

Thematic / Country Chart

Human Rights Council 31st session

29 February – 24 March 2016

The following chart provides a list of themes and countries to be addressed during the upcoming 31st session of the Human Rights Council according to the programme of work.

Please note that additional issues (thematic and country situations) can be raised during general debates scheduled to take place throughout the session.

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Advisory Committee	HRC to consider a research report the Advisory Committee on the activities of vulture funds and the impact on human rights and note by the Secretariat on said report (<i>see also Vulture Funds</i>)	A/HRC/31/67	15 March
Afghanistan	HRC to consider the report of the High Commissioner on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan and achievements of technical assistance in the field of human rights in 2015	A/HRC/31/46	23 March
African Decent, People of	HRC to consider update of the High Commissioner as coordinator of the International Decade for People of African Decent	Oral update	21 March
Albinism, rights of people with	HRC to consider report of the newly appointed Independent Expert holder on the enjoyment of human rights by people with albinism , Ms Ikponwosa Ero	A/HRC/31/63	4 March
Armenia	HRC to consider report of Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution, and child pornography , Ms Maud de Boer-Buquicchio, on her mission to Armenia (<i>see also Children's Rights</i>)	A/HRC/31/58 Add. 2	7 March

Australia	HRC to consider and adopt the final outcome of the universal periodic review of Australia during the UPR Working Group's 23 rd session (2-13 November 2015) (<i>see also Universal Periodic Review</i>)	A/HRC/31/14 17 March
Austria	HRC to consider and adopt the final outcome of the universal periodic review of Austria during the UPR Working Group's 23 rd session (2-13 November 2015) (<i>see also Universal Periodic Review</i>)	A/HRC/31/12 16 March
Bangladesh	HRC to consider report of Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief , Mr Heiner Bielefeldt, on his mission to Bangladesh (<i>see also Religion, freedom of</i>)	A/HRC/31/18 9 March Add.2
Botswana	HRC to consider the report of Special Rapporteur on the field of cultural rights , Ms Karima Bennouna, on her mission to Botswana (<i>see also Cultural rights</i>)	A/HRC/31/59 10 March Add. 1
Brazil	HRC to consider the report of Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhumane or degrading treatment of punishment, Mr Juan Ernesto Méndez, on his mission to Brazil (<i>See also Torture</i>)	A/HRC/31/57 8 March Add. 3

HRC to consider report of **Special Rapporteur on Minority Issues**, Ms Rita Izsàk, on her mission to **Brazil** (*see also Minorities*) A/HRC/31/56 Add. 1 15 March

Burundi

HRC to consider report of **Special Rapporteur** on the situation of **human rights defenders**, Mr Michel Forst on his mission to **Burundi** (*see also Human Rights Defenders*) A/HRC/31/55 Add. 2 3 March

HRC to hear oral update by the **High Commissioner** on the implementation of resolution 30/27 on **Burundi**, and an update by representative of **experts** in the African Union, African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights, civil society and relevant procedures about an investigation with a view of preventing further deterioration of human rights situation in Burundi. Oral update HRC/Res/30/27 21 March

Business and human rights

HRC to consider report of the **Working Group** on transnational corporations and other **business enterprises** with respect to human rights A/HRC/31/50 11 March

HRC President to appoint member of **Working Group of Experts** on transnational corporations and other **business practices** to **fill vacancy** for member from Asia-Pacific States Consultative Group report 24 March

