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Agenda items 2 and 5

**Annual report of the United Nations High Commissioner   
for Human Rights and reports of the Office of the   
High Commissioner and the Secretary-General**

**Human rights bodies and mechanisms**

Facts and figures with regard to the special procedures   
in 2017[[1]](#footnote-2)\*

1. **Fact sheet on special procedures**

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| **Fact sheet 2017** | | | |
|  | Mandates and mandate holders |  | Communications |
| 56  **1**  **2**  **80**  **14**  **15**  **44%**  **56%** | mandates – 44 thematic and 12 country mandates  new mandate established: Special Rapporteur on the elimination of discrimination against persons affected by leprosy and their family members  mandates terminated: Independent Experts on the situation of human rights in Haiti and in Cote d’Ivoire  active mandate holders  mandate holders finished their term in office new mandate holders were appointed  of mandate holders are female  of mandate holdersare male | 534  **61%**  **1843**  **484**  **68%**  **164**  **3** | communications sent to 117 States and 25 non-State actors  of United Nations Member States received one or more communications from special procedures  individual cases covered, of which **655** women  replies received, of which **365** to communications sent in 2017  reply rate to communications sent in 2017  communications followed-up by mandate holders  communications reports submitted, one to each Human Rights Council session |
|  | Country visits |  | Forums, consultations and expert meetings |
| 86  **118**  **1**  **167**  **26** | country visits to 64 States and territories  standing invitations extended by Member States and **1** by a non-Member Observer State  standing invitations issued in 2017  United Nations Member States have been visited at least once  Member States not yet visited | **2**  **98** | forums organized – 7th annual forum on Business and Human Rights and 11th annual forum on Minority Issues.  Events and consultations organized/attended by mandate holders, including in cooperation with other parts of the United Nations system as well as with regional mechanisms. |
|  | Thematic and country visit reports |  | Media outreach and public awareness |
| 131  **39** | reports submitted to the Human Rights Council, of which 65 country visit reports  reports submitted to the General Assembly | 387  **3** | media products released – 283 press releases, 24 media statements and 80 media advisories.  press releases and public statements issued by the Coordination Committee of Special Procedures. |

**Engagement with other parts of the United Nations system and regional mechanisms**

Special procedures mandate holders engaged and/or undertook joint activities with the Treaty Bodies, Universal Periodic Review, OHCHR, UNHCR, Executive Office of the SG, ASG for Human Rights, Special Adviser of the SG on the Prevention of Genocide, Special Adviser of the SG on the Responsibility to Protect, Special Envoy of the Secretary-General on Disability and Accessibility, Special Representative of the SG on Violence against Children, OCHA, DPA, DPKO, DPI, Security Council, UN Counter-Terrorism Committee, United Nations Statistical Division, Commission on the Status of Women, Commission on Social Development, various DPKO missions including MINUSMA and UNAMI, UN Country Teams, UNDP, Inter-Agency Standing Committee, UNDSS, UN Women, UNESCO, WHO, UNAIDS, ILO, UNICEF, IOM, UNFPA, UNECE, ECLAC, UN Development Group - Human Rights Working Group, UNCTAD, FAO, United Nations Partnership to Promote the rights of persons with disabilities, UN-Water, UNWRA, WFP, UNEP, IMF, World Bank, the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators.

Special procedures mandate holders engaged and/or undertook joint activities with regional mechanisms, including the European Union (EU Fundamental Rights Agency), Council of Europe, Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, Inter-American system ( Inter-American Court of Human Rights, Inter-American Commission on Human Rights), Organization of American States, African Union (African Commission on Human and People’s Rights.

1. Statistics on current mandate holders (as at 31 December 2017)\*

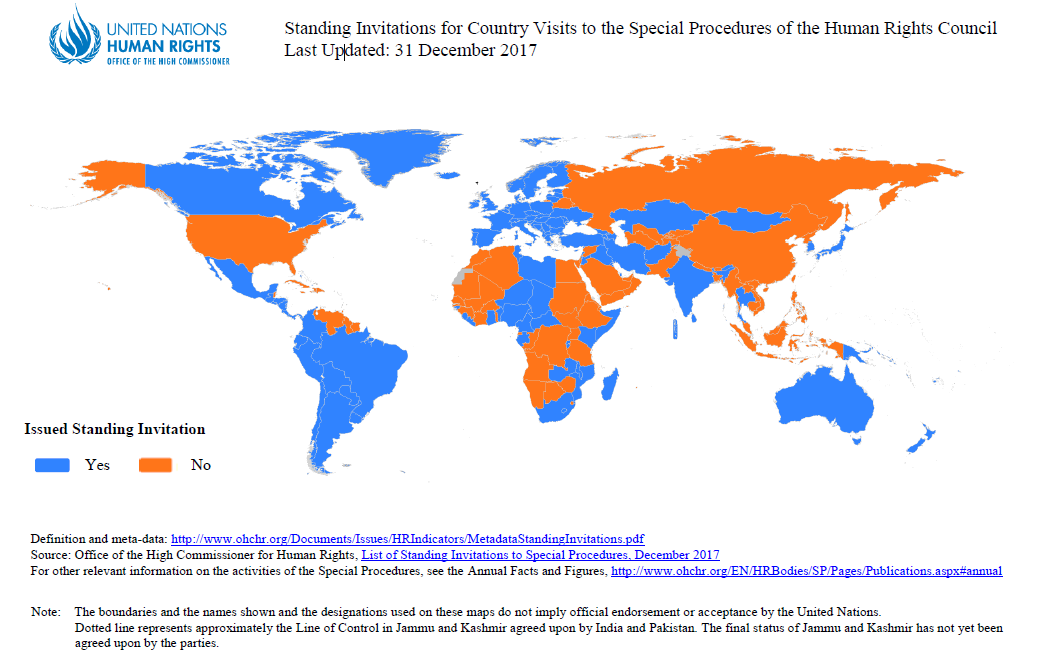
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| **United Nations Regional Groups of Member States** | **Male** | **Female** | **Total** | **Geographic distribution** |
| African Group | **10** | **8** | **18** | **22.50%** |
| Asian-Pacific Group | **6** | **5** | **11** | **13.75%** |
| Eastern European Group (EEG) | **5** | **4** | **9** | **11.25%** |
| Latin American and Caribbean Group (GRULAC) | **12** | **4** | **16** | **20.00%** |
| Western European and Others Group (WEOG) | **12** | **14** | **26** | **32.50%** |
| **Total** | **45** | **35** | **80** | **100.00%** |
| **Gender balance** | **56%** | **44%** | **100%** |  |

\*includes the new mandate holder of Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity

1. Overview of standing invitations

A standing invitation is an open invitation extended by a Government to all thematic special procedures. By extending a standing invitation States announce that they will always accept requests for visits from all special procedures. As at 31 December 2017, out of the 193 United Nations Member States, the following 118 Member States (61 %) as well as one non-Member Observer State had extended a standing invitation to the thematic special procedures.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Countries | Date | Countries | Date |
| **Afghanistan** | 15 August 2017 | **Liechtenstein** | 21 January 2003 |
| **Albania** | 2 December 2009 | **Lithuania** | March 2001 |
| **Andorra** | 3 November 2010 | **Luxembourg** | March 2001 |
| **Argentina** | 3 December 2002 | **Madagascar** | 26 August 2011 |
| **Armenia** | 1 May 2006 | **Malawi** | 7 September 2015 |
| **Australia** | 7 August 2008 | **Maldives** | 2 May 2006 |
| **Austria** | March 2001 | **Malta** | March 2001 |
| **Azerbaijan** | 15 April 2013 | **Marshall Islands** | 4 March 2011 |
| **Bahamas** | 6 June 2013 | **Mexico** | March 2001 |
| **Belgium** | March 2001 | **Monaco** | 22 October 2008 |
| **Benin** | 31 October 2012 | **Mongolia** | 9 April 2004 |
| **Bolivia** | 10 February 2010 | **Montenegro** | 11 October 2005 |
| **Bosnia and Herzegovina** | 7 May 2010 | **Mozambique** | **12 April 2016** |
| **Brazil** | 10 December 2001 | **Nauru** | 30 May 2011 |
| **Bulgaria** | March 2001 | **Netherlands** | March 2001 |
| **Burundi** | 6 June 2013 | **New Zealand** | 3 February 2004 |
| **Cameroon** | 15 September 2014 | **Nicaragua** | 26 April 2006 |
| **Canada** | April 1999 | **Niger** | 21 August 2012 |
| **Cape Verde** | 26 April 2013 | **Nigeria** | 25 October 2013 |
| **Central African Republic** | 3 September 2013 | **Norway** | 26 March 1999 |
| **Chad** | 1 June 2012 | **Occupied Palestinian Territories (non-Member Observer State)** | 30 July 2014 |
| **Chile** | 12 May 2009 | **Palau** | 3 May 2011 |
| **Colombia** | 17 March 2003 | **Panama** | 14 March 2011 |
| **Costa Rica** | 2002 | **Papua New Guinea** | 11 May 2011 |
| **Croatia** | 13 March 2003 | **Paraguay** | 28 March 2003 |
| **Cyprus** | March 2001 | **Peru** | 3 April 2002 |
| **Czech Republic** | September 2000 | **Poland** | March 2001 |
| **Denmark** | March 2001 | **Portugal** | March 2001 |
| **Dominica** | 9 December 2009 | **Qatar** | 1 June 2010 |
| **Ecuador** | 9 January 2003 | **Republic of Korea** | 3 March 2008 |
| **El Salvador** | 9 February 2010 | **Republic of Moldova** | 2 June 2010 |
| **Estonia** | March 2001 | **Romania** | March 2001 |
| **Fiji** | 17 March 2015 | **Rwanda** | 27 June 2011 |
| **Finland** | March 2001 | **Samoa** | 14 February 2011 |
| **France** | March 2001 | **San Marino** | 3 April 2003 |
| **Gabon** | 29 October 2012 | **Sao Tome and Principe** | 2 February 2011 |
| **Georgia** | 30 March 2010 | **Serbia** | 11 October 2005 |
| **Germany** | March 2001 | **Seychelles** | 5 November 2012 |
| **Ghana** | 21 April 2006 | **Sierra Leone** | 7 April 2003 |
| **Greece** | March 2001 | **Slovakia** | March 2001 |
| **Guatemala** | April 2001 | **Slovenia** | March 2001 |
| **Guinea-Bissau** | 7 May 2010 | **Solomon Islands** | 6 May 2011 |
| **Honduras** | 12 May 2010 | **Somalia** | 13 April 2016 |
| **Hungary** | March 2001 | **South Africa** | 17 July 2003 |
| **Iceland** | September 2000 | **Spain** | March 2001 |
| **India** | 14 September 2011 | **Sri Lanka** | 17 December 2015 |
| **Iran (Islamic Republic of)** | 24 July 2002 | **Sweden** | March 2001 |
| **Iraq** | 16 February 2010 | **Switzerland** | 1 April 2002 |
| **Ireland** | March 2001 | **Thailand** | 4 November 2011 |
| **Italy** | March 2001 | **The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia** | 13 October 2004 |
| **Japan** | 1 March 2011 | **Tonga** | 25 January 2013 |
| **Jordan** | 20 April 2006 | **Tunisia** | 28 February 2011 |
| **Kazakhstan** | 28 July 2009 | **Turkey** | March 2001 |
| **Kenya** | 22 January 2015 | **Tuvalu** | 26 April 2013 |
| **Kuwait** | 13 September 2010 | **Ukraine** | 23 June 2006 |
| **Latvia** | March 2001 | **United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland** | March 2001 |
| **Lebanon** | 17 March 2011 | **Uruguay** | 18 March 2005 |
| **Lesotho** | 21 January 2015 | **Vanuatu** | 12 May 2009 |
| **Liberia** | 25 September 2015 | **Zambia** | 16 July 2008 |
| **Libya** | 15 March 2012 |  |  |



Statistics on standing invitations

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| **United Nations Regional Groups of Member States** | **Number of standing invitations extended by States within their regional group** | **Percentage of standing invitations extended within regional groups** | **Percentage of standing invitations extended by regional groups** |
| African Group | 26 out of 54 States | 48 % | 22% |
| Asia-Pacific Group | 25 out of 53 States | 47 % | 21% |
| EEG | 21 out of 23 States | 91 % | 18% |
| GRULAC | 18 out of 33 States | 55 % | 15% |
| WEOG | 28 out of 30 States | 93% | 24% |
| **Total** | **118 out of 193 United Nations Member States** |  | **100%** |

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| **Standing invitations extended in 2017** | |
| Afghanistan | 15 August 2017 |

NB. The State of Palestine, accorded non-Member Observer status on 29 November 2012 by General Assembly resolution 67/19, extended a standing invitation to the special procedures on 4 July 2014.

