mandated by the Council	HRC to hold an <u>enhanced interactive dialogue</u> on the situation of human rights in the Sudan . The Independent International Fact-Finding Mission for the Sudan will present a <u>report</u> on the findings of its inquiry into the violations and abuses of international human rights law and violations of international humanitarian law allegedly committed in and around El Fasher. (See also <i>Enhanced interactive dialogues, joint interactive dialogues and high-level dialogues; Sudan</i>)	A/HRC/61/77	26 February
	HRC to consider the <u>report</u> of the Commission of Human Rights in South Sudan , followed by an <u>enhanced interactive dialogue</u> . (See also <i>Enhanced interactive dialogues, joint interactive dialogues and high-level dialogues; South Sudan</i>)	A/HRC/61/25	27 February
	HRC to hear an <u>oral update</u> of the Secretary-General on the establishment of the independent investigative mechanism on Afghanistan . (See also <i>Afghanistan; Secretary-General</i>)	HRC res. 60/2	27 February

HRC to consider the <u>report</u> of the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on Ukraine , followed by an <u>interactive dialogue</u> . (See also <i>Ukraine</i>)	A/HRC/61/61	12 March
HRC to consider the <u>report</u> of the Group of Independent Experts on the Situation of Human Rights in Belarus , followed by an <u>interactive dialogue</u> . (See also <i>Belarus</i>)	A/HRC/61/57	12 March
HRC to hear an <u>oral update</u> by the Independent International Fact-Finding Mission on the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela , followed by an <u>interactive dialogue</u> . (See also <i>Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of</i>)	HRC res. 57/36	12 March
HRC to consider the <u>report</u> of the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic , followed by an <u>interactive dialogue</u> . (See also <i>Syrian Arab Republic</i>)	A/HRC/61/62	13 March
HRC to consider the <u>report</u> of the Group of Human Rights Experts on Nicaragua , followed by an <u>interactive dialogue</u> . (See also <i>Nicaragua</i>)	A/HRC/61/56	16 March
HRC to consider the <u>report</u> of the Independent International Fact-Finding Mission on the Islamic Republic of Iran , in the context of a joint <u>interactive dialogue</u> . (See also <i>Enhanced interactive, joint interactive and high-level dialogues; Iran, Islamic Republic of</i>)	A/HRC/61/60	16 March

Iran, Islamic Republic of	HRC to consider the <u>report</u> of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran , Mai Sato, and the <u>report</u> of the Independent International Fact-Finding Mission on the Islamic Republic of Iran , in the context of a <u>joint interactive dialogue</u> . (See also <i>Enhanced interactive, joint interactive dialogues and high-level dialogues; Investigations mandated by the Council; Special procedures</i>)	A/HRC/61/59 A/HRC/61/60	16 March
Israel	HRC to consider the <u>report</u> of the High Commissioner on the situation of human rights in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem , and the obligation to ensure accountability and justice , followed by an <u>interactive dialogue</u> . (See also <i>High Commissioner; Palestine and other occupied Arab territories</i>)	A/HRC/61/26	26-27 February
	HRC to consider the <u>report</u> of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967 , Francesca Albanese, followed by an <u>interactive dialogue</u> . (See also <i>Palestine and other occupied Arab territories; Special procedures</i>)	A/HRC/61/71	23 March
	HRC to consider the <u>report</u> of the Secretary-General on human rights in the occupied Syrian Golan . (See also <i>Palestine and other occupied Arab</i>	A/HRC/61/69	24 March

territories; Secretary-General; Syrian Arab Republic)

HRC to consider the report of the **High Commissioner on Israeli settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan**. (See also *High Commissioner; Palestine and other occupied Arab territories; Syrian Arab Republic*)

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ITU HRC to hold an annual high-level panel discussion on human rights mainstreaming on the “**role of new and emerging digital technologies in preventing and eliminating female genital mutilation**.” The Giga Programme Manager at the International Telecommunications Union (**ITU**), Irene Kaggwa, is expected to participate in this panel discussion. (See also *Female genital mutilation; Health, right to; Sexual violence; Technologies, new and digital; Women’s and girls’ rights*)

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Jamaica HRC to consider the report of the Working Group on the **Universal Periodic Review** and adopt the outcome of the review of **Jamaica**. (See also *Universal periodic review*)

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Journalists, safety of HRC to consider a note by the Secretariat on the report of the **Secretary-General** on the **safety of journalists** and the issue of impunity. (See also *Secretary-General*)

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Kuwait	HRC to consider the <u>report</u> of the Independent Expert 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 , Attiya Waris, on her <u>visit to Kuwait</u> , followed by an <u>interactive dialogue</u> . (See also <i>Country visits; Debt, foreign; Economic, social and cultural rights; Finance</i>)	A/HRC/61/44 /Add.1	4-5 March
Land	HRC to consider the <u>report</u> of the Special Rapporteur on the right to food , Michael Fakhri, on land and the right to food, followed by an <u>interactive dialogue</u> . (See also <i>Food, right to, Special procedures</i>)	A/HRC/61/51	5 March
Lao People's Democratic Republic	HRC to consider the <u>report</u> of the Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights , Alexandra Xanthaki, on her <u>visit to the Lao People's Democratic Republic</u> , followed by an <u>interactive dialogue</u> . (See also <i>Country visits; Cultural rights; Special procedures</i>)	A/HRC/61/49 /Add.1	4 March
Liberia	HRC to consider the <u>report</u> of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review and adopt the <u>outcome</u> of the review of Liberia . (See also <i>Universal periodic review</i>)	A/HRC/61/5 & Add.1	18, 19 & 23 March
Libya	HRC to consider the <u>report</u> of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review and adopt the <u>outcome</u> of the	A/HRC/61/17 & dd.1	18, 19 & 23 March

review of **Libya**. (See also *Universal periodic review*)