Cape Verde	HRC to consider report of Special Rapporteur on adequate housing , Ms Leilani Farha, on her mission to Cape Verde (<i>see also Housing</i>)	A/HRC/31/54 Add. 1	3 March
Central African Republic	HRC to consider the oral update of Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in the Central African Republic , Ms Marie-Thérèse Keita Bocoum	Oral update	21 March
Children rights	HRC to consider report of the High Commissioner on the investment in the rights of the child based on good practices and lessons learned.	A/HRC/31/33	7 March
	HRC to consider OHCHR report on the theme “ information and communications technology and child sexual exploitation ”	A/HRC/31/34	7 March
	HRC to consider the report of Secretary-General on impact that arbitrary deprivation of nationality has on rights of children	A/HRC/31/29	7 March
	HRC to hold panel discussion focused on “ Information and communications technology and child sexual exploitation ”	Concept paper	7 March
	HRC to consider annual report of Special Rapporteur on the sale of children ,	A/HRC/31/58	7 March

child prostitution, and child pornography, Ms Maud de Boer-Buquicchio, which includes a thematic study on tackling the demand for the sexual exploitation of children, and on her missions to Armenia and Japan (*see also Armenia and Japan*)

HRC to consider annual report of **Special Representative on Violence against Children**, Ms Marta Santos Pais, reviewing key developments and initiatives she has promoted to accelerate progress in the protection of children from violence. A/HRC/31/20 8 March

HRC to consider report of **Special Representative on Children and Armed Conflict**, Ms Lela Zerrougui, addressing the impact of extreme violence, the deprivation of liberty of children in situations of conflict and the displacement of children as a result of armed conflict. A/HRC/31/19 8 March

China HRC to consider report of **Independent Expert** on effects of **foreign debt**, Mr Juan Bohoslavsky, on his mission to **China** (*see also Foreign debt*) A/HRC/31/60 Add. 1 7 March

Civil and Political Rights HRC to consider **panel discussion** on fiftieth anniversary of **International Covenants on Human Rights**: Panel Discussion 11 March

universality, indivisibility, interdependence, and interrelatedness of all human rights

Climate change	HRC to hold a panel discussion on the adverse impact of climate change and States' efforts to realize the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health related to policies, lessons learned, and good practices.	Concept paper	3 March
	HRC to consider a detailed analytical study by OHCHR on relationship between climate change and human rights	A/HRC/31/36	3 March
Colombia	HRC to consider report of the report of the High Commissioner on the situation of human rights in Colombia	A/HRC/31/3/ Add.2	23 March
Cote d'Ivoire	HRC to consider report of Independent Expert on the enhancement of capacity-building and technical cooperation with Côte d'Ivoire in the field of human rights, Mr Mohammad Ayat	A/HRC/31/78	22 March
Cultural Rights	HRC to consider annual report of Special Rapporteur on enjoyment of cultural rights , Ms Karima Bennoune, specifically the focus of her first report to the General Assembly: the intentional destruction of cultural heritage as a violation of human rights, and on her	A/HRC/31/59	10 March

mission to Botswana (*see also Botswana*)

Cyprus	HRC to consider report of OHCHR on the question of human rights in Cyprus	A/HRC/31/21	23 March
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	HRC to consider report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea , Mr Marzuki Darusman	A/HRC/31/70	14 March
	HRC to consider comprehensive report of OHCHR on the roll and achievements of the Office, including field-based structure established to strengthen the monitoring and documentation of the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea	A/HRC/31/38	15 March
Disabilities, rights of persons with	HRC to consider annual report of Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities , Ms Catalina Devandas Aguilar, providing an overview of the activities undertaken since March 2015, as well as her thematic study on the right of persons with disabilities to participate in decision-making, and on her mission to the Republic of Moldova (<i>see also Moldova, Republic of</i>)	A/HRC/31/62	4 March
	HRC to hold panel discussion , focused on article 11 of Convention on Rights of	Concept paper	4 March

Persons with Disabilities, on situations of risk and humanitarian emergencies

HRC to consider study of OHCHR on article 11 of the **Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities** A/HRC/31/30 4 March

HRC to consider report of OHCHR containing study on the rights of persons with **disabilities** in situations of risk and humanitarian emergencies A/HRC/31/30 11 March

Economic, social and cultural rights HRC to consider annual report of the Secretary-General on the question of the realization in all countries of **economic, social and cultural rights** A/HRC/31/31 11 March

