



Vacancies for independent United Nations experts of the Human Rights Council, with extensive professional experience in human rights

Those appointed serve in their personal capacities. They are not United Nations staff members, they are not based in the United Nations offices in Geneva or at another United Nations location, and they do not receive salary or other financial compensation, except for travel expenses and daily subsistence allowance of "experts on mission".

The mandates for each session are listed alphabetically. Additional appointments may need to be added during the cycle in case of unforeseen vacancies or if the Human Rights Council creates new special procedure mandates. Members of Expert Mechanisms (EMRIP and EMRTD) are not special procedures, although they are appointed in the same way as special procedure mandate holders.

APPOINTMENTS TO BE MADE FROM JULY 2026 TO APRIL 2027

Appointments at the 62nd session of the Human Rights Council

(15 June – 10 July 2026, end date to be confirmed)

- 1. Special Rapporteur on the implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes**
[Human Rights Council resolution 54/10 \(https://undocs.org/A/HRC/RES/54/10\)](https://undocs.org/A/HRC/RES/54/10)
- 2. Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression**
[Human Rights Council resolution 52/9 \(https://undocs.org/A/HRC/RES/52/9\)](https://undocs.org/A/HRC/RES/52/9), extended in [Human Rights Council resolution 61/14 \(https://undocs.org/A/HRC/RES/61/14\)](https://undocs.org/A/HRC/RES/61/14)
- 3. Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health**
[Human Rights Council resolution 60/10 \(https://undocs.org/A/HRC/RES/60/10\)](https://undocs.org/A/HRC/RES/60/10)
- 4. Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment - unforeseen vacancy due to resignation**
[Human Rights Council resolution 52/7 \(https://undocs.org/A/HRC/RES/52/7\)](https://undocs.org/A/HRC/RES/52/7), extended in [Human Rights Council resolution 61/10 \(https://undocs.org/A/HRC/RES/61/10\)](https://undocs.org/A/HRC/RES/61/10)

Appointments at the 63rd session of the Human Rights Council

(7 September – 9 October 2026, end date to be confirmed)

- 1. Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions¹**
[Human Rights Council resolution 53/4 \(https://docs.un.org/A/HRC/RES/53/4\)](https://docs.un.org/A/HRC/RES/53/4)
- 2. Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation**
[Human Rights Council resolution 60/9 \(https://docs.un.org/A/HRC/RES/60/9\)](https://docs.un.org/A/HRC/RES/60/9)
- 3. Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Eritrea¹**
[Human Rights Council resolution 59/1 \(https://docs.un.org/A/HRC/RES/59/1\)](https://docs.un.org/A/HRC/RES/59/1)
- 4. Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, member from African States**
[Human Rights Council resolution 60/8 \(https://docs.un.org/A/HRC/RES/60/8\)](https://docs.un.org/A/HRC/RES/60/8)
- 5. Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, member from Latin American and Caribbean States**
[Human Rights Council resolution 60/8 \(https://docs.un.org/A/HRC/RES/60/8\)](https://docs.un.org/A/HRC/RES/60/8)

¹ The appointment of this mandate holder will be made provided the mandate itself is extended by the Human Rights Council.

6. **Working Group on discrimination against women and girls, member from Latin American and Caribbean States**
[Human Rights Council resolution 59/14](https://docs.un.org/en/A/HRC/RES/59/14) (<https://docs.un.org/en/A/HRC/RES/59/14>)
7. **Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, member from African States¹**
[Human Rights Council resolution 54/14](https://docs.un.org/A/HRC/RES/54/14) (<https://docs.un.org/A/HRC/RES/54/14>)
8. **Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination, member from Asia-Pacific States**
[Human Rights Council resolution 60/5](https://docs.un.org/A/HRC/RES/60/5) (<https://docs.un.org/A/HRC/RES/60/5>)

Appointments at the 64th session of the Human Rights Council

(February – April 2027, dates to be determined)

1. **Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, member from Africa**
[Human Rights Council resolution 33/25](https://undocs.org/A/HRC/RES/33/25) (<https://undocs.org/A/HRC/RES/33/25>)
2. **Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, member from North America**
[Human Rights Council resolution 33/25](https://undocs.org/A/HRC/RES/33/25) (<https://undocs.org/A/HRC/RES/33/25>)
3. **Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent, member from African States¹** [Human Rights Council resolution 54/26](https://docs.un.org/A/HRC/RES/54/26)
(<https://docs.un.org/A/HRC/RES/54/26>)

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- Description of the selection process and frequently asked questions:
<https://www.ohchr.org/en/hr-bodies/hrc/sp/basic-information-selection-independent-experts>
- Special procedures:
<https://www.ohchr.org/en/special-procedures-human-rights-council>
- Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples:
<https://www.ohchr.org/en/hrc-subsidiaries/expert-mechanism-on-indigenous-peoples>
- Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development:
<https://www.ohchr.org/en/hrc-subsidiaries/expert-mechanism-on-right-to-development>
- Human Rights Council:
<https://www.ohchr.org/en/hrbodies/hrc/home>