1. **Overview of country and other official visits conducted in 2017**

| **States and territories visited** | **Mandate** |  | **Dates** | **Report** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Albania** | Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief |  | 8 to 17 May | A/HRC/37/49/Add.3 |
| **Argentina** | Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity |  | 1 to 10 March | 38th HRC session (June 2018) |
| Working Group on arbitrary detention |  | 8 to 18 May | 39th HRC session (September 2018) |
| **Armenia** | Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health |  | 25 September to 5 October | 38th HRC session (June 2018) |
| **Australia** | Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences |  | 13 to 27 February | 38th HRC session (June 2018) |
|  | Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples |  | 20 March to 3 April | A/HRC/36/46/Add.2 |
| **Bahamas** | Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences |  | 4 to 18 October | 38th HRC session (June 2018) |
| **Bangladesh** | Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar |  | 20 to 23 February | A/HRC/34/67 (see also end-of-mission statement) |
| **Brussels/EU** | Special Rapporteur on the negative impact of the unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights |  | 19 to 22 June | 39th HRC session (September 2018) |
| **Cambodia** | Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Cambodia |  | 8 to 18 August | 39th HRC session (September 2018) |
| **Central African Republic** | Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Central African Republic |  | 25 January to 3 February | A/HRC/36/64 |
| Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Central African Republic |  | 7 to 16 June | A/HRC/36/64 |
| **Chad** | Working Group on the issue of discrimination against women in law and in practice |  | 4 to 14 December | 38th HRC session (June 2018) |
| **Chile** | 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 |  | 20 to 28 April | A/HRC/37/53/Add.1 |
| **Côte d’Ivoire** | Independent Expert on capacity-building and technical cooperation with Côte d’Ivoire |  | 10 to 17 January | A/HRC/35/43 |
| Independent Expert on capacity-building and technical cooperation with Côte d’Ivoire |  | 13 to 16 June | A/HRC/35/43 (see also oral presentation to the HRC at its 35th session) |
|  | Special Rapporteur on the right to education |  | 4 to 11 December | 38th HRC session (June 2018) |
| **Cuba** | Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children |  | 10 to 14 April | 38th HRC session (June 2018) |
| Independent Expert on human rights and international solidarity |  | 10 to 14 July | 38th HRC session (June 2018) |
| **Democratic People’s Republic of Korea** | Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities |  | 3 to 8 May | A/HRC/37/56/Add.1 |
| Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea |  | 17 to 21 July | A/HRC/37/69 |
| **Denmark** | Special Rapporteur on the implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes |  | 2 to 13 October | 39th HRC session (September 2018) |
| **Dominican Republic** | Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children, including child prostitution, child pornography and other child sexual abuse material |  | 8 to 15 May | A/HRC/37/60/Add.1 |
| **Ecuador** | Independent expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order |  | 5 to 8 December | 39th HRC session (September 2018) |
| **El Salvador** | Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons |  | 14 to 18 August | 38th HRC session (June 2018) |
| **Fiji** | Independent Expert on the enjoyment of human rights of persons with albinism |  | 27 November to 7 December | 40th HRC session (March 2019) |
| **France** | Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities |  | 3 to 13 October | 40th HRC session (March 2019) |
| Special Rapporteur on the right to privacy |  | 13 to 17 November | 4oth HRC session (March 2019) |
| **Gambia** | Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances |  | 12 to 19 June | 39th HRC session (September 2018) |
| **Germany** | Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent |  | 20 to 27 February | A/HRC/36/60/Add.2 |
| **Ghana** | 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 |  | 8 to 15 December | 39th HRC session  (September 2018) |
| **Guyana** | Working Group of Experts on people of African descent |  | 2 to 6 October | 39th HRC session (September 2018) |
| **Haiti** | Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Haiti |  | 28 February to 11 March | A/HRC/34/73 (see also oral presentation at the HRC at its 34th session) |
| **India** | Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation |  | 27 October to 10 November | 39th HRC session (September 2018) |
| **Indonesia** | Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health |  | 22 March to 3 April | 38th HRC session (June 2018) |
| **Iraq** | Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions |  | 14 to 23 November | 38th HRC session (June 2018) |
| **Italy** | Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences |  | 15 to 26 January | 38th HRC session (June 2018) |
| **Italy/EU** | Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions |  | 10 to 19 May | 38th HRC session (June 2018) |
| **Japan** | Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea |  | 11 to 16 December | A/HRC/37/69 |
| **Jordan** | Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967 |  | 15 to 19 May | A/HRC/37/75 |
| **Kazakhstan** | Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities |  | 4 to 12 September | A/HRC/37/56/Add.2 |
| **Lao People’s Republic** | Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children, including child prostitution, child pornography and other child sexual abuse material |  | 8 to 16 November | 40th HRC session (March 2019) |
| **Malaysia** | Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights |  | 11 to 22 September | 40th HRC session (March 2019) |
| **Mali** | Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Mali |  | 27 February to 8 March | A/HRC/37/78 (and addendum) |
| Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Mali |  | 27 November to 1 December | A/HRC/37/78 |
| **Mexico** | Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders |  | 16 to 24 January | A/HRC/37/51/Add.2 |
|  | Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation |  | 2 to 12 May | A/HRC/36/45/Add.2 |
|  | Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples |  | 8 to 17 November | 39th HRC session (September 2018) |
|  | Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression |  | 27 November to 4 December | 38th HRC session (June 2018) |
| **Mongolia** | Special Rapporteur on the issue of human rights obligations relating to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment |  | 19 to 27 September | A/HRC/37/58/Add.2 |
| **Myanmar** | Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar |  | 9 to 21 January | A/HRC/34/62 |
| Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar |  | 10 to 21 July | A/72/382 |
| **Namibia** | Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons |  | 2 to 13 March | 39th HRC session (September 2018) |
| **Panama** | Independent expert on the effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights |  | 2 to 10 May | A/HRC/37/54/Add.2 |
| **Paraguay** | Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery, including its causes and consequences |  | 17 to 24 July | 39th HRC session (September 2018) |
| **Peru** | Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises |  | 10 to 19 July | 38th HRC session (June 2018) |
| **Poland** | Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers |  | 23 to 27 October | 38th HRC session (June 2018) |
| **Republic of Korea** | Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea |  | 11 to 16 December | A/HRC/37/69 |
| **Russian Federation** | Special Rapporteur on the negative impact of the unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights |  | 24 to 28 April | A/HRC/36/44/Add.1 |
| **Samoa** | Working Group on the issue of discrimination against women in law and in practice |  | 8 to 18 August | 38th HRC session (June 2018) |
| **Saudi Arabia** | Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights |  | 8 to 19 January | A/HRC/35/26/Add.3 |
| Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism |  | 30 April to 4 May | A/HRC/37/52/Add.2 |
| **Serbia** | Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment |  | 13 to 24 November | 40th HRC session (March 2019) |
| **Sierra Leone** | Special Rapporteur on the implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes |  | 14 to 25 August | 39th HRC session (September 2018) |
| **Sri Lanka** | Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism |  | 10 to 14 July | A/HRC/37/52/Add.3 |
| Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation & guarantees of non-recurrence |  | 10 to 23 October | 39th HRC session (September 2018) |
| Working Group on Arbitrary Detention |  | 4 to 15 December | 39th HRC session (September 2018) |
| **Sudan** | Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in the Sudan |  | 10 to 22 February | 39th HRC session (September 2018) |
|  | Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in the Sudan |  | 11 to 21 May | 39th HRC session (September 2018) |
|  | Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances |  | 20 to 29 November | 39th HRC session (September 2018) |
| **Switzerland** | Independent expert on the effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights |  | 25 September to 4 October | A/HRC/37/54/Add.3 |
| **Tanzania** | Independent Expert on the enjoyment of human rights of persons with albinism |  | 18 to 28 July | A/HRC/37/57/Add.1 |
| **Tunisia** | Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism |  | 30 January to 3 February | A/HRC/37/52/Add.1 |
| Independent expert on the effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights |  | 20 to 28 February | A/HRC/37/54/Add.1 |
| **United Kingdom** | Special Rapporteur on the implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes |  | 17 to 31 January | A/HRC/36/41/Add.1 |
| **United States of America** | Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples |  | 22 February to 3 March | A/HRC/36/46/Add.1 |
|  | Special Rapporteur on the right to privacy |  | 19 to 27 June | A/HRC/37/62/Add.1 |
|  | Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights |  | 1 to 15 December | 38th HRC session (June 2018) |
| **Uruguay** | Special Rapporteur on the issue of human rights obligations relating to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment |  | 24 to 28 April | A/HRC/37/58/Add.1 |
| **Uzbekistan** | Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief |  | 2 to 12 October | A/HRC/37/49/Add.2 |
| **Venezuela** | Independent expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order |  | 27 November to 4 December | 39th HRC session (September 2018) |
| **Vietnam** | Special Rapporteur on the right to food |  | 13 to 24 November | 40th HRC session (March 2019) |
| **Zambia** | Special Rapporteur on the right to food |  | 3 to 12 May | A/HRC/37/61/Add.1 |

Statistics on country visits conducted in 2017

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| **United Nations**  **Regional Groups of Member States** | **Number of country visits conducted\*** | **Number of countries visited\*\*** |
| African Group | 20 | 13 |
| Asia-Pacific Group | 25 | 19 |
| EEG | 6 | 6 |
| GRULAC | 20 | 16 |
| WEOG | 15 | 10 |
| **Total** | **86** | **64** |

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| \* Distribution of visits by region out of the total number of visits | \*\* Distribution of countries visited by region |

1. Overview of States not yet visited by any mandate holder

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| --- | --- |
| **States never visited, no request sent**  **(9 in total)** | **States never visited, request(s) sent**  **(15 in total)** |
| Andorra  Antigua and Barbuda  Brunei Darussalam  Dominica  Monaco  Palau  Saint Kitts and Nevis  Saint Lucia  San Marino | Barbados  Djibouti[[2]](#footnote-3)  Eritrea  Grenada  Guinea  Lesothoe  Libya[[3]](#footnote-4)  Luxembourg[[4]](#footnote-5)  Micronesia  Nauru[[5]](#footnote-6)  Sao Tome e Principe  Swaziland  Tonga  Vanuatu  Zimbabwe |

As at 31 December 2017, out of the 193 United Nations Member States, 169 States (87.6 %) have been visited by at least one special procedures mandate holder. A total of 24 States (12.4 %) have never been visited; 9 States have not yet received any request, 12 States have not yet accepted any request and 3 States have accepted requests for visits, however, they had not yet taken place as of 31 December 2017.

1. **Statistics on communications (2017)**

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| --- | --- | --- |
| **25** | Communications sent to Non-State actors |  |
| **92** | Communications related to legislation |
| **117** | Countries received at least one communication |
| **164** | Communications followed up by mandate holders |
| **365** | Replies received to communications sent in 2017 |
| **484** | Replies received in 2017 |
| **423** | Joint communications by two or more mandate holders |
| **534** | Communications sent |
| **1843** | Individuals covered, of which **655** were identified as female. |