Environment HRC to consider the report of the Independent Expert on the **environment**, Mr John Knox, which reviews the effects of climate change on the full enjoyment of human rights and outlines the application of human rights obligations to climate-related actions A/HRC/31/52 3 March

HRC to consider the summary report of Special Rapporteur on the **environment**, Mr John Knox, describing possible methods of implementing human rights obligations relating to the enjoyment of a healthy environment A/HRC/31/53 3 March

Eritrea HRC to consider oral update by the Oral update 14 March

Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in **Eritrea**, Ms Sheila B. Keetharuth

Extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions	HRC will consider compilation report of the Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association, Mr Maina Kiai, and of the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions , Mr Christof Heyns, on the proper management of assemblies (<i>see also Peaceful assembly</i>)	A/HRC/31/66	9 March
Extremism	HRC to hold panel discussion on human rights dimensions of preventing and countering violent extremism	Concept paper	17 March
	HRC to consider report of Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism , Mr Ben Emmerson, which addresses violent extremism. (<i>See also Terrorism</i>)	A/HRC/31/65	10 March
Family, protection of the	HRC to consider report of the High Commissioner on the protection of the family	A/HRC/31/37	11 March
Food, right to	HRC to consider report of Special Rapporteur on the right to food , Ms. Hilal Elver, which explores the structural,	A/HRC/31/51	7 March

cultural, legal, economic and ecological barriers that women face in their fulfillment of the right to food, and also on her missions to Morocco and the Philippines (*see also Morocco and the Philippines*)

Foreign debt HRC to consider report of **Independent Expert** on the effects of **foreign debt**, Mr Juan Bohoslavsky, which explores the interrelationships between income and wealth inequality and financial crises, and on his missions to China and Greece (*see also China and Greece*) A/HRC/31/60 7 March

HRC to consider the report of Independent Expert on effects of **foreign debt**, Mr Juan Bohoslavsky, on negative impact of **illicit financial flows** on enjoyment of human rights in context of post-2015 development agenda A/HRC/31/61 7 March

Genocide, prevention of HRC to hold dialogue with **Special Advisor to the Secretary-General** on **prevention of genocide**, Mr Adama Dieng HRC/Res/28/34 3 March

Georgia HRC to consider report of **Special Rapporteur** on **torture** and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment of punishment, Mr Juan Ernesto Méndez, on his mission to **Georgia** (*see also Torture*) A/HRC/31/57 Add. 4 8 March

HRC to consider and adopt the final outcome of the **universal periodic review** of **Georgia** during the Working Group's 23rd session (2-13 November 2015) (*see also Universal Periodic Review*)

A/HRC/31/15 17 March

Greece

HRC to consider report of **Independent Expert** on effects of **foreign debt**, Mr Juan Bohoslavsky, on his mission to **Greece** (*see also Foreign debt*)

A/HRC/31/60 7 March
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Guatemala

HRC to consider annual report of the **High Commissioner** on the activities of the OHCHR in **Guatemala**

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Guinea

HRC to consider report of the **High Commissioner** on the situation of human rights and the work of OHCHR in **Guinea**

A/RC/31/47 23 March

Haiti

HRC to consider report of **Independent Expert** on the situation of human rights in **Haiti**, Mr Gustavo Gallón

A/HRC/31/77 22 March

High Commissioner

High Commissioner for Human Rights, Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein, to deliver **oral update** on activities of his Office followed by interactive discussion

Oral update 10 March

HIV/AIDS

HRC to hold **panel discussion** on human rights issues in context of efforts to end