Malawi	HRC to consider the <u>report</u> of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review and adopt the <u>outcome</u> of the review of Malawi . (See also <i>Universal periodic review</i>)	A/HRC/61/6 & Add.1	18, 19 & 23 March
Maldives	HRC to consider the <u>report</u> of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review and adopt the <u>outcome</u> of the review of the Maldives . (See also <i>Universal periodic review</i>)	A/HRC/61/9 & Add.1	18, 19 & 23 March
Mali	HRC to consider the <u>report</u> of the Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Mali , Eduardo Gonzalez Cueva, in an <u>interactive dialogue</u> in the presence of representatives of the Government of Mali, to assess the changes in the situation of human rights in the country, with a particular focus on the issue of the protection of civilians while countering terrorism . (See also <i>Terrorism, countering; Special procedures</i>)	A/HRC/61/76	25 March
Marshall Islands	HRC to consider the <u>report</u> of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review and adopt the <u>outcome</u> of the review of the Marshall Islands . (See also <i>Universal periodic review</i>)	A/HRC/61/14 & Add.1	18, 19 & 23 March

Micronesia, Federated States of	HRC to consider the <u>report</u> of the Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights , Alexandra Xanthaki, on her <u>visit</u> to the Federated States of Micronesia , followed by an <u>interactive dialogue</u> . (See also <i>Country visits; Cultural rights; Special procedures</i>)	A/HRC/61/49 /Add.2	4 March
Migrants, rights of	HRC to consider the <u>report</u> of the Secretary-General on the human rights of migrants . (See also <i>Secretary-General</i>)	A/HRC/61/31	11 March
Minority issues	HRC to hear an <u>oral update</u> by the High Commissioner on the situation of human rights in Myanmar , including Rohingya Muslims and other minorities, followed by an <u>interactive dialogue</u> . (See also <i>High Commissioner; Minorities</i>)	HRC res. 56/1	27 February
	HRC to consider the <u>reports</u> of the Special Rapporteur on minority issues , Nicolas Levrat, entitled “Addressing minority issues through their root causes,” and on his <u>visit</u> to Nepal , followed by an <u>interactive dialogue</u> . (See also <i>Country visits; Nepal; Special procedures</i>)	A/HRC/61/41 & Add.1	17 March
	HRC to consider the <u>report</u> of the Special Rapporteur on minority issues , Nicolas Levrat, on the recommendations made by the Forum on Minority Issues at its 18 th session held on 27 and 28 November 2025 in Geneva on the theme: “The contribution of minorities to diverse,	A/HRC/61/65	17 March

resilient and peaceful societies.” (See also *Forums; Peace; Special procedures*)

Mongolia	HRC to consider the <u>report</u> of the Special Rapporteur on the right to privacy , Ana Brian Nougrères, on her <u>visit</u> to Mongolia , followed by an <u>interactive dialogue</u> . (See also <i>Country visits; Privacy, Right to; Special procedures</i>)	A/HRC/61/48 /Add.1	10-11 March
	HRC to consider the <u>report</u> of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review and adopt the <u>outcome</u> of the review of Mongolia . (See also <i>Universal periodic review</i>)	A/HRC/61/7 & Add.1	18, 19 & 23 March
Myanmar	HRC to hear an <u>oral update</u> by the High Commissioner on the situation of human rights in Myanmar , including Rohingya Muslims and other minorities, followed by an <u>interactive dialogue</u> . (See also <i>High Commissioner; Minorities</i>)	HRC res. 56/1	27 February
	HRC to consider the <u>report</u> of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar , Thomas Andrews, followed by an <u>interactive dialogue</u> . (See also <i>Special procedures</i>)	A/HRC/61/58	13 March
	HRC to consider the <u>appointment</u> of a new Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar . (See also <i>Appointment; Special procedures</i>)	Consultative Group report & President’s list	31 March
Nepal	HRC to consider the <u>report</u> of the Special Rapporteur on minority issues , Nicolas	A/HRC/61/41 /Add.1	17 March

Levrat, on his country visit to Nepal, followed by an interactive dialogue. (See also *Country visits; Minority issues; Special procedures*)

Nicaragua	HRC to consider the <u>report</u> of the Group of Human Rights Experts on Nicaragua , followed by an <u>interactive dialogue</u> . (See also <i>Investigations mandated by the Council</i>)	A/HRC/61/56	16 March
OHCHR	HRC to consider the <u>report</u> of OHCHR on Afghanistan entitled “ Reflecting victims’ and survivors’ perspectives on justice and redress, ” in the context of an <u>enhanced interactive dialogue</u> . (See also <i>Afghanistan; Enhanced interactive dialogues, joint interactive dialogues and high-level dialogues</i>)	A/HRC/61/54	26 February
	HRC to consider the <u>report</u> of the High Commissioner on the situation of human rights in Colombia and the activities of OHCHR in the country. (See also <i>Colombia; High Commissioner</i>)	A/HRC/61/20	27 February
	HRC to consider the <u>report</u> of the High Commissioner on the situation of human rights in Guatemala and the activities of OHCHR in the country. (See also <i>Guatemala; High Commissioner</i>)	A/HRC/61/18	27 February
	HRC to hear a <u>presentation</u> of the <u>report</u> of the High Commissioner on the situation of human rights in Honduras and the activities of OHCHR in the	A/HRC/61/19	27 February

country. (See also *High Commissioner, Honduras*)

HRC to consider the report of **OHCHR** on the question of human rights in **Cyprus**. (See also *Cyprus*) A/HRC/61/21 27 February

HRC to consider the report of **OHCHR** summarizing the biennial panel discussion on **youth and human rights** on “the role of youth in fostering **peaceful societies** and creating an enabling environment for the enjoyment of human rights by all,” which was held on 16 September 2025 in Geneva. (See also *Panel discussions; Peace; Youth*) A/HRC/61/34 11 March