1. Themes addressed in reports of special procedures (2017)

**Thematic mandates**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Mandate** |  | **Title and/or theme of the report (symbol number)** |
| Working Group of Experts on People of **African Descent** |  | Leaving no one behind: people of African descent and the Sustainable Development Goals (**A/HRC/36/60**)  Report A/HRC/36/60 drawn to the attention of the GA **(A/72/319)** |
| Independent Expert on the enjoyment of human rights by persons with **albinism** |  | Witchcraft and the human rights of persons with albinism ([**A/HRC/34/59**](http://ap.ohchr.org/documents/dpage_e.aspx?si=A/HRC/34/59))  Applicable international human rights standards and related obligations addressing the issues faced by persons with albinism ([**A/72/131**](http://undocs.org/A/72/131)) |
| Working Group on **Arbitrary Detention** |  | Deprivation of liberty on discriminatory grounds. ([**A/HRC/36/37**](http://ap.ohchr.org/documents/dpage_e.aspx?si=A/HRC/36/37)) |
| Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other **business** enterprises |  | Small and medium-sized enterprises in the implementation of the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (**A/HRC/35/32)**  **Study on best practices and how to improve on the effectiveness of cross-border cooperation between States with respect to law enforcement on the issue of business and human rights (A/HRC/35/33)**  **Access to effective remedies under the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights: Implementing the United Nations Protect, Respect and Remedy Framework (A/72/162)** |
| Special Rapporteur in the field of **cultural rights** |  | The impact of fundamentalism and extremism on the enjoyment of cultural rights (**A/HRC/34/56**)  The impact of fundamentalism and extremism on the cultural rights of women (**A/72/155**) |
| Special Rapporteur on the right to **development** |  | Preliminary views concerning the background and context of the mandate, highlights of the challenges for its implementation and preliminary strategy outline to inform the Special Rapporteur’s work under the mandate. ([**A/HRC/36/49**](https://undocs.org/en/A/HRC/36/49)**)**  Given the brief period since his appointment and the timing of the reporting cycle, the Special Rapporteur has submitted his report to the Human Rights Council (A/HRC/36/49) to the General Assembly **(A/72/163)** |
| Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with **disabilities** |  | Access to rights-based support for persons with disabilities **(**[**A/HRC/34/58**](http://www.un.org/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/HRC/34/58)**)**  Sexual and reproductive health and rights of girls and young women with disabilities (**A/72/133**) |
| Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary **Disappearances** |  | Enforced disappearances in the context of migration (**A/HRC/36/39**) |
| Special Rapporteur on the right to **education** |  | Realizing the right to education through non-formal education **(A/HRC/35/24)**  The role of equity and inclusion in strengthening the right to education, in particular in the context of achieving the Sustainable Development Goals **(A/72/496)** |
| Special Rapporteur on the issue of human rights obligations relating to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable **environment** |  | Human rights obligations relating to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity (**A/HRC/34/49**) |
| Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary **executions** |  | A gender-sensitive approach to arbitrary killings (**A/HRC/35/23**)  Unlawful death of refugees and migrants **(A/72/335)** |
| Special Rapporteur on the right to **food** |  | Global pesticide use in agriculture and its impact on the right to food (**A/HRC/34/48**)  The right to food in conflict situations (**A/72/188**) |
| 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 |  | Structural adjustment and labour structural adjustment and labour rights (**A/HRC/34/57**)  Policy response to the financial crisis affecting several EU member **(**[**A/HRC/34/57/Add.1**](http://ap.ohchr.org/documents/dpage_e.aspx?si=A/HRC/34/57/Add.1))  Debt disputes, international investment arbitration and human rights (**A/72/153**) |
| Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to **freedom of opinion and expression** |  | The role of digital access providers (**A/HRC/35/22**)  Access to information in international organizations (**A/72/350**) |
| Special Rapporteur on the rights to **freedom of peaceful assembly and of association** |  | Successes and achievements of civil society **(A/HRC/35/28)**  Vision of the mandate (**A/72/135**) |
| Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental **health** |  | The right of everyone to mental health (**A/HRC/35/21**)  Corruption and the right to health (**A/72/137**) |
| 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 |  | Financialization of housing and the right to adequate housing (**A/HRC/34/51**)  The right to adequate housing of persons with disabilities (**A/72/128**) |
| Special Rapporteur on the situation of **human rights** **defenders** |  | Work in progress, challenges and the way forward (**A/HRC/34/52**)  Work of human rights defenders in the field of business and human rights **(A/72/170)** |
| Special Rapporteur on the **independence of judges and lawyers** |  | Perspectives on the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers (**A/HRC/35/31**)  Protecting the independence of lawyers and the legal profession **(A/72/140)** |
| Special Rapporteur on the rights of **indigenous peoples** |  | Impacts of climate change and climate finance on indigenous peoples’ rights (**A/HRC/36/46**)  Assessment of the implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples on the occasion of its tenth anniversary **(A/72/186)** |
| Special Rapporteur on the human rights of **internally displaced persons** |  | Roadmap for the next three years: thematic priorities of the new mandate-holder (**A/HRC/35/27**)  Thematic priorities and enhancing the participation of IDPs **(A/72/202)** |
| Independent Expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable **international order** |  | The adverse impact of World Bank policies on human rights and the realisation of a democratic and equitable international order (**A/HRC/36/40**)  Human rights impact of IMF policies and practice **(A/72/187)** |
| Independent Expert on human rights and **international solidarity** |  | Highlights of the work of the mandate since its establishment in 2005 (**A/HRC/35/35**)  Outlining the draft declaration on the right to international solidarity **(A/72/171)** |
| 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 |  | Overview of the findings of a global study conducted from 2013 to 2016 on the national legislation on private military and security companies in 60 States from all the regions of the world (**A/HRC/36/47**)  The use of private security companies in places of deprivation of liberty, with attention given to the resulting impact on human rights (**A/72/286**) |
| Special Rapporteur on the human rights of **migrants** |  | Human rights of migrants on a 2035 agenda for facilitating human mobility (**A/HRC/35/25**)  2035 agenda for facilitating human mobility **(A/72/173)** |
| Special Rapporteur on **minority issues** |  | Reflections on the six-year tenure of the Special Rapporteur (**A/HRC/34/53**)  Reflection on her six-year tenure as Special Rapporteur on minority issues **(A/72/165)** |
| Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by **older persons** |  | Robots and rights: the impact of automation on the human rights of older persons (**A/HRC/36/48**) |
| Special Rapporteur on extreme **poverty** and human rights |  | Universal basic income (**A/HRC/35/26**)  The enjoyment of civil and political rights by persons living in poverty (**A/72/502**) |
| Special Rapporteur on the right to **privacy** |  | Governmental surveillance activities from a national and international perspective (**A/HRC/34/60**)  Report on the work of the Big Data Open Data Taskforce (**A/72/540**) |
| Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of **racism**, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance |  | Thematic work of the mandate, in particular during the past six years and the challenges of combating racism, xenophobia and discrimination in the current context of countering terrorism (**A/HRC/35/41**)  The continuing human rights and democratic challenges posed by extremist political parties, movements and groups (**A/HRC/35/42**)  Challenges linked to combating racism, xenophobia and discrimination in the current counter-terrorism context **(A/72/287)**  Combating glorification of Nazism and other practices that contribute to fuelling contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance pursuant to GA resolution 71/179 **(A/72/291)** |
| Special Rapporteur on freedom of **religion or belief** |  | Perspective and vision for the mandate by new Special Rapporteur (**A/HRC/34/50**)  The increase in religious intolerance worldwide and the gap between international commitments to combat intolerant acts and national practices (**A/72/365**) |
| Special Rapporteur on **the sale and sexual exploitation of children**, including child prostitution, child pornography and other child sexual abuse material |  | Illegal adoptions (**A/HRC/34/55**)  The vulnerabilities of children to sale, trafficking, and other forms of exploitation in situations of conflict and humanitarian crisis. (**A/72/164**) |
| Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on **sexual orientation and gender identity** |  | Diversity in humanity, humanity in diversity (**A/HRC/35/36**)  Embrace diversity and energize humanity (**A/72/172**) |
| Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of **slavery**, including its causes and consequences |  | Access to justice and remedy (**A/HRC/36/43**)  Slavery and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (**A/72/139**) |
| Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights while countering **terrorism** |  | Recent developments and thematic updates (**A/HRC/34/61**)  Areas of interest of the newly appointed Special Rapporteur **(A/72/495)** |
| Special Rapporteur on **torture** and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment |  | Overview of the activities of the mandate during the reporting cycle (**A/HRC/34/54**)  Extra-custodial use of force and the prohibition of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment and how the prohibition of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment applies to the development, acquisition, trade and use of weapons in law enforcement (**A/72/178**) |
| Special Rapporteur on **trafficking** in persons, especially women and children |  | Strengthening voluntary standards for businesses on preventing and combating trafficking in persons and labour exploitation, especially in supply chains **(A/HRC/35/37)**  The vulnerabilities of children to sale, trafficking, and other forms of exploitation in situations of conflict and humanitarian crisis (**A/72/164**) |
| Special Rapporteur on the promotion of **truth**, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence |  | The participation of victims in transitional justice measures (**A/HRC/34/62)**  Transitional justice in weakly institutionalized post-conflict settings (**A/HRC/36/50**)  A comprehensive framework approach to prevention (**A/72/523**) |
| Special Rapporteur on the negative impact of **unilateral coercive measures** on the enjoyment of human rights |  | The issues of remedies and redress for victims of unilateral coercive measures (**A/HRC/36/44**)  Key developments regarding unilateral sanctions applied to certain countries and addresses certain aspects of the issue of extraterritoriality in relation to unilateral sanctions **(A/72/370)** |
| Special Rapporteur on **violence against women**, its causes and consequences |  | Key elements of a human rights-based approach to integrated services and protection measures on violence against women, with a focus on shelters and protection orders (**A**/**HRC/35/30**)  Adequacy of the international legal framework on violence against women **(A/72/134)** |
| Special Rapporteur on the implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and **wastes** |  | Guidelines for good practices in relation to the human rights obligations related to the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes (**A/HRC/36/41**) |
| Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking **water and sanitation** |  | Service regulation and its role in the progressive realization of the human rights to water and sanitation (**A/HRC/36/45**)  The contribution of funders to the realization of the human rights to water and sanitation and response to related challenges and gaps. (**A/72/127**) |
| Working Group on the issue of **discrimination against women** in law and in practice |  | Compendium of good practices in the elimination of discrimination against women (**A/HRC/35/29**) |
| **Country mandates** | | |
| **Mandate** |  | **Title and/or theme of the report (symbol number)** |
| Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in **Belarus** |  | Return of the Government of Belarus to the policy of large-scale repression against citizens who exercise or defend their rights. (**A/HRC/35/40**)  Relationship between the unique features of governance of Belarus and its situation of human rights **(A/72/493)** |
| Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in **Cambodia** |  | Report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Cambodia (**A/HRC/36/61**) |
| Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in **Central African Republic** |  | Report of the Independent Expert on the overall evolution of the human rights situation in the Central African Republic and the major developments affecting it. (**A/HRC/33/63**) |
| Independent Expert on the enhancement of capacity-building and technical cooperation with **Côte d’Ivoire** in the field of human rights |  | Report of the Independent Expert on the enhancement of capacity-building and technical cooperation with Côte d’Ivoire in the field of human rights – final report **(A/HRC/35/43)** |
| Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the **Democratic People’s Republic of Korea** |  | Report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (**A/HRC/34/66**)  Report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (**A/72/394**) |
| Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in **Eritrea** |  | Report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Eritrea; information about her activities, relevant regional developments, the situation of Eritreans fleeing their home country and Eritrea’s engagement with the international community (**A/HRC/35/39**) |
| Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in **Haiti** |  | Report of the Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Haiti - five key aspects of the human rights situation in Haiti **(A/HRC/34/73)** |
| Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of **Iran** |  | Report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran; developments in the human rights situation that have transpired since the submission of the report of the previous mandate holder to the General Assembly at its 71st session in November 2016 (**A/HRC/34/65**)  Report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran GA report missing **(A/72/322)** |
| Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in **Mali** |  | Report of the Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Mali (**A/HRC/34/72**) |
| Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in **Myanmar** |  | Report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar; challenges facing the Government and relevant recommendations (**A/HRC/34/67**)  Report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar; Key human rights challenges facing the Government and recommendations on the step needed to address them (**A/72/382**) |
| Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the **Palestinian** **territories** occupied since 1967 |  | Report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the **Palestinian** **territories** occupied since 1967 **(A/HRC/34/70)**  Report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the **Palestinian** **territories** occupied since 1967 **(A/72/556)** |
| Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in **Somalia** |  | Report of the Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in **Somalia (A/HRC/33/84)** |
| Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in the **Sudan** |  | Report of the Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in the Sudan (**A/HRC/36/63**) |
| Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the **Syrian Arab Republic** |  | *The mandate holder will take up his functions once the mandate of the commission of inquiry has ended.* |

VIII. Joint statements issued by special procedures (2017)

Yanghee Lee, Chairperson of the Coordination Committee, presents the annual report of special procedures to the 34th Human Rights Council session, 15 March 2017.

Statement by the Coordination Committee of Special Procedures at the 27th Special Session of the Human Rights Council on the human rights situation of the minority Rohingya Muslim population and other minorities in the Rakhine State of Myanmar, 5 December 2017.

Statement of the Special Procedures on the occasion of Human Rights Day 2017: "The inseparability of peace, security, development and human rights ", 10 December 2017.

