

**Human Rights Council**  
**20<sup>th</sup> session, 18 June – 6 July 2012**  
**Pre-Session Briefing Note**

The following chart provides a list of themes and countries to be addressed during the upcoming 20<sup>th</sup> session of the Human Rights Council per the pre-scribed agenda. Please note that additional issues (thematic and country situations) can be raised during general debates scheduled to take place throughout the session:

<b>Theme</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Related Document</b>	<b>Date of Discussion</b>
<b>Advisory Committee</b>	HRC to consider report of <b>Advisory Committee on the progress of draft declaration on the right of peoples to peace</b> ( <i>see also Peace</i> )	A/HRC/20/31	28 June
<b>African Descent</b>	HRC to consider progress report of Secretary-General entitled " <b>Programme of activities for the International Year for People of African Descent</b> ".	A/66/342	
<b>Belarus</b>	HRC to consider report of High Commissioner on <b>the human rights situation in Belarus</b> and HRC to hold <b>interactive dialogue</b> .	A/HRC/20/8	27 June
<b>Complaint procedure</b>	HRC to consider report of the Complaints Procedure <b>Working Group on Situations</b> on its 10 <sup>th</sup> session (4-8 June 2012) ( <u>Closed meetings</u> )	Report of Working Group ( <u>confidential</u> )	26 June & 4 July
<b>Cultural rights</b>	HRC to consider report presented by <b>Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights</b> (Farida Shaheed) ( <i>NB: resolution 19/6 extend for a period of three years the mandate of the Independent Expert on the promotion of the enjoyment of the cultural rights of everyone and respect for cultural diversity as SR in the field of cultural rights</i> ).	A/HRC/20/26 and Add.1-5	22 June
<b>Disabled persons</b>	HRC to consider thematic analytical study of OHCHR on the issue of violence against women and girls and disability ( <i>see also women</i> )	A/HRC/20/5	
<b>Economic, social and cultural rights</b>	HRC to consider annual report of High Commissioner on the question of the <b>realization in all countries of economic, social and cultural rights</b>	A/HRC/20/4	
	HRC to consider analytical report of <b>Independent Expert</b> (Cephas Lumina) <b>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</b> on the implementation of HRC resolution 17/7. HRC to consider revised draft of the guidelines provided by IE; to be presented by IE. ( <i>See also Foreign debt</i> )	A/HRC/20/23 and Add.1-4	21 June

<b>Education</b>	HRC to consider annual report of <b>Special Rapporteur on the right to education</b> (Kishore Singh); to be presented by SR	A/HRC/20/21 and Add. 1-3	19 June
<b>Environment</b>	HRC President to appoint <b>Independent Expert on the issue of human rights obligations related to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment.</b>	Concept paper on panel discussion	6 July
	HRC to consider report on the High Commissioner seminar on addressing the <b>adverse impacts of climate change on the full enjoyment of human rights.</b>	A/HRC/20/7	
<b>Executions</b>	HRC to consider annual reports presented by <b>Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions</b> (Christof Heyns).	A/HRC/20/22 and Add.1-	19 June
<b>Flotilla</b>	HRC to consider the report of the High Commissioner on the <b>follow-up to the report of the international fact-finding mission on the incident of the humanitarian flotilla.</b>	A/HRC/20/3/Rev.1	
<b>Foreign debt</b>	HRC to consider analytical report of <b>Independent Expert</b> (Cephas Lumina) <b>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</b> on the implementation of HRC resolution 17/7. HRC to consider revised draft of the guidelines provided by IE; to be presented by IE. ( <i>See also Economic, social and cultural rights</i> )	A/HRC/20/23 and Add.1-4	21 June
<b>Freedom of opinion and expression</b>	HRC to consider annual report of <b>Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression</b> (Frank La Rue), covering all activities relating to the mandate, with a view to maximizing the benefits of the reporting process; to be presented by SR.	A/HRC/20/17 and Add.1-6	19 June
<b>Freedom of peaceful assembly and association</b>	HRC to consider annual reports presented by Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association (Maina Kiai).	A/HRC/20/27 and Add.1-4	20 June
<b>Haiti</b>	HRC to consider reports presented by <b>Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Haiti</b> (Michel Forst) and HRC to hold <b>interactive dialogue</b> ( <i>see also Technical Cooperation</i> ).	A/HRC/20/35 and Add.1	3 July
<b>Health</b>	HRC to consider annual report presented by <b>Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health</b> (Anand Grover); to be presented by SR	A/HRC/20/15 and Add.1-4	19 June