HRC to consider the report of **OHCHR** on best practices, challenges and lessons learned concerning integrated approaches to the promotion and protection of human rights and the implementation of the **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development** at the global level. (See also *Sustainable development*) A/HRC/61/13 11 March

HRC to consider the report of **OHCHR** on **disability-inclusive infrastructure, including transport and housing**. (See also *Disabilities, rights of persons with; Housing, right to adequate Inclusion; Infrastructure; Transport*) A/HRC/61/32 11 March

HRC to hear an oral presentation by the **High Commissioner** on an annual overview of and information on HRC res. 36/28 26 March

successes, best practices and challenges in **technical assistance and capacity-building efforts**, in particular those provided by **OHCHR** and relevant United Nations agencies. (See also *High Commissioner; Technical cooperation and assistance and capacity-building*)

HRC to hear an oral update by the **High Commissioner** on the findings of the periodic report of **OHCHR** on the situation of human rights in **Ukraine**, followed by an interactive dialogue. (See also *High Commissioner; Ukraine*)

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Older persons, rights of

HRC to consider the appointment of a new **Independent Expert** on the enjoyment of all human rights by **older persons**. (See also *Appointment; Special procedures*)

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Opening of the session

HRC to open its 61st regular session with the **President of the Human Rights Council**, Sidharto Reza Suryodipuro, the **President of the General Assembly**, Annalena Baerbock, the **Secretary-General of the United Nations**, António Guterres, the **United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights**, Volker Türk, and the **Head of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland**, Ignazio Cassis, as a representative of the host country. (See also *General Assembly, President of; High Commissioner; Secretary-General*)

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Oral updates	HRC to hear a <u>global update</u> by the High Commissioner and other <u>oral updates</u> throughout the 61 st session on country situations. (See also <i>Afghanistan; Democratic Republic of the Congo, Democratic People’s Republic of Korea; Georgia; Myanmar; Technical cooperation and assistance and capacity-building; Ukraine; Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of</i>)	N/A	27 February
Palestine and other occupied Arab territories	HRC to consider the <u>report</u> of the High Commissioner on the situation of human rights in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem , and the obligation to ensure accountability and justice , followed by an <u>interactive dialogue</u> . (See also <i>High Commissioner; Israel</i>)	A/HRC/61/26	26-27 February
	HRC to consider the <u>report</u> of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967 , Francesca Albanese, followed by an <u>interactive dialogue</u> . (See also <i>Israel; Special procedures</i>)	A/HRC/61/71	23 March
	HRC to consider the <u>report</u> of the Secretary-General on human rights in the occupied Syrian Golan . (See also <i>Israel; Secretary-General; Syrian Arab Republic</i>)	A/HRC/61/69	24 March
	HRC to consider the <u>report</u> of the High Commissioner on Israeli settlements in	A/HRC/61/70	24 March

the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan. (See also *High Commissioner; Israel; Syrian Arab Republic*)

Panama	HRC to consider the <u>report</u> of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review and adopt the <u>outcome</u> of the review of Panama . (See also <i>Universal periodic review</i>)	A/HRC/61/8 & Add.1	18, 19 & 23 March
Panel discussions	HRC to hold a total of seven panel discussions during its 61 st session.		
	HRC to hold an annual high-level <u>panel discussion</u> on human rights mainstreaming on the “ role of new and emerging digital technologies in preventing and eliminating female genital mutilation. ” (See also <i>Female genital mutilation; Health, right to; Sexual violence; Technologies, new and digital; Women’s and girls’ rights</i>)	HRC res. 16/21 & 59/16 Concept note	23 February
	HRC to hold a high-level <u>panel discussion</u> on the commemoration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the adoption of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action. (See also <i>Racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance</i>)	GA res. 80/193 & HRC res. 60/16 Concept note	24 February
	HRC to hold a <u>panel discussion</u> on human rights and a culture of peace. (See also <i>Peace</i>)	HRC res. 55/17 Concept note	4 March

	HRC to hold a <u>panel discussion</u> on financing sustainable development in line with economic, social and cultural rights obligations . (See also <i>Economic, social and cultural rights; Finance; Sustainable development</i>)	HRC res. 58/9 Concept note	5 March
	HRC to hold its annual <u>interactive debate</u> on the rights of persons with disabilities on disability-inclusive infrastructure, including transport and housing . (See also <i>Disabilities, rights of persons with; Inclusion; Infrastructure; Housing, right to adequate; Transport</i>)	HRC res. 7/9 & 55/8 Concept note	6 March
	HRC to hold its annual <u>full-day meeting</u> on the rights of the child on the rights of the child and violations of the human rights of children in armed conflicts . The meeting will be divided into two panel discussions. (See also <i>Child's rights</i>)	HRC res. 7/29 & 55/29 Concept note	9 March
Peace	HRC to hold a <u>panel discussion</u> on human rights and a culture of peace . (See also <i>Panel discussions</i>)	HRC res. 55/17 Concept note	4 March
	HRC to consider the <u>report</u> of OHCHR summarizing the biennial <u>panel discussion</u> on youth and human rights on “the role of youth in fostering peaceful societies and creating an enabling environment for the enjoyment of human rights by all,” which was held on 16 September 2025. (See also <i>OHCHR, Panel discussions; Youth</i>)	A/HRC/61/34	11 March