IX. **Follow-up activities undertaken by mandate holders (non-exhaustive list) (2017)**

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| **A. Follow-up on communications** | | |
| In 2017, 164 follow-up communications were sent out of a total of 534 communications; constituting 31 % (see Annex VI). In addition, the following 5 mandate holders issued observations on communications: | | |
| Special Rapporteur on the situation of **human rights defenders** | Observations on communications transmitted to Governments and replies received (A/HRC/34/52/Add.1) | |
| Special Rapporteur on the right to **freedom of assembly and of association** | Observations on communications transmitted to Governments and replies received (A/HRC/35/28/Add.3) | |
| Special Rapporteur on **extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions** | Observations on communications transmitted to Governments and replies received (A/HRC/35/23/Add.2) | |
| Special Rapporteur on **torture** and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment of punishment | Observations on communications transmitted to Governments and replies received (A/HRC/34/54/Add.3) | |
| Working Group on **enforced or involuntary disappearances** | Observations on communications included in the post-sessional documents and annual reports of the Working Group (A/HRC/36/39, A/HRC/WGEID/111/1, and A/HRC/WGEID/112/1) | |
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| **B. Follow-up country visits** | | |
| 3 mandate holders conducted in total 4 follow-up visits: | | |
| Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of **peaceful assembly and of association** | Report of the follow-up visit to the United States (A/HRC/35/28/Add.1). | |
| Special Rapporteur on the rights of **indigenous peoples** | Country visit to the USA from 22 February to 3 March 2017 following up on the visit of the previous Special Rapporteur in 2012. The report was presented to the 36th session of the Human Rights Council in September 2017 (A/HRC/36/46/Add.1)  Country visit to Australia from 20 March to 3 April 2017 following up on the visit of the previous Special Rapporteur in 2009. The report was presented to the 36th session of the Human Rights Council in September 2017 9A/HRC/36/46/Add.2) | |
| Working Group on **arbitrary detention** | Country visit to Argentina from 4 to 15 December 2017 following up a visit of the Working Group in 2003. The report will be presented to the Human Rights Council in September 2018. | |
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| **C. Follow-up reports** | | |
| 3 mandates presented reports in which they followed-up on their recommendations made to States: | | |
| Working Group on **Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances** | Follow-up report on the implementation of recommendations made following past visits to Chile and Spain (A/HRC/36/39/Add.3). | |
| Special Rapporteur on **torture** and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment | Follow-up report on Mexico (A/HRC34/54/Add.4) | |
| Special Rapporteur on **minority issues** | In October 2016, the Special Rapporteur wrote to all States1 visited officially by her predecessor and herself to inquire about the implementation of the recommendations contained in the country visit reports. She prepared a short summary report on the basis of the responses received, which is available on the mandate’s website. In addition her report to the GA (A/72/165) contains an overview of the main developments in the States concerned regarding the implementation of the recommendations. The full responses of the States are available on the website of the mandate holder. | |

X. External support received by mandate holders in 2017

**Thematic mandates**

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| **Title** | **Mandate Holder** | **External support received through other sources[[6]](#footnote-7)** | **Earmarked funding by donors received through OHCHR** |
| Working Group of Experts on People of **African Descent** | Ms. Marie-Evelyne PETRUS (France) | No information received |  |
| Sabelo GUMEDZE (South Africa) | NO external support received |
| Michal BALCERZAK (Poland) | NO external support received |
| Ricardo SUNGA III (Philippines) | NO external support received |
| Ahmed REID  (Jamaica) | No information received |
| Independent Expert on the enjoyment of human rights of persons with **albinism** | Ikponwosa ERO  (Nigeria) | YES external support received from several sources as below:  1. Support both in cash US$50,000 and in kind as Office space was received from ‘Under the Same Sun’.  3. Open Society Foundation:   1. US$150,000 multi-year, 2. Lancaster University, UK: 3. In Kind, one-off for research and admin support.   b. Cash, one-off (project-specific) 4. Witchcraft and Human Rights Information Network   1. In Kind, one-off admin support.   b. Cash, one-off (project-specific) 5. Trinity Western University, Canada   1. In Kind, Multi-year (Research and admin support).   Cash, one-off (project-specific) |  |
| Working Group on **Arbitrary Detention** | Elina STEINERTE (Latvia) | NO external support received | US$63,694.27from France  US$50,000 from South Korea |
| Sètondji Roland Jean-Baptiste ADJOVI  (Benin) | YES, external support in kind received from Arcadia university as well as Université d’Aix- Marseille, Clinique Aix, Global Justice for research Assistants on a regular basis. Also US$5,000 was received from AACOA Association  Atangana Contre  l’Oppression et  l’Arbitraire, for 2017-2018 towards research assistants and particular events. |
| José GUEVARA  (Mexico) | NO external support received |
| Seong-Phil HONG (Republic of Korea) | NO external support received |
| Leigh TOOMEY (Australia) | NO external support received |
| Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other **business** enterprises | Surya DEVA  (India) | YES, external support received in kind from City University of HK Law School for office space and administrative assistance. Also one time assistance provided by Columbia Centre on Sustainable Investment (CCSI), Columbia University towards travel expenses of participants to a round table organized by CCSI and UNWG on Business in New York | US$ 63,047.77 from Norway  US$70,839.13 from Sweden  US$16,667 from Russian Federation for the Forum on Business and Human Rights |
| Michael ADDO  (Ghana) | YES external support in kind received from University of Notre Dame for office space and administrative support |
| Anita RAMASASTRY (United States of America) | NO external support received |
| Pavel SULYANDZIGA  (Russian Federation) | No information received |
| Dante PESCE  (Chile) | No information received |
| Special Rapporteur in the field of **cultural rights** | Karima BENNOUNE (United States of America) | NO external support received |  |
| Special Rapporteur on the right to **development** | Saad ALFARAGI (Egypt) | NO external support received | US$50,000 from Russian Federation  US$25,000 from India  US$99,985 from China |
| Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with **disabilities** | Catalina DEVANDAS AGUILAR  (Costa Rica) | YES external support received from the following:  1. Government of Australia (DFAT) US$125,000  2. Anonymous donor US$175,000 for two years  3. Disability Rights Initiative, Open Society Foundations, US$75,000  4. National University of Ireland, Galway, in kind (equivalent to US$200,000) as ‘support with 2 year research project on disability specific forms of deprivation of liberty’. | US$223,964.17 from Finland  US$25,000 from South Korea  US$70,754.72 from Spain  US$50,000 from Russian Federation |
| Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary **Disappearances** | Ariel DULITZKY (Argentina) | No information received | US$84,925.69 from France  US$10,000 from Japan  US$50,000 from South Korea |
| Houria ES SLAMI (Morocco) | No information received |
| Bernard DUHAIME (Canada) | No information received |
| Tae-Ung BAIK  (Republic of Korea) | No information received |
| Henrikas MICKEVICIUS (Lithuania) | No information received |
| Special Rapporteur on the right to **education** | Koumbou BOLY  (Burkina Faso) | NO external support received | US$50,000 from Russian Federation |
| Special Rapporteur on the issue of human rights obligations relating to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable **environment** | John KNOX  (United States of America) | YES, external support ‘in kind’ was received from several sources as below  1. Raoul Wallenberg Institute for reproduction/designing of the report (37/59) into a user-friendly version  2. United Nations Environment Programme for printing 500 hard copies of report (37/59); and producing a child-friendly version of report (37/58) |  |
| Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary **executions** | Agnes CALLAMARD (France) | YES, external support received from Global Policy Institute, Columbia University of US$25,000 as one time contribution for an expert meeting. Also one time in kind contribution received fromEssex University to organize an expert meeting. In kind contribution received from Geneva Academy for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law for an expert meeting. In kind contributions received from University of California, Berkeley Law School for research assistant. |  |
| Special Rapporteur on the right to **food** | Hilal ELVER  (Turkey) | NO external support received |  |
| 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 | Juan BOHOSLAVSKY (Argentina) | YES external support received in kind fromFriedrich-Ebert-Stiftung - FES to organize specific event. |  |
| Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to **freedom of opinion and expression** | David KAYE  (USA) | YES external support received in kind from University of California, Irvine, School of Law for office space and administrative support. Also received one time US$20,000 from MacArthur Foundation/IEEE for workshop on “fake news” at Wilton Park, United Kingdom, February 2017. Also received multi-year contribution from Ford Foundation for US$ 100,000 for Law School Clinic, which in turn supports activities of the mandate. Also received one time in kind support from Creative Artists Agency, provision of space and meals for one-day workshop on artistic freedom of expression in Los Angeles, California |  |
| Special Rapporteur on the rights to **freedom of peaceful assembly and of association** | Annalisa CIAMPI  (Italy) | N/A |  |
| Special Rapporteur on the implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of **hazardous substances and wastes** | Baskut TUNCAK  (Turkey) | NO external support received |  |
| Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental **health** | Dainius PŪRAS (Lithuania) | YES. In addition to the support reported last year for a 2-year implementation period (between 2015 and 2017), in November 2017, the SR received external support in cash from Open Society Foundation US$100,000, for implementation in 2018, for research assistant and particular engagements with civil society. |  |
| Special Rapporteur on adequate **housing** as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living | Leilani FARHA  (Canada) | YES, external support received from Germany for €70,000 for general use on research and travel by the mandate in 2017- 2018. Separately, US$100,000 was received from Ford Foundation to the NGO that SR works for that provides her the release time to work in the mandate. Also €30,000 was received from Misereor for research and travel related to ‘Informal settlements’ research. | US$32,017.08 from Germany |
| Special Rapporteur on the situation of **human rights defenders** | Michel FORST  (France) | YES, external support ‘in kind’ from French NHRI received for office space and administrative support. Also multi-year cash contributions received from Norway and EU for general use of the mandate. |  |
| Special Rapporteur on the **independence of judges and lawyers** | Diego GARCIA-SAYAN  (Peru) | NO external support received | US$25,000 from South Korea |
| Special Rapporteur on the rights of **indigenous peoples** | Victoria Lucia TAULI-CORPUZ  (Philippines) | |  | | --- | | YES external support in cash received from the following  1. Ford Foundation US$150,000 for two years  2. The Christensen Fund for US$50,000 for general use by the mandate and provision of research assistants and administrative support. | |  |
| Special Rapporteur on the human rights of **internally displaced persons** | Cecilia JIMENEZ-DAMARY  (Philippines) | YES, external support received from OFDA for US$45,000 as one-time contribution for travel expenses. |  |
| Independent expert on the promotion of ademocratic and equitable **international order** | Alfred DE ZAYAS  (United States of America) | NO external support received |  |
| Independent Expert on human rights and **international** **solidarity** | Obiora C. OKAFOR (Nigeria) | YES external support received from Osgoode Hall Law School, York University, Toronto, Canada for Canadian $25,000 towards Office space, administrative assistance and research assistants. |  |
| Working Group on the use of [**mercenaries**](https://www.ohchr.org/english/issues/mercenaries/index.htm) as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination | Anton KATZ  (South Africa) | NO external support received |  |
| Patricia ARIAS  (Chile) | NO external support received |
| Elżbieta KARSKA (Poland) | NO external support received |
| Gabor RONA  (United States of America/Hungary) | NO external support received |
| Saeed MOKBIL  (Yemen) | NO external support received |
| Special Rapporteur on the human rights of **migrants** | Felipe González MORALES  (Chile) | YES external support in kind received from UNIVERSIDAD DIEGO PORTALES (Chile) for research assistant on a regular basis |  |
| Special Rapporteur on **minority issues** | Fernand de VARENNES (Canada) | NO external support received | US$50,000 from Russian Federation  US$16,666 from Russian Federation for the Forum on Minorities  US$55,991.04 from Austria for the Forum on Minorities |
| Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by **older persons** | Rosa KORNFELD-MATTE  (Chile) | NO external support received |  |
| Special Rapporteur on extreme **poverty** and human rights | Philip ALSTON (Australia) | YES external support in kind received from NYU Law School for a research assistant, office space and administrative support. Ford Foundation also contributed US$300,000 for general use by the mandate in 2017 – 2018. |  |
| Special Rapporteur on the right to **privacy** | Joseph CANNATACI (Malta) | Yes, continuous external support received in kind from the University of Malta and the University of Groningen for general support to the mandate holder, including with research assistants, office space and administrative support. Continuous in kind support also received from the European Commission for certain activities through funding of MAPPING project events (meetings) co-organized with Mandate and related research assistant time. A one-off support was also received from Microsoft who hosted one meeting in Paris in September 2017 offering premises and conference lunch/coffee breaks for a meeting co-organised with MAPPING project and largely comprised of civil society representatives. | US$32,017.08 from Germany |
| Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of **racism,** racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance | E. Tendayi ACHIUME (Zambia) | Yes, external support received in kind from UCLA School Of Law for office space and research assistant as well as in cash for US$3000. | US$50,000 from Russian Federation |
| Special Rapporteur on freedom of **religion or belief** | Ahmed SHAHEED (Maldives) | YES external support in kind received as one off for research assistant and regularly from FORB Unit, Ralph Bunche Institute, City University of New York for a research assistant and office space. |  |
| Special Rapporteur on the **sale and sexual exploitation of children**, including child prostitution, child pornography and other child sexual abuse material | Maud DE BOER-BUQUICCHIO  (The Netherlands) | NO external support received | US$5,882.35 from Monaco  US$25,000 from Korea |
| Independent Expert on  protection against violence and discrimination based on **sexual orientation and gender**  **identity** | Vitit MUNTARBHORN (Thailand) | N/A |  |
| Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of **slavery**, including its causes and its consequences. | Urmila BHOOLA  (South Africa) | NO external support received | US$ 48,409.39 from UK |
| Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering **terrorism** | Fionnuala Ni AOLAIN(United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) | YES, Contribution of US$4,092.62 received from University of Minnesota Law School for research assistants on a regular basis. | US$50,000 from Russian Federation |
| Special Rapporteur on **torture** and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment | Nils MELZER (Switzerland) | YES, external support received from Association pour la prévention de la torture (APT) for CHF 50,000 for general use by the mandate | US$ 163, 924.19 from Norway  US$25,000 from South Korea |
| Special Rapporteur on **trafficking** **in persons**, especially women and children | Maria Grazia GIAMMARINARO  (Italy) | NO external support received | US$32,017.08 from Germany  US$ 178,322 from Switzerland  US$1,646.09 from Italy |
| Special Rapporteur on the promotion of **truth, justice, reparation & guarantees of non-recurrence** | Pablo DE GREIFF (Colombia) | No information received | US$32,017.08 from Germany  US$50,000 from South Korea |
| Special Rapporteur on the negative impact of **unilateral coercive measures** on the enjoyment of human rights | Idriss JAZAIRY  (Algeria) | NO external support received | US$50,000 from Russian Federation |
| Special Rapporteur on **violence against women**, its causes and consequences | Dubravka ŠIMONOVIC  (Croatia) | YES external support received from LSE Center for Women Peace and Security, London in kind to organize an expert group meeting | US$50,000 from South Korea  US$ 11,792.45 from Spain  US$ 91,463.41 from Switzerland |
| Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking **water and sanitation** | Léo HELLER  (Brazil) | YES external support received from Germany for €70,000 to support expert consultations. | US$32,017.08 from Germany  US$ 70,754.72 from Spain |
| Working Group on the issue of **discrimination against women in law and in practice** | Elizabeth BRODERICK (Australia) | NO external support received |  |
| Meskerem TECHANE (Ethiopia) | No information received |
| Ivana RADACIC (Croatia) | No information received |
| Melissa UPRETI (Nepal) | No information received |
| Alda FACIO  (Costa Rica) | NO external support received |
| **Country mandates** |  |  |  |
| **Title** | **Mandate Holder** | **External support received through other sources** | **Earmarked funding by donors received through OHCHR** |
| Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in **Belarus** | Miklós HARASZTI (Hungary) | NO external support received |  |
| Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in **Cambodia** | Rhona SMITH  (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) | YES, external support ‘in kind’ received from Newcastle University, UK for office space and administrative support |  |
| Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in **Central African Republic** | Marie-Thérèse KEITA BOCOUM  (Côte d’Ivoire) | No information received |  |
| Independent Expert on capacity-building and technical cooperation with **Côte d’Ivoire** in the field of human rights | Mohammed AYAT (Morocco) | N/A due to termination of the mandate in 2017 |  |
| Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the **Democratic People’s Republic of Korea** | Tomas Ojea QUINTANA (Argentina) | NO external support received |  |
| Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in **Eritrea** | Sheila KEETHARUTH (Mauritius) | NO external support received |  |
| Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in **Haiti** | Gustavo GALLÓN (Colombia) | N/A due to termination of the mandate in 2017 |  |
| Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in **the Islamic Republic of Iran** | Asma JAHANGIR (Pakistan), | No information received |  |
| Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in **Mali** | Suliman BALDO  (Sudan) | No information received |  |
| Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in **Myanmar** | Yanghee LEE  (Republic of Korea), | YES, external support in cash received from Sungkyunkwan University for provision for a research assistant, office spac and administrative support |  |
| Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the **Palestinian territories occupied since 1967** | Stanley Michael LYNK (Canada) | No information received |  |
| Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in **Somalia** | Bahame NYANDUGA (Tanzania) | No information received |  |
| Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in the **Sudan** | Aristide NONONSI (Benin) | NO external support received |  |
| Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the **Syrian Arab Republic** | Paulo Sérgio PINHEIRO (Brazil) - *will start once the mandate of the commission of inquiry ends* | ***N/A*** | ***N/A*** |