Concept paper 11 March

the **HIV/AIDS** epidemic by 2030

Housing	HRC to consider report of Special Rapporteur on adequate housing , Ms Leilani Farha, which considers homelessness as a global human rights crisis directly linked to increased inequality of wealth and property, and on her missions to Cape Verde and Serbia and Kosovo (<i>see also Cape Verde, Serbia, and Kosovo</i>)	A/HRC/31/54	3 March
Human Rights Defenders	HRC to consider annual report of Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders , Mr Michel Forst, and on his mission to Burundi (<i>see also Burundi</i>)	A/HRC/31/55	3 March
Indigenous peoples	HRC President to appoint members of the Expert Mechanism on the rights of indigenous peoples to fill vacancies for members from the Eastern European Group and the Latin American and Caribbean States	Consultative Group report	24 March
International Cooperation	HRC to consider report of the High Commissioner on ways and means for the enhancement of international cooperation in the UN and human rights machinery	A/HRC/31/81	29 February
Iran, Islamic Republic of	HRC to consider report of Special Rapporteur on situation of human rights	A/HRC/31/69	14 March

in the **Islamic Republic of Iran**, Mr
Ahmed Shaheed

Japan	HRC to consider report of Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography , Ms Maud de Boer-Buquicchio, on her mission to Japan (<i>see also Children's rights</i>)	A/HRC/31/58 Add. 1	7 March
Kosovo	HRC to consider report of Special Rapporteur on adequate housing , Ms Leilani Farha, on her mission to Kosovo (UNSC res. 1244) (<i>see also Housing</i>)	A/HRC/31/54 Add. 2	3 March
Lebanon	HRC to consider report of Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief , Mr Heiner Bielefeldt, on his mission to Lebanon , (<i>see also Religion, freedom of</i>)	A/HRC/31/18 Add. 1	9 March
	HRC to consider and adopt the final outcome of the universal periodic review of Lebanon during the Working Group's 23 rd session (2-13 November 2015) (<i>see also Universal Periodic Review</i>)	A/HRC/31/5	16 March
Libya	HRC to consider a report of the High Commissioner on violations and abuses of international human rights law committed in Libya since beginning of 2014, and circumstances established of	A/HRC/31/47	23 March

such abuses, avoiding impunity and ensuring full accountability.

Mali	HRC to consider report of Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Mali , Mr Suliman Baldo	A/HRC/31/76	22 March
Mauritania	HRC to consider and adopt the final outcome of the universal periodic review of Mauritania during the Working Group's 23 rd session (2-13 November 2015) (<i>see also Universal Periodic Review</i>)	A/HRC/31/6	16 March
Micronesia, Federated States of	HRC to consider and adopt the final outcome of the universal periodic review of the Federated States of Micronesia in the Working Group's 23 rd session (2-13 November 2015) (<i>see also Universal Periodic Review</i>)	A/HRC/31/4	16 March
Migrant Rights	HRC to consider OHCHR study on the situation of migrants in transit , including unaccompanied children and adolescents, as well as women and girls	A/HRC/31/35	11 March
	HRC to consider report of OHCHR on activities to promote and protect the rights of migrants in their national legislation	A/HRC/31/80	11 March
Minorities	HRC to consider annual report of the High Commissioner on the promotion of	A/HRC/31/27	11 March

and respect for the provisions of the
**Declaration on the rights of persons
belonging to national or ethnic,
religious and linguistic minorities**

A/HRC/31/56 15 March

HRC to consider annual report of **Special
Rapporteur on Minority Issues**, Ms Rita
Izsák, addressing discrimination based
on caste and analogous systems of
inherited status, and on her mission to
Brazil (*see also Brazil*)

HRC to consider recommendations
made by the **Forum on Minority Issues**
at its 8th session (24-25 Nov 2015)
pertaining to the minorities and the
criminal justice system.