	HRC to consider the <u>report</u> of the Special Rapporteur on minority issues , Nicolas Levrat, on the recommendations by the 18 th Forum on Minority Issues which was held on 27 and 28 November 2025 in Geneva on the theme: The contribution of minorities to diverse, resilient and peaceful societies.” (See also <i>Forums; Minority issues; Special procedures</i>)	A/HRC/61/65	17 March
Political life, equal participation to	HRC to consider the <u>report</u> of the Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities , Heba Hagrass, on the equal participation of persons with disabilities in political life , followed by an <u>interactive dialogue</u> . (See also <i>Disabilities, rights of persons with; Special procedures</i>)	A/HRC/61/46 /Add.1	6 March
Poverty	HRC to consider the appointment of the new mandate-holder for the mandate of Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights (See also <i>Economic, social and cultural rights; Special procedures</i>)	Consultative Group report & President’s list	31 March
Privacy, right to	HRC to consider the <u>reports</u> of the Special Rapporteur on the right to privacy , Ana Brian Nougrères, on the international collection of personal data and on her <u>visit</u> to Mongolia , followed by an <u>interactive dialogue</u> . (See also <i>Country visits; Data; Mongolia; Special procedures</i>)	A/HRC/61/48 & Add.1	11 March

Racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance	HRC to hold a high-level <u>panel discussion</u> on the commemoration of the 25 th anniversary of the adoption of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action . (See also <i>Durban Declaration and Programme of Action; Panel discussions</i>)	GA res. 80/193 & HRC res. 60/16 Concept note	24 February
	HRC to consider the <u>report</u> of the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Effective Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action on its 23 rd session (13 - 17 January 2025) and 24 th session (15 - 17 October 2025) held in Geneva. (See also <i>African Descent, People of; Durban Declaration and Programme of Action; Intergovernmental working groups</i>)	A/HRC/61/73	24 March
Regional human rights organizations	HRC to consider the summary <u>report</u> of the High Commissioner on the <u>workshop</u> on regional human rights organizations which was held in Geneva on 29 and 30 September 2025. (See also <i>High Commissioner</i>)	A/HRC/61/35	11 March
Religion and belief, freedom of	HRC to consider the <u>report</u> of the Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief , Nazila Ghanea, entitled “ How freedom of religion or belief relates to death and honouring the deceased ”. Ms. Ghanea will also present a <u>report</u> on her <u>visit to Zambia</u> , followed by an <u>interactive dialogue</u> . (See also <i>Country visits; Special procedures; Zambia</i>)	A/HRC/61/50 & Add.1	3 March

	HRC to consider the <u>report</u> of the High Commissioner on combating intolerance, negative stereotyping and stigmatization of, and discrimination, incitement to violence and violence against, persons based on religion or belief. (See also <i>High Commissioner; Racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related forms of intolerance</i>)	A/HRC/61/72	24 March
Resettlement	HRC to consider the <u>report</u> of the Special Rapporteur 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, Balakrishnan Rajagopal, entitled Guiding Principles on Resettlement , followed by an <u>interactive dialogue</u> . (See also <i>Housing, right to adequate; Special procedures</i>)	A/HRC/61/43	4 March
Secretary-General of the United Nations	HRC to hear a statement by the Secretary-General of the United Nations , António Guterres, at the <u>opening of its 61st session</u> . HRC to hear presentations of an <u>oral update</u> and <u>reports</u> of the Secretary-General throughout the session (See also <i>Afghanistan; Journalists, safety of; Migrants, rights of; Opening of the session; Palestine and other occupied Arab territories; Special procedures; Syrian Arab Republic; Terrorism, countering; Torture; Treaty bodies</i>)	N/A	23 February

Senegal	HRC to consider the <u>report</u> of the Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment , Alice Jill Edwards, on her <u>visit to Senegal</u> , followed by an <u>interactive dialogue</u> . (See also <i>Country visits; Special procedures; Torture</i>)	A/HRC/61/42 /Add.1	2-3 March
Sexual violence	<p>HRC to hold its <u>annual high-level panel discussion</u> on human rights mainstreaming on the “role of new and emerging digital technologies in preventing and eliminating female genital mutilation.”</p> <p>The High Commissioner, the President of the General Assembly, Annalena Baerbock, the Executive Director of the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), Catherine Russell (video message), the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), Diene Keita (video message), the Director of the Department of Sexual, Reproductive, Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health and Ageing, including the Special Programme in Human Reproduction at the World Health Organization (WHO), Pascale Allotey, and the Giga Programme Manager at the International Telecommunications Union (ITU), Irene Kagwa, are expected to participate in this panel discussion. (See also <i>Female genital mutilation; General Assembly, President of the; Health, right to; High Commissioner; Panel discussions; UNFPA; UNICEF; WHO; Women’s and girls’ rights</i>)</p>	HRC res. 16/21 & 59/16 Concept note	23 February

	HRC to consider the <u>report</u> of the Special Rapporteur on the sale, sexual exploitation and sexual abuse of children , Mama Fatima Singhateh, entitled “Protecting children from sale, sexual exploitation and sexual abuse: progress, new frontiers and the path forward,” as well as her <u>reports</u> on her <u>visits</u> to Germany and to the United Arab Emirates , followed by an <u>interactive dialogue</u> . (See also <i>Child’s rights; Country visits; Germany; Special procedures; United Arab Emirates</i>)	A/HRC/61/45 , Add.1 & Add.2	9 March
Singapore	HRC to consider the <u>report</u> of the Special Rapporteur on the human right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment , Astrid Puentes Riaño, on her <u>visit</u> to Singapore , followed by an <u>interactive dialogue</u> . (See also <i>Country visits; Environment; Special procedures</i>)	A/HRC/61/47 /Add.1	6 March
Slavery and trafficking in persons	HRC to consider the <u>appointment</u> of the holder of the new mandate of Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery and trafficking in persons . (See also <i>Appointment; Special procedures</i>)	Consultative Group report & President’s list	31 March
Somalia	HRC to consider the <u>report</u> of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism , Ben Saul on his <u>visit</u> to Somalia , followed by an <u>interactive</u>	A/HRC/61/52 /Add.2	10 March

dialogue. (See also *Country visits; Special procedures; Terrorism, countering*)