1. Special procedure mandate holders (as at 31 December 2017)

Thematic mandates

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| **Mandate** | **Mandate holder** | **Email address** |
| Working Group of experts on people of **African descent** | Ms. Marie-Evelyne Petrus (France)  Mr. Ahmed Reid (Jamaica)  Mr. Ricardo III Sunga (Philippines )  Ms. Michal Balcerzak (Poland)  Mr. Sabelo Gumedze (South Africa)\* | [africandescent@ohchr.org](mailto:africandescent@ohchr.org) |
| Independent Expert on the enjoyment of human rights of persons with **albinism** | Ms. Ikponwosa Ero (Nigeria) | [albinism@ohchr.org](mailto:albinism@ohchr.org) |
| Working Group on **Arbitrary Detention** | Mr. Seong-Phil Hong (Republic of Korea)  Mr. Sètondji Roland Jean-Baptiste Adjovi (Benin)  Ms. Leigh Toomey (Australia)\*  Mr. José Guevara (Mexico)  Ms. Elina Steinerte (Latvia) | [wgad@ohchr.org](mailto:wgad@ohchr.org) |
| Special Rapporteur in the field  of **cultural rights** | Ms. Karina Bennoune (United States of America) | [srculturalrights@ohchr.org](mailto:srculturalrights@ohchr.org) |
| Special Rapporteur on the right to **development** | Mr. Saad Alfarargi (Egypt)\* | srdevelopment@ohchr.org |
| Independent expert on the promotion of a **democratic and equitable international order** | Mr. Alfred de Zayas (United States of America)\* | ie-internationalorder @ohchr.org |
| Working Group on the issue of **discrimination against women** in law and in practice | Ms. Elizabeth Broderick (Australia)  Ms. Melissa Upreti (Nepal)  Ms. Meskerem Techane (Ethiopia)  Ms. Ivana Radacic (Croatia)  Ms. Alda Facio (Costa Rica)\* | Wgdiscriminationwomen @ohchr.org |
| Special Rapporteur on the rights of **persons with disabilities** | Ms. Catalina Devandas Aguilar (Costa Rica)\* | sr.disability@ohchr.org |
| Working Group on **enforced or involuntary disappearances** | Mr. Henrikas Mickevicius (Lithuania)  Mr. Bernard Duhaime (Canada)  Mr. Luciano Hazan (Argentina)  Mr. Tae-Ung Baik (Republic of Korea)  Ms. Houria Es Slami (Morocco)\* | [wgeid@ohchr.org](mailto:wgeid@ohchr.org) |
| Special Rapporteur on the right to **education** | Ms. Boly Barry Koumbou (Burkina Faso) | [sreducation@ohchr.org](mailto:sreducation@ohchr.org) |
| Special Rapporteur on the issue of human rights obligations relating to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable **environment** | Mr. John Knox (United States of America)\* | [ieenvironment@ohchr.org](mailto:ieenvironment@ohchr.org) |
| Special Rapporteur on **extreme poverty** and human rights | Mr. Philip Alston (Australia) | [srextremepoverty @ohchr.org](mailto:srextremepoverty@ohchr.org) |
| Special Rapporteur on the right to **food** | Ms. Hilal Elver (Turkey)\* | [srfood@ohchr.org](mailto:srfood@ohchr.org) |
| Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to **freedom of opinion and expression** | Mr. David Kaye (United States of America)\* | [freedex@ohchr.org](mailto:freedex@ohchr.org) |
| Special Rapporteur on the rights to **freedom of peaceful assembly and of association** | *Mandate holder to be appointed at HRC 37th session* | [freeassembly@ohchr.org](mailto:freeassembly@ohchr.org) |
| Special Rapporteur on **freedom of religion or belief** | Mr. Ahmed Shaheed (Maldives) | [freedomofreligion @ohchr.org](mailto:freedomofreligion@ohchr.org) |
| Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental **health** | Mr. Dainius Pūras (Lithuania)\* | [srhealth@ohchr.org](mailto:srhealth@ohchr.org) |
| Special Rapporteur on adequate **housing** as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living | Ms. Leilani Farha (Canada)\* | [srhousing@ohchr.org](mailto:srhousing@ohchr.org) |
| Special Rapporteur on the situation of **human rights defenders** | Mr. Michel Forst (France)\* | [defenders@ohchr.org](mailto:defenders@ohchr.org) |
| Special Rapporteur on the independence of **judges and lawyers** | Mr. Diego Garcia-Sayan (Peru)\* | [srindependencejl @ohchr.org](mailto:srindependencejl@ohchr.org) |
| Special Rapporteur on the rights of **indigenous peoples** | Ms. Victoria Lucia Tauli-Corpuz (Philippines)\* | [indigenous@ohchr.org](mailto:indigenous@ohchr.org) |
| Special Rapporteur on the  human rights of **internally displaced persons** | Ms. Cecilia Jimenez-Damary (Philippines)\* | [idp@ohchr.org](mailto:idp@ohchr.org) |
| Special Rapporteur on the elimination of discrimination against persons affected by **leprosy** and their family members | Ms. Alice Cruz (Portugal) | srleprosy@ohchr.org |
| Working Group on the use of [**mercenaries**](https://www.ohchr.org/english/issues/mercenaries/index.htm) as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the  right of peoples to self-determination | Ms. Elzbieta Karska (Poland)  Mr. Saeed Mokbil (Yemen)  Ms. Patricia Arias (Chile)  Mr. Anton Farrel Katz (South Africa)  Mr. Gabor Rona (United States of America/Hungary)\* | [mercenaries@ohchr.org](mailto:mercenaries@ohchr.org) |
| Special Rapporteur on the  human rights of **migrants** | Mr. Felipe González Morales (Chile) | [migrants@ohchr.org](mailto:migrants@ohchr.org) |
| Special Rapporteur on **minority issues** | Mr. Fernand De Varennes (Canada) | [minorityissues@ohchr.org](mailto:minorityissues@ohchr.org) |
| Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by **older persons** | Ms. Rosa Kornfeld-Matte (Chile) | [olderpersons@ohchr.org](mailto:olderpersons@ohchr.org) |
| Special Rapporteur on the right to **privacy** | Mr. Joseph Cannataci (Malta)\* | sprivacy@ohchr.org |
| Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of **racism**,racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance | Ms. E. Tendayi Achiume (Zambia) | [racism@ohchr.org](mailto:racism@ohchr.org) |
| Special Rapporteur on the **sale and sexual exploitation of children,** including child prostitution, child pornography and other child sexual abuse material | Ms. Maud De Boer-Buquicchio  (The Netherlands)\* | srsaleofchildren@ohchr.org |
| Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on **sexual orientation and gender identity** | Mr. Victor Madrigal-Borloz (Costa Rica)  *Effective 1 January 2018* | ie-sogi@ohchr.org |
| Special Rapporteur on **contemporary forms of slavery**, including its causes and its consequences | Ms. Urmila Bhoola (South Africa)\* | [srslavery@ohchr.org](mailto:srslavery@ohchr.org) |
| Independent Expert on human rights and **international solidarity** | Mr. Obiora C. Okafor (Nigeria) | [iesolidarity@ohchr.org](mailto:iesolidarity@ohchr.org) |
| Special Rapporteur on **extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions** | Ms. Agnes Callamard (France)\* | [eje@ohchr.org](mailto:eje@ohchr.org) |
| Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and  fundamental freedoms while countering **terrorism** | Ms. Fionnuala Ni Aoláin (Ireland) | [srct@ohchr.org](mailto:srct@ohchr.org) |
| Special Rapporteur on **torture** and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment | Mr. Nils Melzer (Switzerland)\* | [sr-torture@ohchr.org](mailto:sr-torture@ohchr.org) |
| Special Rapporteur on the implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of **hazardous substances and wastes** | Mr. Baskut Tuncak (Turkey)\* | [srtoxicwaste@ohchr.org](mailto:srtoxicwaste@ohchr.org) |
| Special Rapporteur on **trafficking in persons**, especially women and children | Ms. Maria Grazia Giammarinaro (Italy)\* | [srtrafficking@ohchr.org](mailto:srtrafficking@ohchr.org) |
| Working Group on the issue of human rights and **transnational corporations and other business enterprises** | Mr. Michael K. Addo (Ghana)\*  Mr. Surya Deva (India)  Ms. Anita Ramasastry (United States of America)  Mr. Pavel Sulyandziga (Russian Federation)  Mr. Dante Pesce (Chile) | [wg-business@ohchr.org](mailto:wg-business@ohchr.org) |
| Special Rapporteur on the promotion of **truth, justice, reparation & guarantees of non-recurrence** | Mr. Pablo de Greiff (Colombia) | srtruth@ohchr.org |
| Special Rapporteur on the negative impact of **unilateral coercive measures** on the enjoyment of human rights | Mr. Idriss Jazairy (Algeria)\* | ucm@ohchr.org |
| Special Rapporteur on **violence against women**, its causes and consequences | Ms. Dubravka Šimonovic (Croatia)\* | [vaw@ohchr.org](mailto:vaw@ohchr.org) |
| 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 | Mr. Juan Bohoslavsky (Argentina)\* | [ieforeigndebt@ohchr.org](mailto:ieforeigndebt@ohchr.org) |
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Country mandates