A/HRC/31/72 15 March

**Moldova,
Republic of**

HRC to consider report of **Special
Rapporteur on the rights of persons
with disabilities**, Ms Catalina Devandas
Aguilar, on her mission to the Republic
of **Moldova** (*see also Disabilities, rights
of persons with*)

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Morocco

HRC to consider report of **Special
Rapporteur on the right to food**, Ms.
Hilal Elver, on her mission to **Morocco**
(*see also Food, right to*)

A/HRC/31/51 7 March
/Add.2

Myanmar

HRC to consider report of **Special
Rapporteur** on the situation of human
rights in **Myanmar**, Ms Yanghee Lee

A/HRC/31/71 14 March

HRC to consider and adopt the final outcome of the **universal periodic review of Myanmar** during the Working Group's 23rd session (2-13 November 2015) (*see also Universal Periodic Review*)

A/HRC/31/12 17 March

Nationality, right to

HRC to consider the report of **Secretary-General** on impact that **arbitrary deprivation of nationality** has on rights of children (*see also Children rights*)

A/HRC/31/29 7 March

Nauru

HRC to consider and adopt the final outcome of the **universal periodic review of Nauru** during the Working Group's 23rd session (2-13 November 2015) (*see also Universal Periodic Review*)

A/HRC/31/7 16 March

Nepal

HRC to consider and adopt the final outcome of the **universal periodic review of Nepal** during the Working Group's 23rd session (2-13 November 2015) (*see also Universal Periodic Review*)

A/HRC/31/9 16 March

Oman

HRC to consider and adopt the final outcome of the **universal periodic review of Oman** during the Working Group's 23rd session (2-13 November 2015) (*see also Universal Periodic Review*)

A/HRC/31/11 17 March

Palestine and other occupied Arab territories	HRC to consider report of Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967 , Mr Makarim Wibsono	A/HRC/31/73	21 March
	HRC to consider report of the Secretary-General on Israeli settlements in Occupied Palestinian Territory including East Jerusalem , and in the occupied Syrian Golan	A/HRC/31/43	21 March
	HRC to consider report of the High Commissioner on implementation of the recommendations contained in report of fact-finding mission on Israeli settlements	A/HRC/31/42	21 March
	HRC to consider report of the High commissioner on the situation of human rights in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem and the Gaza strip	A/HRC/31/40	21 March
	HRC to consider report High Commissioner on the implementation of recommendations in reports of the independent Commission of Inquiry on the 2014 Gaza conflict and of the UN Fact-Finding mission the Gaza Conflict of 2009	A/HRC/31/40 Add. 1	21 March

HRC to consider report of the **Secretary-General** on the human rights situation in the **Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem** A/HRC/31/44 21 March

HRC President to appoint mandate holder to **fill vacancy** for **Special Rapporteur** on the situation of human rights in the **Palestinian territories** Consultative Group report 24 March

Peaceful assembly

HRC will consider compilation report of the **Special Rapporteur** on the rights to freedom of **peaceful assembly and of association**, Mr Maina Kiai, and of the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions, Mr Christof Heyns, on the proper management of assemblies (*see also Extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions*) A/HRC/31/66 9 March

Philippines

HRC to consider report of **Special Rapporteur** on the **right to food**, Ms. Hilal Elver, on her mission to the **Philippines** (*see also Food, right to*) A/HRC/31/51 / Add.1 7 March

Privacy, right to

HRC to consider annual report of Special Rapporteur on the **right to privacy**, Mr Joseph Cannataci (first report) A/HRC/31/64 9 March

Racism, discrimination xenophobia

HRC to consider report of the Working Group's 13th session (5-16 October 2015) on the Effective Implementation A/HRC/31/75 15 March

of the **Durban Declaration and the Programme of Action** to commence preparations for the commemoration of the 50th anniversary

HRC to consider report of Ad Hoc Committee's 17th session (13-24 July 2015) on the elaboration of complementary standards to **International Convention on Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination**

A/HRC/31/74 15 March

HRC to hold **panel discussion** on incompatibility between **democracy** and **racism** with a view to identify challenges and good practices

Concept paper 18 March

Religion or belief, freedom of

HRC to consider the annual report of **Special Rapporteur** on freedom of **religion or belief**, Heiner Bielefeldt, which analyses the relationship between the right to freedom of religion or belief and the right to freedom of opinion and expression, and on his missions to Bangladesh and Lebanon (*See also Bangladesh and Lebanon*)

