

Highlights of the Work of the Advisory Committee

Key studies conducted by the Advisory Committee include human rights issues related to: albinism; leprosy; rights of migrant children and adolescents; and the role of local government in the promotion and protection of human rights.



Leprosy

The Committee formulated principles and guidelines to eliminate discrimination against persons affected by leprosy and their family members. The Human Rights Council voted to establish the mandate of the Special Rapporteur in June 2017 for a period of three years.

Albinism

Following a report of the Advisory Committee on the situation of human rights of persons living with albinism, the Human Rights Council established in 2017 the mandate of an Independent Expert on the enjoyment of human rights by persons with albinism.

Unaccompanied Migrant Children and adolescents

The Human Rights Council adopted a resolution mandating the Advisory Committee to conduct a study on the human rights situation of unaccompanied migrant children and adolescents and to propose recommendations for their protection. The Committee presented its report in September 2017.

Role of local government in promotion and protection of human rights

The Committee issued a landmark report in 2015 on the critical role of local governments in upholding human rights. The study stressed local governments as key actors in the implementation of economic, social and cultural rights, which are highlighted in six of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) 2030 Agenda.



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How research leads to action

Celebrating the 10th anniversary
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of the Human Rights Council

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The Human Rights Council Advisory Committee

The Human Rights Council Advisory Committee was established by Council resolution 5/1 to function as a think-tank for the Council and work at its direction.

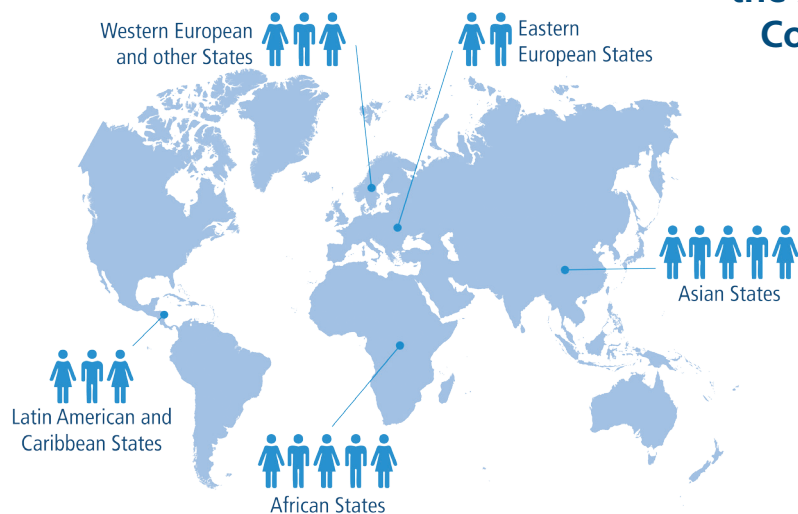
The Committee held its first meeting in August 2008. It meets twice a year.

MANDATE & FUNCTIONS

The Advisory Committee provides, at the request of the Council, implementation-oriented, thematic studies and research-based advice on issues pertaining to the mandate of the Council, namely the promotion and protection of all human rights.

MEMBERSHIP

The Committee is composed of 18 independent human rights experts from diverse professional backgrounds representing the five UN regional groups: 5 from African States; 5 from Asian States; 2 from Eastern European States; 3 from Latin American and Caribbean States, and 3 from Western European and other States.



How It Works

PREPARATION OF STUDIES AND REPORTS
The Committee forms drafting groups consisting of four to five of its members who prepare the studies and reports. Preliminary reports are presented to the plenary of the Committee for discussion and revision. Final reports are then submitted to the Human Rights Council.

INTERACTION WITH VARIOUS STAKEHOLDERS

To conduct its research, the Committee gathers data and information from various stakeholders, including member States, international organizations, national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations (NGOs).

ANNUAL REPORT AND INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE

The Chair of the Committee presents the Committee's annual report to the Council during its September session. This is followed by an interactive dialogue with States and NGOs with ECOSOC consultative status.

Current Mandates of the Advisory Committee

- Role of technical assistance and capacity-building in fostering cooperation in promoting and protecting human rights
- Global call for action to eliminate racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and implement the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action
- National policies and human rights
- Development contributions to the enjoyment of all human rights
- Negative impact of the non-repatriation of funds of illicit origin on the enjoyment of human rights
- Negative effects of terrorism on the enjoyment of all human rights
- Activities of vulture funds and their impact on human rights
- Regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights

Thematic Issues Mandated by the Human Rights Council

The Advisory Committee is mandated by the Human Rights Council to conduct research for studies on a wide range of pressing human rights issues.

Past mandates and achievements:

- [Unaccompanied migrant children and adolescents](#)
- [Human rights and unilateral coercive measures](#)
- [Local government and human rights](#)
- [Promoting human rights through sport and the Olympic ideal](#)
- [Negative impact of corruption](#)
- [Human rights in post-disaster and post-conflict situations](#)
- [Hostage-taking by terrorists](#)
- [Right of Peoples to Peace](#)
- [Enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights](#)
- [Human Rights and International Solidarity](#)
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