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| **Mandate** | | **Mandate holder** | | **Email address** | |
| Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in **Belarus** | Mr. Miklós Haraszti (Hungary) | | [sr-belarus@ohchr.org](mailto:sr-belarus@ohchr.org) | |
| Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in **Cambodia** | Ms. Rhona Smith (United Kingdom)\* | | [srcambodia@ohchr.org](mailto:srcambodia@ohchr.org) | |
| Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in **Central African Republic** | Ms. Marie-Thérèse Keita Bocoum (Côte d’Ivoire)\* | | ie-car@ohchr.org | |
| Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the **Democratic People’s Republic of Korea** | Mr. Tomas Ojea Quintana (Argentina)\* | | [hr-dprk@ohchr.org](mailto:hr-dprk@ohchr.org) | |
| Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in **Eritrea** | Ms. Sheila B. Keetharuth (Mauritius)\* | | [sr-eritrea@ohchr.org](mailto:sr-eritrea@ohchr.org) | |
| Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the **Islamic Republic of Iran** | Ms. Asma Jahangir (Pakistan)\* | | [sr-iran@ohchr.org](mailto:sr-iran@ohchr.org) | |
| Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in **Mali** | Mr. Suliman Baldo (Sudan)\* | | [ie-mali@ohchr.org](mailto:ie-mali@ohchr.org) | |
| Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in **Myanmar** | Ms. Yanghee Lee (Republic of Korea)\* | | [sr-myanmar@ohchr.org](mailto:sr-myanmar@ohchr.org) | |
| Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the **Palestinian territories**  **occupied since 1967** | Mr. Michael Lynk (Canada)\* | | [sropt@ohchr.org](mailto:sropt@ohchr.org) | |
| Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in **Somalia** | Mr. Bahame Tom Mukirya Nyanduga (Tanzania)\* | | [ie-somalia@ohchr.org](mailto:ie-somalia@ohchr.org) | |
| Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in the **Sudan** | Mr. Aristide Nononsi (Benin)\* | | [iesudan@ohchr.org](mailto:iesudan@ohchr.org) | |
| Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the **Syrian Arab**  **Republic** | Mr. Pablo Sérgio Pinheiro (Brazil) - *will start once the mandate of the commission of inquiry ends* | | [srsyria@ohchr.org](mailto:srsyria@ohchr.org) | |

*\* Mandate holders who attended the twenty-fourth annual meeting. In addition, the following former mandate holders, who have since finished their terms in office, also attended the meeting: Mr. François Crépeau, former Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants; Ms. Virginia Dandan, former Independent Expert on human rights and international solidarity; Ms. Rita Izsák-Ndiaye, former Special Rapporteur on minority issues, and Mr. Vitit Muntarbhorn, former Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity.*

1. List of special procedures mandate holders to be appointed in 2018[[7]](#footnote-8)

37th session of the Human Rights Council (26 February to 23 March 2018)

1. Independent Expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order [HRC res. 36/4]

2. Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence [HRC res. 36/7]

3. 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 African States [HRC res. 33/4]

4. 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 Eastern European States [HRC res. 33/4]

5. 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 Latin American and Caribbean States [HRC res. 33/4]

6. Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Mali [HRC res. 34/39]

7. Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association [[HRC res. 32/32](http://ap.ohchr.org/documents/dpage_e.aspx?si=A/HRC/RES/32/32)]

38th session of the Human Rights Council (18 June to 6 July 2018)

1. Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises, members from African States and from Eastern European States [HRC res. 35/7]

2. Special Rapporteur on the issue of human rights obligations relating to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment [HRC res. 28/11]

3. 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 Western Europe and other States [HRC res. 33/4]

4. Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Iran [HRC res.34/23]

39th session of the Human Rights Council (10 to 28 September 2018)

1. Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Eritrea [HRC res. 35/35]

2. Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Belarus [HRC res. 35/27]

**XIII. List of sponsors of Human Rights Council resolutions establishing special procedure mandates**

Thematic mandates

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| **Single regional sponsors (30 thematic mandates)** | | | |
| **Regional Group** | **Country** | **Mandate** | |
| African Group | African Group | Working Group of Experts on people of **African Descent** | |
| African Group | African Group | Independent Expert on the enjoyment of human rights of persons with **albinism** | |
| African Group | African Group | Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of **racism**, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance | |
| African Group | African Group | Special Rapporteur on the implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous **substances and wastes** | |
| GRULAC | Cuba | Special Rapporteur in the field of **cultural rights** | |
| GRULAC | Cuba | Independent Expert on the promotion of a **democratic and equitable international order** | |
| GRULAC | Mexico, Colombia | Working Group on the issue of **discrimination against women** in law and practice | |
| GRULAC | Cuba | Special Rapporteur on the **right to food** | |
| GRULAC | Cuba | 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 | |
| GRULAC | Brazil | Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental **health** | |
| GRULAC | Mexico, Guatemala | Special Rapporteur on the rights of **indigenous peoples** | |
| GRULAC | Cuba | 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 | |
| GRULAC | Mexico | Special Rapporteur on the human rights of **migrants** | |
| GRULAC | Argentina, Brazil | Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by **older persons** | |
| GRULAC | Cuba | Independent Expert on human rights and **international solidarity** | |
| GRULAC | Mexico | Special Rapporteur on the protection and promotion of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering **terrorism** | |
| GRULAC | Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Mexico, Uruguay | Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on **sexual orientation and gender identity** | |
| WEOG | Germany, Finland. | Special Rapporteur on **adequate housing** as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living | |
| WEOG | France. | Working Group on **Arbitrary Detention** | |
| WEOG | Portugal | Special Rapporteur on the **right to education** | |
| WEOG | Sweden | Special Rapporteur on **extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions** | |
| WEOG | United States of America | Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to **freedom of opinion and expression** | |
| WEOG | Norway | Special Rapporteur on the situation of **human rights defenders** | |
| WEOG | Austria | Special Rapporteur on the human rights of **internally displaced persons** | |
| WEOG | Austria | Special Rapporteur on **minority issues** | |
| WEOG | United Kingdom | Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of **slavery**, including its causes and consequences | |
| WEOG | Denmark | Special Rapporteur on **torture** and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment | |
| WEOG | Canada | Special Rapporteur on **violence against women**, its causes and consequences | |
| WEOG | Spain, Germany | Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking **water and sanitation** | |
| Asia-Pacific Group | Japan | Special Rapporteur on the elimination of discrimination against persons affected by **leprosy** and their family members | |
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| **Cross regional sponsors (14 thematic mandates)** | | | |
| **Regional Group** | **Country** | **Mandate** | |
| African Group, Asia-Pacific Group, EEG, GRULAC, WEOG | Maldives, Costa Rica, Slovenia, Switzerland, Morocco | Special Rapporteur on the issue of Human Rights obligations relating to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable **environment** | |
| African Group, Asia-Pacific Group, EEG, GRULAC, WEOG | United States of America, Czech Republic, Indonesia, Lithuania, Maldives, Mexico, Nigeria | Special Rapporteur on the rights to **freedom of peaceful assembly and association** | |
| African Group, Asia-Pacific Group, EEG, GRULAC, WEOG | France, Albania, Romania, Belgium, Peru, Chile, Philippines, Senegal, Morocco | Special Rapporteur on **extreme poverty** and human rights | |
| African Group, Asia-Pacific Group, GRULAC, EEG, WEOG | Hungary,Australia, Botswana, Maldives, Mexico, Thailand | Special Rapporteur on the **independence of judges and lawyers** | |
| African Group, Asia-Pacific Group, GRULAC, WEOG | France,Argentina, Japan, Morocco | Working Group on **Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances** | |
| African Group, GRULAC, EEG, WEOG | Norway,Russian Federation, Ghana, Argentinaand cross-regional group | Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other **business** enterprises | |
| African Group, GRULAC, WEOG, | Argentina, Switzerland, Morocco | Special Rapporteur on the **promotion of** **truth**, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence | |
| Asia-Pacific Group, WEOG | Germany, Philippines | Special Rapporteur on **trafficking in persons**, especially women and children | |
| EEG, WEOG | European Union | Special Rapporteur on **freedom of religion or belief** | |
| GRULAC, EEG, WEOG, | European Union, GRULAC | Special Rapporteur on the **sale and sexual exploitation of children**, including child prostitution, child pornography and other child sexual abuse material | |
| GRULAC, WEOG | New Zealand, Mexico | Special Rapporteur on the human rights of persons with **disabilities** | |
| GRULAC, WEOG | Brazil, Germany, Austria, Liechtenstein, Mexico, Norway, Switzerland | Special Rapporteur on the right to **privacy in the digital age** | |
| African Group, Asia-Pacific Group, EEG and GRULAC | Non-Aligned Movement | Special Rapporteur on **unilateral coercive measures** | |
| African Group, Asia-Pacific Group, GRULAC, EEG | Non Aligned Movement | Special Rapporteur on the **right to development** | |

**Country mandates**

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| **Single regional sponsors (6 country mandates)** | | | |
| **Regional Groups** | **Country** | **Mandate** | |
| African Group | Djibouti, Somalia, Nigeria | Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in **Eritrea** | |
| African Group | African Group | Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in **Mali** | |
| African Group | African Group | Independent Expert on the situation of Human Rights in **Sudan** | |
| African Group | African Group | Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in **Central African Republic** | |
| Asia-Pacific Group | Japan | Special Rapporteur on the situation of Human Rights in **Cambodia** | |
| WEOG | Sweden | Special Rapporteur on the situation of Human Rights in the **Islamic Republic of Iran** | |
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| **Cross regional sponsors (6 country mandates)** | | | |
| **Regional Groups** | **Country** | **Mandate** | |
| African Group, Asia-Pacific Group, GRULAC, EEG, WEOG | Cross regional group | Independent Expert on the situation of Human Rights in **Somalia** | |
| African Group, Asia-Pacific Group, GRULAC, WEOG | Cross regional group (WEOG and Organisation of Islamic Cooperation). | Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the **Syrian Arab Republic** | |
| African Group, Asia-Pacific Group, GRULAC | Organisation of Islamic Cooperation, Arab Group. | Special Rapporteur on the situation of Human Rights in the **Palestinian territories** occupied since 1967 | |
| EEG, WEOG | European Union | Special Rapporteur on the situation of Human Rights in **Myanmar** | |
| EEG, WEOG | European Union, Japan | Special Rapporteur on the situation of Human Rights in **Belarus** | |
| EEG, WEOG | European Union | Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the **Democratic People’s Republic of Korea** | |

Statistics on sponsors of Human Rights Council resolutions establishing special procedures mandates

**Statistics on sponsors of Human Rights Council resolutions focusing only on thematic special procedures mandates**

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1. Non-exhaustive list of forums, consultations, workshops, expert meetings and other events organized by mandate holders in 2017