South Sudan	HRC to consider a <u>report</u> of the Commission on Human Rights in South Sudan on the situation of human rights in the country in the framework of <u>enhanced interactive dialogue</u> . (See also <i>Investigations, Human Rights Council-mandated investigations; Enhanced interactive dialogues, joint interactive dialogues and high-level dialogue</i>)	A/HRC/61/25	27 February
Special Representatives of the Secretary-General	HRC to consider the annual <u>report</u> of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence against Children, Najat Maalla M'jid , followed by an <u>interactive dialogue</u> . (See also <i>Child's rights</i>)	A/HRC/61/38	10 March
	HRC to consider the annual <u>report</u> of the new Special Representative of the Secretary-General for children and Armed Conflict, Vanessa Frazier , followed by an <u>interactive dialogue</u> . (See also <i>child's rights</i>)	A/HRC/61/37	10 March
	HRC to hold its annual full-day <u>meeting</u> on the rights of the child on the theme " Mainstreaming the rights of children in armed conflict ," with a first <u>panel discussion</u> on prevention and protection , with the participation of the new Special Representative of the Secretary-General for children and	HRC res. 7/29 & 55/29	9 March

Armed Conflict, Vanessa Frazier. (See also *Child's rights; Panel discussions*)

Special procedures

HRC to consider an annual report on **activities of the special rapporteurs, independent experts and chairs of working groups of the special procedures** of the Human Rights Council undertaken in 2025 and a communications report of Special Procedures (Communications sent, 1 June 2025 to 30 November 2026; Replies received, 1 August 2025 to 31 January 2026)

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HRC to consider a report of the **Secretary-General** on conclusions and recommendations of the **special procedures of the Human Rights Council**. (See also *Secretary-General*)

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HRC to consider the report of the **Special Rapporteur** on the situation of human rights in **Afghanistan**, Richard Bennett, on the **situation of women and girls** in the country, in the context of an enhanced interactive dialogue. (See also *Afghanistan; Women's and girls' rights*)

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HRC to consider the report of the **Special Rapporteur** on **torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment**, Alice Jill Edwards, entitled "Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment: **Charter of Rights of Victims and**

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Survivors.” Ms. Edwards will also present a report on her visit to **Senegal**, followed by an interactive dialogue. (See also *Country visits; Senegal; Torture*)

HRC to consider the report of the **Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief**, Nazila Ghanea, entitled “How freedom of religion or belief relates to death and honouring the deceased.” Ms. Ghanea will also present a report on her visit to **Zambia**, followed by an interactive dialogue. (See also *Country visits; Religion or belief, freedom of; Zambia*)

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HRC to consider the report of the **Special Rapporteur on human rights defenders**, **Mary Lawlor**, entitled “Defending dignity and claiming rights: human rights defenders hold firm to universal values as others desert them,” as well as her report on her visit to **Bosnia and Herzegovina**, followed by an interactive dialogue. (See also *Bosnia and Herzegovina; Country visits; Human rights defenders*)

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HRC to consider the reports of the **Special Rapporteur** on Special Rapporteur in the field of **cultural rights**, Alexandra Xanthaki, on **cultural rights and nature conservation**, and on her visits to the **Lao People’s Democratic Republic** and to the **Federated States of Micronesia**, followed by an interactive

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dialogue. (See also *Country visits; Cultural rights; Environment; Lao People's Democratic Republic; Micronesia, Federated States of*)

HRC to consider the reports of the **Special Rapporteur 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, Balakrishnan Rajagopal, entitled "**Guiding Principles on Resettlement**," and on his visit to Guatemala, followed by an interactive dialogue. (See also *Country visits; Housing, right to adequate; Resettlement; Guatemala*)

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HRC to consider the reports of the **Independent Expert** 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**, Attiya Waris, on **international assistance and cooperation** and on her visit to Kuwait, followed by an interactive dialogue. (See also *Country visits; Debt, foreign; Cooperation; Economic, social and cultural rights; Kuwait; Finance*)

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HRC to consider the reports of the **Special Rapporteur on the right to food**, Michael Fakhri, on **land** and the right to food, followed by an interactive dialogue. (See also *Food, right to; Land*)

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<p>HRC to consider the <u>reports</u> of the Independent Expert on the enjoyment of human rights by persons with albinism, Muluka-Anne Miti-Drummond, on the right to employment for persons with albinism, followed by an <u>interactive dialogue</u>. (See also <i>Albinism, rights of persons with; Work, right to</i>)</p>	<p>A/HRC/61/53 5 March</p>
<p>HRC to consider the <u>reports</u> of the Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities, Heba Hagrass, on the equal participation of persons with disabilities in political life and on her <u>visit</u> to Colombia, followed by an <u>interactive dialogue</u>. (See also <i>Country visits; Colombia; Disabilities, rights of persons with; Political life, participation in</i>)</p>	<p>A/HRC/61/46 6 March & Add.1</p>
<p>HRC to hold its annual <u>interactive debate</u> on the rights of persons with disabilities on the theme: disability-inclusive infrastructure, including transport and housing. The Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities, Heba Hagrass, is expected to participate in this debate (See also <i>Disabilities, rights of persons with; Inclusion; Infrastructure; Housing, right to adequate; Panel discussions; Transport</i>)</p>	<p>HRC res. 7/9 6 March & 55/8 Concept note</p>
<p>HRC to consider the <u>reports</u> of the Special Rapporteur on the human right to a clean, healthy and sustainable</p>	<p>A/HRC/61/47 6 March & Add.1</p>

environment, Astrid Puentes Riaño, on priority actions towards breathing clean air, protecting public health and ensuring a healthy environment, and on her visit to Singapore, followed by an interactive dialogue. (See also *Country visits; Environment; Health, right to; Singapore*)