A/HRC/31/18 9 March

Rwanda

HRC to consider and adopt the final outcome of **universal periodic review** of **Rwanda** during the Working Group's 23rd session (2-13 November 2015) (*see also Universal Periodic Review*)

A/HRC/31/8 16 March

Saint Kitts and Nevis	HRC to consider and adopt the final outcome of the universal periodic review of Saint Kitts and Nevis during the Working Group's 23 rd session (2-13 November 2015) (<i>see also Universal Periodic Review</i>)	A/HRC/31/16 17 March
Saint Lucia	HRC to consider and adopt the final outcome of the universal periodic review of Saint Lucia during the Working Group's 23 rd session (2-13 November 2015) (<i>see also Universal Periodic Review</i>)	A/HRC/31/10 17 March
Sao Tomé and Príncipe	HRC to consider and adopt the final outcome of the universal periodic review of Sao Tomé and Príncipe during the Working Group's 23 rd session (2-13 November 2015) (<i>see also Universal Periodic Review</i>)	A/HRC/31/17 17 March
Serbia	HRC to consider report of Special Rapporteur on adequate housing , Ms Leilani Farha, on her mission to Serbia (UNSC res. 1244) (<i>see also Housing</i>)	A/HRC/31/54 3 March Add. 2
South Sudan	HRC to consider report of the High Commissioner on the mission of OHCHR to improve human rights accountability, reconciliation and capacity in South Sudan , including on sexual violence	A/HRC/31/49 22 March

Special Procedures	HRC to consider report of the Secretary-General on conclusions and recommendations in reports submitted by special procedures	A/HRC/31/24	Multiple dates
	HRC to consider the communications report of special procedures	A/HRC/31/79	Multiple dates
Sustainable development	HRC to hold annual high-level panel discussion on human rights and mainstreaming on the theme “the 2013 Agenda for Sustainable Development and human rights”	Concept paper	29 February
Syrian Arab Republic	HRC to consider report of the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic , an oral update of latest activities of the Commission	A/HRC/31/68	15 March
Terrorism	HRC to consider report of Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism , Mr Ben Emmerson, which addresses violent extremism. (<i>See also Extremism</i>)	A/HRC/31/65	10 March
Torture	HRC to consider report of the Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment or punishment, Mr Juan Ernesto Méndez, which addresses the prohibition of	A/HRC/31/57	8 March

torture in international law to the unique experiences of women, girls, and lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex persons, and on his missions to Brazil and Georgia (*see also Brazil and Georgia*)

HRC to consider report of **Secretary-General** on the operations of the **UN Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture**

A/HRC/31/23 11 March

HRC to consider report of **Secretary-General** on operations of the **Special Fund** established by the optional protocol to the **Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment**

A/HRC/31/22 11 March

Treaty bodies

HRC to consider report of the **Secretary-General** on the effective implementation of the **UN human rights treaty body system**

A/HRC/31/25 11 March

Ukraine

HRC to consider periodic report of the **High Commissioner** on the situation of human rights in **Ukraine**

Oral update 22 March

Universal Periodic Review (UPR)

HRC to consider and adopt final **outcome of review of the 14 countries** reviewed during the **UPR Working Group's 23rd session** (2-13 November 2015) (*see also respective countries*)

Multiple 16-18 March

Vulture Funds	HRC to consider research report of Advisory Committee on activities of vulture funds and the impact on human rights (<i>see also Advisory Committee</i>)	A/HRC/31/67	15 March
Work, right to	HRC to consider report of the High Commissioner on the realization of the right to work , in accordance with international human rights law and the relevant major challenges and best practices in that regard	A/HRC/31/32	11 March
Yemen	HRC to consider oral update of the High Commissioner on situation of human rights in Yemen	Oral update	23 March

**Please note that the dates may change slightly subject to the programme.*