**Thematic mandates**

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| **Mandate** |  | **Description of events organized by mandate holders** |
| Working Group of Experts on people of **African Descent** |  | From 25 to 26 November 2017, the Working Group organised in Geneva an expert meeting on “Addressing racial stereotypes of people of African descent”.  During its 20th session the Working Group held a Consultation with Civil Society on 5 April 2017. The objective of the consultation was to explore new and innovative ways for the Working Group to work with civil society organizations to strengthen its work. |
| Independent Expert on the enjoyment of human rights of persons with **albinism** |  | From 21 to 22 September 2017, the Independent Expert organised an Expert Workshop on Witchcraft and Human Rights in Geneva (see report of the workshop in A/HRC37/57/Add.2)  The Independent Expert has developed a Regional Action Plan on Albinism in Africa (2017–2021) to address attacks and related human rights violations against persons with albinism. The Plan was developed by the Independent Expert through consultations with representatives from the United Nations, the African Union, Governments, organizations of persons with albinism and other civil society organizations. In November 2017, the Independent Expert convened a regional meeting in Pretoria with representatives from international organizations and civil society, including organizations of persons with albinism, to design an implementation strategy for the Plan. |
| Working Group on **Arbitrary Detention** |  | Nothing to report |
| Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other **business enterprises** |  | From 12 to 14 December 2017, the Working Group held the third regional consultation for Latin America and the Caribbean on the implementation of the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights in the Framework of the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development”. The meeting was held at the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean in Santiago de Chile with the support of OHCHR-ROSA. The UN Forum on Business and Human Rights, the world’s largest gathering on the topic of business and human rights, held its sixth session from 27 to 29 November 2017 in Geneva. With an unprecedented number of participants (over 2,500), the Forum allowed for a rich dialogue between governments, business, civil society, affected individuals and communities and international organizations on major human rights issues in the global economy. The central theme of the session was “Realizing Access to Effective Remedy”. Over two plenary sessions and more that 60 “parallel” sessions organized in simultaneous tracks throughout the three days, the Forum addressed the critical issue of access to remedy by examining systemic flaws and shortcomings in existing efforts and reviewing emerging good practices and innovations, with a view to achieving greater coherence and committed action in the service of human rights and rights-holders. In addition, the Forum included a “developments and tools snapshots” track, where organizations wishing to highlight relevant work were able to sign up for brief presentations. The session was closed by the High Commissioner. |
| Special Rapporteur in the field of **cultural rights** |  | The Special Rapporteur presented a report on the impact of diverse forms of fundamentalism and extremism on the enjoyment of cultural rights for all to the 34th session of the Human Rights Council, and a more specific report on their impact on the cultural rights of women at the 72nd session of the General Assembly. The report on the impact of fundamentalism on the cultural rights of women was also discussed at a number of side events and meetings as well as with the policy division of UN Women and in connection with attacks and intentional destruction of cultural heritage with UNESCO (November 2017). In this context, the Special Rapporteur held a a side-event on " Facing up to the global avalanche of hate: the impact of fundamentalism and extremism on cultural rights" in Geneva on 3 March 2017  The Special Rapporteur also held a side-event on "Time to take a stand: the impact of fundamentalism and extremism on the cultural rights of women", in New York on 26 October 2017- |
| Special Rapporteur on the right to **development** |  | N/A |
| Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with **disabilities** |  | During the year, the Special Rapporteur participated in numerous conferences and expert meetings, including the fifty-fifth session of the Commission for Social Development in New York in February, the fifth Pacific Regional Conference on Disability in Samoa, also in February, and the annual interactive debate on the rights of persons with disabilities at the Human Rights Council in March.  She also co-organized expert consultations on disability assessment and on sexual and reproductive health and rights of girls and young women with disabilities jointly with other United Nations experts, agencies, international civil society organizations, organizations of persons with disabilities and academia. She actively promoted the establishment of a United Nations system-wide action plan on disability with the Inter-Agency Support Group for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.  In June, she participated in the tenth session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, and its parallel events.  In July, she organized a meeting in Madrid with United Nations human rights experts to discuss the role of human rights mechanisms (treaty bodies and special procedures) to protect the rights of persons with disabilities and identify ways to enhance coherence and coordination in this area.  In October, together with the Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons, she convened international experts from the ageing and disability constituencies to discuss the situation of older persons with disabilities, particularly as it relates to their autonomy and independence.  On 4 December, to mark the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, the Special Rapporteur together with other United Nations agencies, Member States and disability advocacy organizations organized several awareness-raising activities under the campaign to embrace diversity called “A Day for All”. In December, she also took part in the celebrations of the twentieth anniversary of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction held in Vienna. |
| Working Group on **Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances** |  | On 5 February, in cooperation with the Government of Belgium and the OHCHR Regional Office for Europe, the Working Group held a discussion on “Enforced disappearance in the 21st century: nature, challenges and measures to combat it”, on the margins of its 114th session on enforced disappearance and non-State actors.  On 17 February 2017, the Vice-Chair participated in a high-level panel of the General Assembly on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance |
| Special Rapporteur on the right to **education** |  | From 4-6 April, 2017 the Special Rapporteur attended in Sao Paolo, Brazil the release of the study on the Impacts of Strategic Litigation on Equal Access to Quality Education in Brazil, India and South Africa, prepared by the Open Society Foundation. This report reviewed the impact of strategic litigation on strengthening the right to education in 11 countries.  From 13-14 March, 2017 the Rapporteur attended the Europe and North America Regional Consultation on the Human Rights Guiding Principles on State obligations regarding private schools, hosted by Open Society Foundations Education Support Program, the Global Initiative for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, and the Right to Education Project. The consultation engaged with States, civil society, human rights organisations and experts on developing human rights guiding principles on State obligations with regard to the provision of education, including private schools.  From 17‐19 January 2017 the Special Rapporteur attended the International Symposium on School Violence and Bullying: From Evidence to Action co‐organised by UNESCO and the Institute of School Violence Prevention at Ewha Womans University in Seoul, South Korea. This symposium collected education ministries, international experts, international organizations and civil society to promote evidence‐based action among education policy makers to deliver safe and non‐violent learning environments. |
| Special Rapporteur on the issue of human rights obligations relating to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable **environment** |  | **On 4 March, the Special Rapporteur organised a side-event on “Environmental Human Rights Defenders: Responding to a Global Crisis” in Geneva with other stakeholders.**  **On 9 March, the Special Rapporteur organised a side-event on the interdependence of human rights and biodiversity in Geneva together with other stakeholders. On the same day he also organised a discussion of the Geneva Environment Network meeting on biodiversity and human rights.**  **The Special Rapporteur worked on developing guidance on good practices on the issue of human rights and the environment. In preparation of the guidelines, he organized expert consultation and public consultation in October 2017, and solicited written submissions aimed at incorporating views of wide range of stakeholders. The guidelines will be presented at the 37th session of the Council in March 2018.**  **The Special Rapporteur has organized jointly with OHCHR and UNEP a webinar in October 2017 aimed at raising awareness on EHRDs among UN agencies. We collaborated with other UN agencies such as the UNECE, ECLAC as well as UNDP to raise awareness about important activities of EHRDs in the protection of human rights and the environment via public statement and by participating in meetings.** |
| Special Rapporteur on **extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions** |  | In May 2017, the Special Rapporteur participated in a policy forum on “Drug Issues, Different Perspectives in Manila. |
| Special Rapporteur on the right to **food** |  | In January 2017, the Special Rapporteur participated in the meeting of the Committee of Food Security.  The Special Rapporteur participated in a public conference on the rights of peasants in the context of the UN process towards adopting a Declaration on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas in November 2017 in Romania. |
| 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 |  | On 3 March 2017, the Independent Expert participated on a side event on labour rights in the context of structural adjustment and austerity policy in Geneva.  On 9 November 2017, the Independent Expert organised an expert workshop in Geneva on Guiding Principles for human rights impact assessments for economic reform policies. This workshop convened experts from the human rights and development fields to discuss the Independent Expert’s project to develop guiding principles on human rights impacts assessments for economic reform policies with a view of informing his thematic report to be presented to the Human Rights Council. |
| Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to **freedom of** **opinion and expression** |  | On 28 February and 1 March 2017, the Special Rapporteur organized regional consultations in Beirut, with participants from the Middle East and North Africa, on threats to civic space and freedom of expression online.  On 10 June, the Special Rapporteur participated on the Human Dimension Committee at the [Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) in Vienna.](http://www.osce.org/) The Special Rapporteur presented his view on his mandate and his coming report on encryption and anonymity to the States participating to the Human Dimension Committee at the OSCE. He also used his visit to Vienna to meet with the Special Representative of the OSCE on freedom of the media and the International Press Institute.  On 11 June, the Special Rapporteur, together with the International Press Institute and with the support from the Austrian Ministry for European integration and Foreign Affairs convened in Vienna a meeting of 20 experts from all regions to support the preparation of the next report of the Special Rapporteur to the UN General Assembly which will focus on the protection of sources and whistleblowers.  On 16 June, the Special Rapporteur organised a consultation on access to information in international organizations in which he presented his preliminary conclusions from the study on “exploring the scope of the right of access to information within international organizations, including those within the United Nations system.” |
| Special Rapporteur on the rights to **freedom of peaceful assembly and of association** |  | The Special Rapporteur convened three consultations with civil society actors where issues related to the rights of freedom of assembly and association were discussed with a view to identify ways to address challenges and obstacles to the realization of these rights. |
| Special Rapporteur on the implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of **hazardous substances and wastes** |  | The Special Rapporteur on toxic wastes mandate has particularly focused on the protection of the rights to workers from toxics and will report on the issue to the HRC in 2018. He organized two expert consultations (one in May and the other in September 2017) on the issue, with the support of FES where principles for aligning the protection of workers from toxics were discussed. The meetings gathered experts from public health, labour and human rights sectors in Geneva. |
| Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental **health** |  | In May 2017, the Special Rapporteur organised an expert consultation on corruption and the rights to health in Bangkok to feed his next report to the General Assembly. |
| Special Rapporteur on adequate **housing** as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living |  | The SR reported on right to housing of persons with disabilities to the GA (A/72/128), and on financialization of housing to the Human Rights Council (A/HRC/34/51). She organized several events on this topic, video messages, webinars, press releases, social media, and participated in the Forum on Business and Human Rights in follow up & dissemination of the report.  The Special Rapporteur has launched an international campaign on the right to housing. This is the “make the Shift” initiative, launched in October 2016 in Quito, in the context of Habitat III, with UCLG & OHCHR. There have been two events in 2017 around this initiative: June 2017, Ottawa, a strategic meeting with some members; and in early November 2017 in Barcelona, a launch organized by UCLG.  The Special Rapporteur participated on the 79th session of the UNECE, Committee on Housing and Land Management in November 2017 |
| Special Rapporteur on the situation of **human rights defenders** |  | In 2017, the Special Rapporteur held various consultations with a wide range of stakeholders, including States, national human rights institutions, international experts, human rights defenders and people on the move to feed in next report to the Council on human rights defenders on the rights of people on the move. The Special Rapporteur conducted a multilingual global survey in November and December 2017 seeking input from all stakeholders. In November 2017, the Special Rapporteur hosted a meeting at the University of York attended by more than two dozen human rights defenders and international experts with experiences and expertise from around the world.  The Special Rapporteur held various meetings, academic events and conferences to disseminate the findings of his report on the situation of human rights defenders working in the sphere of business and human rights, which was presented to the United Nations General Assembly in October 2017. |
| Special Rapporteur on the independence of **judges and lawyers** |  | On 16 March 2017, the Special Rapporteur organized an informal consultation with civil society representatives, including associations of legal professionals and State representatives, to explain his work strategy for the future and to take note of their observations and suggestions for possible future activities under his mandate.  On the same day, in the context of the thirty-fourth session of the Human Rights Council, the Special Rapporteur took part in a side event entitled “Lawyers at risk”, organized by the Law Society of England and Wales, together with Lawyers for Lawyers.  On 12 June, the Special Rapporteur took part as a panellist in the public event “Independence of the Judiciary: Why Parliaments should care”, which took place at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva. This event was organized by the International Development Law Organization and the Inter-Parliamentary Union, with support from the Governments of Italy, Japan, Mexico and the United Kingdom.  On 12 July 2017, the Special Rapporteur took part in a debate and analysis concerning the independence of judges and lawyers in Turkey, organized by the American Bar Association, contributing his ideas on current international standards in that area. |
| Special Rapporteur on the rights of **indigenous peoples** |  | With a view to improving the effectiveness of and coordination between the existing bodies within the United Nations system with specific mandates on the rights of indigenous peoples, the Special Rapporteur participated in the annual meetings of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues and the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.  On 8 and 9 June 2017, The Special Rapporteur organised a workshop jointly with the Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples of the Inter-American Commission and the regional office of OHCHR for South America on human rights on the international norms on the human rights of the indigenous peoples living in voluntary isolation and initial contact in the Amazonía and Gran Chaco: review and proposals for action (A/HRC/39/17/Add.1).  The Special Rapporteur participated in the annual panel discussion of the Human Rights Council on the rights of indigenous peoples on 20 September 2017. |
| Special Rapporteur on the human rights of **internally displaced persons** |  | Since taking up her duties on 1 November 2016, the Special Rapporteur has undertaken a series of bilateral consultations with key stakeholders in order to shape her strategic priorities. This process of consultation culminated on 25 January 2017 with a stakeholder meeting in Geneva for the Special Rapporteur to present and receive feedback on her initial strategic priorities and on the main thematic priorities for her work over the next three years. She convened an expert discussion on ensuring the participation of internally displaced persons in order to further reflect on the issues and challenges, obtain the views of key United Nations and international non-governmental organization partners and consider positive practices that have been implemented.  Following the event, on 21 February 2017, the Special Rapporteur presented her strategic and thematic priorities to a broader, online audience of close to 300 persons worldwide through a web course hosted by Professionals in Humanitarian Action and Protection.  The Special Rapporteur attended the first meeting of the Conference of States Parties of the Kampala Convention in Harare from 3 to 5 April 2017. |
| Independent expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable **international order** |  | Nothing to report. |
| Independent Expert on human rights and **international solidarity** |  | Nothing to report |
| Special Rapporteur on the elimination of discrimination against persons affected by **leprosy** and their family members |  | Nothing to report |
| 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 |  | The Working Group held an expert consultation on “Private military and security companies in extractive industries – impact on human rights” on 20 July 2017 in New York  On 27 April 2017, the Working Group convened a panel on “Private security companies in places of deprivation of liberty, and their impact on human rights” in Geneva. |