HRC to consider the report of the **Special Rapporteur on the sale, sexual exploitation and sexual abuse of children**, Mama Fatima Singhateh, entitled “Protecting children from sale, sexual exploitation and sexual abuse: progress, new frontiers and the path forward,” as well as the reports on her visits to Germany and to the **United Arab Emirates**, followed by an interactive dialogue. (See also *Child’s rights, Country visits; Germany; Sexual violence; United Arab Emirates*)

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HRC to consider the reports of the **Special Rapporteur** on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while **countering terrorism**, Ben Saul, entitled “Defining terrorism to respect and protect human rights,” and on his visits to Côte d’Ivoire and **Somalia**, followed by an interactive dialogue. (See also *Côte d’Ivoire; Country visits; Somalia; Terrorism, countering*)

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HRC to consider the reports of the **Special Rapporteur on the right to privacy**, Ana Brian Nougrères, on the

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international collection of personal data and on her visit to **Mongolia**, followed by an interactive dialogue. (See also *Country visits; Data; Mongolia; Privacy, right to*)

HRC to consider the report of the **Special Rapporteur** on the situation of human rights in **Myanmar**, Thomas Andrews, followed by an interactive dialogue. (See also *Myanmar*) A/HRC/61/58 13 March

HRC to consider the report of the **Special Rapporteur** on the situation of human rights in the **Democratic People's Republic of Korea**, Elizabeth Salmón, followed by an interactive dialogue. (See also *Democratic People's Republic of Korea*) A/HRC/61/55 13 March

HRC to consider the report of the **Special Rapporteur** on the situation of human rights in the **Islamic Republic of Iran**, Mai Sato, in the context of a joint interactive dialogue. (See also *Iran, Islamic Republic of; Enhanced interactive dialogues, joint interactive dialogues and high-level dialogues*) A/HRC/61/59 16 March

HRC to consider the reports of the **Special Rapporteur** on **minority issues**, Nicolas Levrat, on addressing minority issues through their root causes, and on his visit to **Nepal**, followed by an interactive dialogue. (See also *Country visits; Minority issues; Nepal*) A/HRC/61/41 & Add.1 17 March

HRC to consider the report of the **Special Rapporteur on minority issues**, Nicolas Levrat, on the recommendations made by the 18th **Forum on Minority Issues** which was held on 27 and 28 November 2025 in Geneva on the theme: The contribution of minorities to diverse, resilient and peaceful societies.” (See also *Minority issues; Peace; Forums*)

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HRC to consider the report of the **Special Rapporteur** on the situation of human rights in the **Palestinian territories occupied since 1967**, Francesca Albanese, followed by an interactive dialogue. (See also *Israel; Palestine and other occupied Arab territories*)

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HRC to consider the report of the **Independent Expert** on the situation of human rights in **Mali**, Eduardo Gonzalez Cueva, in an interactive dialogue in the presence of representatives of the Government of Mali, to assess the changes in the situation of human rights in the country, with a particular focus on the issue of the protection of civilians while **countering terrorism**. (See also *Terrorism, countering; Mali*)

A/HRC/61/76 25 March

HRC to consider the **appointment** of 11 special procedures mandate-holders: (1) Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by **older persons**; (2) Special Rapporteur on **adequate housing** as a component of the right to an

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adequate standard of living, and on the right to non-discrimination in this context; (3) Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of **slavery and trafficking in persons**; (4) Special Rapporteur on **extreme poverty** and human rights; (5) Special Rapporteur on the negative impact of **unilateral coercive measures** on the enjoyment of human rights; (6) Special Rapporteur on the **right to food**; (7) Special Rapporteur on the **sale, sexual exploitation and sexual abuse of children**; (8) Special Rapporteur on the situation of **human rights defenders**; (9) Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in **Cambodia**; (10) Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in **Myanmar**; and (11) Working Group of Experts on **People of African Descent**, member from Asia-Pacific States. The vacancy of the mandate of Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery and trafficking in persons arose due to the merging by the Council at its 60th session of two mandates to create the mandate. The vacancies of the mandate of Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Cambodia and the member from Asia-Pacific States of the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent, both originally unscheduled, were occasioned by the resignation of the mandate holders. (See also *African Descent, people of; Appointments; Cambodia; Child's rights;*

Food, right to; Housing, right to adequate; Human rights defenders; Myanmar, Older persons, rights of; Poverty; Sexual violence; Slavery and trafficking in persons; Unilateral coercive measures)

Sudan	<p>HRC to hold an <u>enhanced interactive dialogue</u> on the situation of human rights in the Sudan. The High Commissioner, with the assistance of the Expert on human rights in the Sudan, Radhouane Nouicer, will present a <u>report</u> on the situation of human rights in the Sudan and on violations and abuses committed by all parties to the conflict, and the Independent International Fact-Finding Mission for the Sudan will present a <u>report</u> on the findings of its inquiry into the violations and abuses of international human rights law and violations of international humanitarian law allegedly committed in and around El Fasher. (See also <i>Designated experts of the High Commissioner; Enhanced interactive dialogues, joint interactive dialogues and high-level dialogues; High Commissioner; Investigations mandated by the Council</i>)</p>	<p>A/HRC/61/24 A/HRC/61/77</p>	<p>26 February</p>
Sustainable development	<p>HRC to consider the <u>report</u> of OHCHR on best practices, challenges and lessons learned concerning integrated approaches to the promotion and protection of human rights and the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for</p>	<p>A/HRC/61/13</p>	<p>11 March</p>

Sustainable Development at the global level. (See also *OHCHR*)

HRC to hold a panel discussion on **financing sustainable development in line with economic, social and cultural rights obligations**. The **High Commissioner** and the Director of the **United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD)**, Magdalena Sepúlveda Carmona, are expected to participate in this panel discussion. (See also *Economic, social and cultural rights; Finance; High Commissioner; Panel discussions; UNRISD*)

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**Syrian Arab
Republic**

HRC to consider the report of the Independent International **Commission of Inquiry** on the **Syrian Arab Republic**, followed by an interactive dialogue. (See also *Investigations, Human Rights Council-mandated*)

A/HRC/61/62 13 March

HRC to consider the report of the **Secretary-General** on human rights in the **occupied Syrian Golan**. (See also *Israel; Palestine and other occupied Arab territories; Secretary-General*)

A/HRC/61/69 24 March

HRC to consider the report of the **High Commissioner** on **Israeli settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan**. (See also *High Commissioner; Israel;*

A/HRC/61/70 24 March

Palestine and other occupied Arab territories)

Technical cooperation and assistance and capacity-building	HRC to hear an <u>oral presentation</u> by the High Commissioner on an annual overview of and information on successes, best practices and challenges in technical assistance and capacity-building efforts , in particular those provided by OHCHR and relevant United Nations agencies. (See also <i>High Commissioner; OHCHR</i>)	HRC res. 36/28	26 March
	HRC to consider the <u>report</u> of the Chair of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Technical Cooperation in the Field of Human Rights . (See also <i>Funds, voluntary and special</i>)	HRC res. 36/28	26 March
Technologies, new and digital	HRC to hold its <u>annual high-level panel discussion</u> on human rights mainstreaming on the “ role of new and emerging digital technologies in preventing and eliminating female genital mutilation. ” The High Commissioner , the President of the General Assembly , Annalena Baerbock, the Executive Director of the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), Catherine Russell (video message), the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), Diene Keita (video message), the Director of the Department of Sexual, Reproductive, Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health and Ageing, including the Special Programme in Human Reproduction at the World Health Organization (WHO), Pascale Allotey, and	HRC res. 16/21 & 59/16 Concept note	23 February

the Giga Programme Manager at the International Telecommunications Union (ITU), Irene Kaggwa, are expected to participate in this panel discussion. (See also *Female genital mutilation; General Assembly, President of the; Health, right to; High Commissioner; Panel discussions; UNFPA; UNICEF; WHO; Sexual violence; Women's and girls' rights*)

**Terrorism,
countering**

HRC to consider the reports of the **Special Rapporteur** on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while **countering terrorism**, Ben Saul, on **defining terrorism to respect and protect human rights**, and on his visit to Côte d'Ivoire, followed by an interactive dialogue. (See also *Côte d'Ivoire; Country visits; Special procedures*)

A/HRC/61/52 & Add.1 10 March

HRC to consider the report of the **Independent Expert** on the situation of human rights in **Mali**, Eduardo Gonzalez Cueva, in an interactive dialogue in the presence of representatives of the Government of Mali, to assess the changes in the situation of human rights in the country, with a particular focus on the issue of the protection of civilians while **countering terrorism**. (See also *Mali; Special procedures*)

A/HRC/61/76 25 March

HRC to consider the note by the Secretariat on the report of the **Secretary-General** on **terrorism and human rights**. (See also *Secretary-General*)

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Torture	<p>HRC to consider the <u>report</u> of the Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, Alice Jill Edwards, entitled “Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment: Charter of Rights of Victims and Survivors.” Ms Edwards will also present a <u>report</u> on her <u>visit</u> to Senegal, followed by an <u>interactive dialogue</u>. (See also <i>Country visits; Senegal; Special procedures</i>)</p>	A/HRC/61/42 & Add.1	2-3 March
	<p>HRC to consider the <u>report</u> of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture. (See also <i>Funds, voluntary and special; Secretary-General</i>)</p>	A/HRC/61/27	11 March
	<p>HRC to consider the <u>report</u> of the Secretary-General on the Special Fund established by the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. (See also <i>Funds, voluntary and special; Secretary-General; Treaty bodies</i>)</p>	A/HRC/61/28	11 March
Transport, inclusive	<p>HRC to hold an annual <u>interactive debate</u> on the rights of persons with disabilities on the theme “Disability-inclusive infrastructure, including transport and housing.” The High Commissioner and the Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities, Heba Hagrass are expected to participate in this debate. (See</p>	HRC res. 7/9 & 55/8 Concept note	6 March

also *Disabilities, rights of persons with; High Commissioner; Housing, right to adequate; Inclusion; Infrastructure; Panel discussions; Special procedures*)

HRC to consider the report of **OHCHR** on **disability-inclusive infrastructure, including transport and housing**. (See also *Disabilities, rights of persons with; Housing, right to adequate; Inclusion; Infrastructure; OHCHR; Transport, inclusive*)

A/HRC/61/32 11 March

Treaty bodies

HRC to hold its annual full-day meeting on the **rights of the child** on the theme “**Mainstreaming the rights of children in armed conflict**,” with a first panel discussion on **prevention and protection**, with the participation of Benoit Van Keirsbilck, member of the **Committee on the Rights of the Child**. (See also *Child’s rights; Panel discussions*)

HRC res. 7/29 & 55/29
Concept note

HRC to consider the report of the **Secretary-General** on the **Special Fund** established by the **Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment**. (See also *Funds, voluntary and special; Secretary-General; Torture*)

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HRC to consider the report of the **Secretary-General** on measures taken to implement Human Rights Council resolution 9/8 (Effective implementation of international human rights instruments)

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and obstacles to its implementation. (See also *Secretary-General*)