| Special Rapporteur on the human rights of **migrants** |  | On 31 March 2017, the Special Rapporteur organized a consultation in Geneva with civil society organizations and United Nations agencies to review the outcome of the high-level plenary meeting on addressing large movements of refugees and migrants and discuss ways to engage with the two-year process that will result in the adoption of a global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration in 2018.  On 8 and 9 May 2017, the Special Rapporteur was invited to the first thematic informal consultation of the global compact on migration on the theme “Human rights of all migrants, social inclusion, cohesion, and all forms of discrimination, including racism, xenophobia and intolerance” as the thematic expert.  On 19 and 20 June 2017, he also participated in the third consultation on the theme “International cooperation and governance of migration in all its dimensions including at borders, on transit, entry, return, readmission, integration and reintegration”.  The Special Rapporteur made a statement at the Regional Global Compact Migration Conference in Chile in August 2017. |
| Special Rapporteur on **minority issues** |  | The 10th session of UN Forum on Minority Issues took place on 30 November and 1 December in Geneva, with a special focus on the role of young people from minorities in promoting inclusive and diverse societies. Now in its 10th year, the Forum, which was this time chaired by Tarik Kurdi, attracted more than 400 participants. Many young men and women from minority communities participated for the first time at a UN event and young delegates represented their governments. A total of 12 young minority activists from over the world introduced each 4 panel discussion respectively on education, participation to public life, digital media and peace and stability. As 2017 marks the 25th anniversary of the UN Declaration for the protection of persons belonging to minorities, it was also a key moment to reflect on how the Declaration can also guide governments in their actions. The Forum is guided by Fernand de Varennes, the UN Special Rapporteur on minority issues. |
| Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by **older persons** |  | The Independent Expert contributed to the side event on the occasion of the World Elder Abuse Awareness Day on 15 June 2017, entitled “Violence against older persons, a human rights issue”, co-organized by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Group of Friends of the Human Rights of Older Persons, and the Permanent Missions of Argentina, Austria, Brazil, El Salvador, Israel, Montenegro, Namibia, Portugal, Slovenia and Uruguay to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva. The United Nations Population Fund, the World Health Organization, the Geneva NGO Committee on Ageing and the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions also supported this event.  In July 2017, the Independent Expert participated in the 8th session of the Open-Ended Working Group on ageing in New York. |
| Special Rapporteur on **extreme poverty** and human rights |  | In June 2017 the Special Rapporteur organised a side-event on universal basic income with ATD Fourth World.  In June 2017 the Special Rapporteur has also organised a side event on the role of participation by civil society in the promotion of ESCRs with the International Service for Human Rights and the Global Initiative for ESRs. |
| Special Rapporteur on the right to **privacy** |  | The Special Rapporteur hosted three regional conferences aimed at fostering a common understanding of the right to privacy: the first was held in the US in July 2016; the second in the Middle East and North African region in Tunis on 25-26 May 2017, and the third in Hong Kong, China, on 29-30 September 2017. These events had a strong regional focus and were attended by experts and activists from numerous countries in the respective regions, who contributed to the development of a comprehensive understanding of the right to privacy in the digital age worldwide.  On 23-25 May 2017, the Special Rapporteur hosted a regional conference in Tunis, under the name "Privacy, Personality & Flows of Information in the MENA region". The event was aimed at exploring the understanding of the notion of privacy in the Middle-East and north Africa. The event was a forum for civil society organizations and activists from Algeria, Egypt, Lebanon, Morocco, Syria, Tunisia and Qatar to discuss privacy-related issues in the region. The event dedicated a specific session to “Women and Privacy in the MENA region”, providing an unprecedented opportunity for women and women rights activists from the region to raise awareness and share best practices on the promotion and protection of women's right to privacy. |
| Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of **racism**, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance |  | In May 2017, the Special Rapporteur participated as a panelist in the first thematic informal consultation of the global compact on migration with view to ensuring that that non-discrimination and the human rights of all migrants are firmly integrated.  The Special Rapporteur contributed to the debate on racial profiling and incitement to hatred in the context of migration, including by participating as a panelist in commemorative meetings held at the General Assembly and the Human Rights Council in the context of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. |
| Special Rapporteur on freedom of **religion or belief** |  | The Special Rapporteur participated the initiative on “[Faith for Rights](https://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Press/Faith4Rights.pdf)” (PDF) with an expert workshop in Beirut in March 2017. This initiative provides space for a cross-disciplinary reflection on the deep, and mutually enriching, connections between religions and human rights. The objective is to foster the development of peaceful societies, which uphold human dignity and equality for all and where diversity is not just tolerated but fully respected and celebrated.  On 6-7 December 2017, the Special Rapporteur  also participated in the Rabat+5 symposium, which was held on the occasion of the fifth anniversary of the Rabat Plan of Action on the prohibition of advocacy of national, racial or religious hatred that constitutes incitement to discrimination, hostility or violence. The Symposium offered an opportunity for the various stakeholders to engage with several experts who had contributed to the elaboration of the Rabat Plan of Action and the 18 commitments on “Faith for Rights” and to hear experiences in the area of combatting violence in the name of religion, both by State representatives, national human rights institutions and civil society. |
| Special Rapporteur on the **sale and sexual exploitation of children,** including child prostitution, child pornography and other child sexual abuse material |  | From 1 to 3 February 2017, the Special Rapporteur participated in a strategic workshop held in Wilton Park (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) to begin operationalizing Alliance 8.7, a global partnership launched in New York on 21 September 2016 to eradicate forced labour, modern slavery, human trafficking and child labour, in compliance with target 8.7 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (General Assembly resolution 70/1).  On 8 March 2017, in the framework of the 34th session of the UN Human Rights Council, the Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography organized a side event, with the support of the European Union and the Permanent Mission of Uruguay, on tackling illegal adoptions and addressing the rights of victims. The side event was organized in the context of the presentation of the thematic report of the Special Rapporteur (A/HRC/34/55) to the Human Rights Council.  On 4 October 2017, the Special Rapporteur chaired a session on child sexual abuse online, at the World Congress on Child Dignity in the Digital World, organized by the Centre for Child Protection of the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome.  On 11 October 2017, she participated in a panel discussion on preventing violence against children and helping to focus efforts and track progress on the implementation of target 16.2 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which was organized by the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), and by the Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations and the Permanent Mission of Uruguay to the United Nations, in New York. |
| Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on **sexual orientation and gender identity** |  | In January 2017 the Independent Expert convened a public consultation gathering States, UN agencies, regional organizations, civil society organizations and activists, medical professionals, academic institutions, religious communities and other stakeholders. The consultation was extremely well attended, with around 200 stakeholders attending each of the meeting during the two-day consultation. |
| Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of **slavery**, including its causes and its consequences. |  | During 2017, the Special Rapporteur has engaged with Alliance 8.7, a multi-stakeholder coalition committed to accelerating and intensifying action to achieve target 8.7 of the Sustainable Development Goals, attending both the high-level launch, held in New York in September 2016, and a consultation on child labour and forced labour, held in Addis Ababa in June 2017. |
| Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while **countering terrorism** |  | Nothing to report |
| Special Rapporteur on **torture** and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment |  | Throughout 2017, the Special Rapporteur participated in a number of thematic consultations, workshops and events on torture in the context of migration, disability-specific forms of deprivation of liberty, extra-custodial use of force and on procedural safeguards to prevent torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.  From 28 to 30 August 2017 and from 4 to 6 September 2017, the Special Rapporteur held expert consultations on the topic of migration-related torture and ill-treatment in Geneva and Mexico City, with the support of the Association for the Prevention of Torture and the Ibero-American University.  The initiative to develop a universal protocol for non-coercive interrogation process was launched in Geneva in October 2017 under the auspices of the Association for the Prevention of Torture (APT). The initiative is led by the APT and the former special rapporteur on torture, with the support and participation of the current mandate holder. The October 2016 inaugural meeting was followed in October 2017 by a consultation involving several states, in addition to international experts. |
| Special Rapporteur on **trafficking in persons**, especially women and children |  | From 1 to 3 February 2017, both the Special Rapporteur participated in a strategic workshop held in Wilton Park (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) to begin operationalizing Alliance 8.7, a global partnership launched in New York on 21 September 2016 to eradicate forced labour, modern slavery, human trafficking and child labour, in compliance with target 8.7 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (General Assembly resolution 70/1).  On July 10, the Special Rapporteur was a panellist at an event on the identification and referral of trafficked persons from among international protection seekers, organized by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the Italian Ministry of Interior, in Rome. |
| Special Rapporteur on the promotion of **truth**, justice, reparation & guarantees of non-recurrence |  | With a view to the elaboration of the joint study by the Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence with the SG Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide, two expert meetings were held in 2017 (Geneva and New York), which focused on the preventive aspects of a number of issues, including security sector reform, history education, constitutional reform and strengthening of civil society. The Joint Study will be presented to the Human Rights Council in March 2018. |
| Special Rapporteur on the negative impact of **unilateral coercive measures** on the enjoyment of human rights |  | The Special Rapporteur held a workshop on 3 June, 2017, which brought together 8 leading experts on sanctions to develop a draft global registry of UCMs, as well as a draft declaration on UCMs. These ideas were then presented in his report to the 36th Session of the Human Rights Council. At the same session, on the 14th of September the Biennial panel discussion on unilateral coercive measures and human rights was held to increase awareness of the negative impact of UCMs on human rights. |
| Special Rapporteur on **violence against women**, its causes and consequences |  | On 13 March 2017, the Special Rapporteur participated in the sixty-first session of the Commission on the Status of Women and presented an oral report outlining the current priorities of the mandate.  In June 2017 the Special Rapporteur participated in the Human Rights Council annual day of discussion on the human rights of women, addressing the panel on “Accelerating efforts to eliminate violence against women: engaging men and boys in preventing and responding to violence against women and girls”. Furthermore, the mandate holder organized a side event to further discuss the findings of her thematic report on shelters and protection orders and took part in various other side events.  On 10 July 2017 in Brussels, the mandate holder took part in the kick-off conference of the European Union/UN-Women regional programme on violence against women. |
| Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking **water and sanitation** |  | On 23 and 24 May 2017, the Special Rapporteur on Water and Sanitation convened an expert consultation on service regulation of water and sanitation in Rio de Janiero, Brazil. 12 experts (including 3 female participants) attended. The experts provided their expertise on issues relating to role of regulation in water and sanitation services and how different regulatory models relates to the human rights to water and sanitation. |
| Working Group on the issue of **discrimination against women** in law and in practice |  | In January 2017, during its eighteenth session, the Working Group completed its work on the compendium of good practices. It chaired a round-table discussion on women migrant workers, organized by the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women), with the participation of members from the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families, as well as State and civil society representatives  A member of the Working Group attended the sixty-first session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York from 13 to 17 March. She participated, inter alia, in a high-level interactive dialogue on accelerating the implementation of commitments contained in the agreed conclusions for gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls, in an event on strengthened cooperation between the international and regional human rights mechanisms on women’s rights and participated in several consultations. |
| **Country mandates** | | |
| **Mandate** |  | **Description of events organized by mandate holders** |
| Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in **Belarus** |  | The Special Rapporteur participated in the annual session of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), which took place from 5 to 7 July 2017 in Minsk and attended a seminar on the situation of human rights in Belarus. In this context, he attended a parallel civil society forum on the reception of the OSCE report of 2011 on the Moscow Mechanism on Human Dimension. |
| Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in **Cambodia** |  | Nothing to report |
| Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in **Central African Republic** |  | Nothing to report |
| Independent Expert on capacity-building and technical cooperation with **Côte d’Ivoire** in the field of human rights |  | Nothing to report |
| Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the **Democratic People’s Republic of Korea** |  | During his missions to Cambodia in May 2017, the Special Rapporteur took part in a regional civil society dialogue on human rights in the context of humanitarian aid and peacebuilding initiatives with the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea. |
| Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in **Eritrea** |  | In March 2017, the Special Rapporteur briefed the European Network of contact points in respect of persons responsible for genocide and crimes against humanity about the findings and recommendations of the Commission of Inquiry.  The Special Rapporteur attended the 60th Ordinary Session of the African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights (African Commission) and the preceding Forum on the participation of NGOs in the 60th Ordinary Session of the African Commission in Niamey, Niger in May 2017. During the NGO Forum, the Special Rapporteur participated in a panel on justice and human rights in the context of threats to peace and security in Africa, as well as in a side-event on accountability for grave human rights violations in Eritrea that explored the role which regional mechanisms might play in this regard.  In May 2017, the Special Rapporteur was hosted by the Department of Politics and International Relations at the University of Johannesburg, South Africa for an event on the human rights situation in Eritrea. |
| Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in **Haiti** |  | Nothing to report |
| Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the **Islamic Republic of Iran** |  | Nothing to report |
| Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in **Mali** |  | Nothing to report |
| Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in **Myanmar** |  | Nothing to report |
| Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the **Palestinian territories** occupied since 1967 |  | Nothing to report |
| Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in **Somalia** |  | In May 2017, in the context of his mission to the country, the Independent Expert wished to conduct consultations with the Federal Government and other stakeholders on a proposed initiative on responses in the justice system when addressing the rights of women, particularly the role of the traditional justice system, xeer, in combating sexual and gender-based violence. The consultations were conducted as a follow-up to those held in Geneva and Nairobi in March 2017. In May 2016 and March 2017, the Independent Expert held extensive consultations with the authorities of the Federal Government and federal member states, international agencies and civil society partners in Baidoa, Geneva, Kismayo, Mogadishu and Nairobi and on the need for such a conference. |
| Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in the **Sudan** |  | Nothing to report |
| Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the **Syrian Arab Republic** |  | N/A |

1. \* Reproduced as received, in the language of submission only. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. Djibouti has been visited by the mandate holders on the situation of human rights in Somalia (2011) and in Eritrea (2013) but has not yet accepted a visit from other mandate holders concerning its human rights situation. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. Libya accepted requests for country visits from several mandate holders; however all missions to the country had been postponed for security reasons until further notice. The Special Rapporteur on the rights of internally displaced persons conducted a visit to the country in January 2018. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
4. Luxembourg accepted a visit request from the Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children in 2015 (postponed/cancelled by mandate holder due to prior engagements). The request of the Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty in 2015 has not received a response. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
5. The Special Rapporteur on the situation of migrants visited off-shore detention centers in Nauru during his country visit to Australia from 1 to 18 November 2016.

   e. Lesotho has accepted the visit of the Special Rapporteur on the rights to water and sanitation 2018/2019 (dates to be agreed) [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
6. Based on information received from the relevant mandate holders. [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
7. The appointment of the above-mentioned mandate holders will take place in the understanding that the related mandates be extended by the Human Rights Council. [↑](#footnote-ref-8)