Ukraine	HRC to consider a <u>report</u> of the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on Ukraine , followed by an <u>interactive dialogue</u> . (See also <i>Investigations, Human Rights Council-mandated</i>)	A/HRC/61/61	12 March
	HRC to hear an <u>oral update</u> by the High Commissioner on the findings of the <u>periodic report</u> of OHCHR on the situation of human rights in Ukraine , followed by an <u>interactive dialogue</u> . (See also <i>High Commissioner; OHCHR</i>)	HRC res. 59/22	26 March
UNFPA	HRC to hold its <u>annual high-level panel discussion</u> on human rights mainstreaming on the “ role of new and emerging digital technologies in preventing and eliminating female genital mutilation. ” The Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), Diene Keita (video message), is expected to participate in this panel discussion. (See also <i>Female genital mutilation; Health, right to; Panel discussions; Sexual violence; Technologies, new and digital; Women’s and girls’ rights</i>)	HRC res. 16/21 & 59/16 Concept note	23 February
UNICEF	HRC to hold its <u>annual high-level panel discussion</u> on human rights mainstreaming on the “ role of new and emerging digital technologies in preventing and eliminating female genital mutilation. ”	HRC res. 16/21 & 59/16 Concept note	23 February

The Executive Director of the United Nations Children’s Fund (**UNICEF**), Catherine Russell (video message), is expected to participate in this panel discussion. (See also *Female genital mutilation; Health, right to; Panel discussions; Sexual violence; Technologies, new and digital; Women’s and girls’ rights*)

HRC to hold its annual full-day meeting on the **rights of the child** on the theme **rights of the child and violations of the human rights of children in armed conflicts**. The Deputy Director of the Office of Emergency Programmes at the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), Hazel de Wet, is expected to participate in the afternoon panel on **reintegration and recovery, remedies and reparation**. (See also *Child’s rights; Panel discussions*)

HRC res. 7/29 & 55/29 9 March

Unilateral coercive measures

HRC to consider a note by the **Secretariat** on the biennial Human Rights Council panel discussion on **unilateral coercive measures** and human rights. (See also *Panel discussions*)

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HRC to consider the appointment of the new **Special Rapporteur** on the negative impact of **unilateral coercive measures** on the enjoyment of human rights. (See also *Appointments, Special procedures*)

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United Arab Emirates

HRC to consider the report of the **Special Rapporteur** on the **sale, sexual exploitation and sexual abuse of children**,

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Mama Fatima Singhateh, on her visit to the **United Arab Emirates**, followed by an interactive dialogue. (See also *Child's rights; Country visits; Sexual violence; Special procedures*)

Universal Periodic Review	HRC to consider <u>reports</u> of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review and have before it for adoption the final outcomes of the reviews of Andorra, Belarus, Bulgaria, Croatia, Honduras, Jamaica, Liberia, Libya, Malawi, the Maldives, the Marshall Islands, Mongolia and Panama . (See also <i>Andorra; Belarus; Bulgaria; Croatia; Honduras; Jamaica; Liberia; Libya; Malawi; Maldives; Marshall Islands; Mongolia; Panama</i>)	A/HRC/61/10, A/HRC/61/4, A/HRC/61/11, A/HRC/61/15 A/HRC/61/12 A/HRC/61/16 A/HRC/61/5 A/HRC/61/17 A/HRC/61/6 A/HRC/61/9 A/HRC/61/14 A/HRC/61/7 A/HRC/61/8	18, 19 & 23 March
UNRISD	HRC to hold a <u>panel discussion</u> on financing sustainable development in line with economic, social and cultural rights obligations . The Director of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD) , Magdalena Sepúlveda Carmona, is expected to participate in this panel discussion. (See also <i>Economic, social and cultural rights; Finance; Panel discussions, Sustainable development</i>)	HRC res. 58/9 & concept note	5 March
Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of	HRC to hear an <u>oral update</u> by the Independent International Fact-Finding Mission on the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela , followed by an <u>interactive</u>	HRC res. 57/36	12 March

dialogue. (See also *Investigations mandated by the Council*)

HRC to hear an oral update by the **High Commissioner** on the situation of human rights in the **Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela**. (See also *High Commissioner*)

HRC res.
57/36

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Water and sanitation, right to safe drinking

HRC to consider a note by the **Secretariat** on the summary of the Human Rights Council panel discussion on the realization of the human rights to **safe drinking water and sanitation**. (See also *Panel discussions*)

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WHO

HRC to hold its annual high-level panel discussion on human rights mainstreaming on the **role of new and emerging digital technologies in preventing and eliminating female genital mutilation**.
The Director of the Department of Sexual, Reproductive, Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health and Ageing, including the Special Programme in Human Reproduction at the World Health Organization (**WHO**), Pascale Allotey, is expected to participate in this panel discussion. (See also *Female genital mutilation; Health, right to; Panel discussions; Sexual violence; Technologies, new and digital; Women's and girls' rights*)

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Women's and girls' rights

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HRC to consider the report of the **Special Rapporteur** on the situation of human rights in **Afghanistan**, Richard Bennett, on the situation of human rights of **women and girls** in the country in the context of an enhanced interactive dialogue (See also *Afghanistan; Special procedures*)

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Work, right to

HRC to consider the report of the **Independent Expert** on the enjoyment of human rights by **persons with albinism**, Muluka-Anne Miti-Drummond, on the **right**

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to employment for persons with albinism, followed by an interactive dialogue. (See also *Albinism, rights of persons with; Special procedures*)

Youth

HRC to consider the report of **OHCHR** summarizing the biennial panel discussion on **youth and human rights** on “the role of youth in fostering **peaceful societies** and creating an enabling environment for the enjoyment of human rights by all,” which was held on 16 September 2025 in Geneva. (See also *OHCHR, Panel discussions; Peace*)

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Zambia

HRC to consider the report of the **Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief**, Nazila Ghanea on her visit to Zambia, followed by an interactive dialogue. (See also *Country visits; Religion or belief, freedom of*)

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