<b>Human Rights in a multicultural context</b>	HRC to hold a <b>panel discussion on the promotion and protection of human rights in a multicultural context, including through combating xenophobia, discrimination and intolerance.</b>		29 June
<b>Independence of judges and lawyers</b>	HRC to consider reports of <b>Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers</b> (Gabriela Knaul).	A/HRC/20/19 and Add.1–8	25 June
	HRC to consider global thematic study presented by <b>SR on the independence of judges and lawyers</b> to assess the human rights education and continuing training of judges, prosecutors, public defenders and lawyers, with recommendations for appropriate follow-up.	A/HRC/20/20	25 June
<b>Kyrgyzstan</b>	HRC to consider report of High Commissioner on <b>its technical assistance and cooperation</b> on human rights for <b>Kyrgyzstan</b> ( <i>see also Technical assistance</i> )	A/HRC/20/12	
<b>Migrants</b>	HRC to consider reports presented by <b>Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants</b> (François Crepeau) on best practices of States on this issue.	A/HRC/20/24 and Add.1	21 June
<b>Minorities</b>	HRC to consider report, in form of a summary, of High Commissioner on the outcome of the panel discussion to commemorate the twentieth anniversary of the Declaration on the <b>Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities.</b>	A/HRC/20/6	
<b>National institutions</b>	HRC to consider reports of Secretary-General on <b>national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights</b> and on the activities of the <b>International Coordinating Committee in accrediting national institutions</b>	A/HRC/20/9 A/HRC/20/10	
<b>Palestine and other occupied Arab territories</b>	HRC to consider progress report of the High Commissioner on the implementation of resolution 19/18 concerning the follow-up to the report of the <b>UN Fact-Finding Mission on the Gaza Conflict</b> , followed by GD	A/HRC/20/36	2 July
	HRC to consider report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of resolution 18/17 dispatching an independent international fact-finding mission to investigate the implications of the <b>Israeli settlements</b> on the civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights of the Palestinian people throughout the <b>Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem and in the occupied Syrian Golan</b> followed by GD.	A/HRC/20/13	2 July
	HRC to consider report presented by <b>Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967</b> (Richard Falk) and HRC to hold <b>interactive dialogue.</b>	A/HRC/20/32	2 July

<b>Peace</b>	HRC to consider report of <b>Advisory Committee on the progress of draft declaration on the right of peoples to peace</b> ( <i>see also Advisory Committee</i> )	A/HRC/20/31	28 June
<b>Poverty</b>	HRC to consider annual report of <b>Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights</b> (Maria Magdalena Sepúlveda Carmona ) on the implementation of HRC resolutions 8/11 and 17/13 concerning Extreme poverty and human rights; to be presented by SR.	A/HRC/20/25 and Add. 1–4	21 June
<b>Racism</b>	HRC to consider annual reports presented by the new <b>Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance</b> (Mutuma Ruteere) on all activities relating to the mandate with a view to maximizing the benefits of the reporting process and HRC to hold <b>interactive dialogue</b> .	A/HRC/20/33 and Add.1-3	3 July
	HRC to consider report of <b>Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance</b> (Mutuma Ruteere) on the implementation of GA resolution 66/143 on inadmissibility of certain practices that contribute to fuelling contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance.	A/HRC/20/38	3 July
<b>Special procedures</b>	HRC to consider joint communications report of <b>special procedures</b> . (full report available online)	A/HRC/20/30	
<b>Sport</b>	HRC to consider report, in form of a summary, of High Commissioner on the outcome of the panel discussion held at the 19 <sup>th</sup> session of the HRC, on <b>how sport and major sporting events, in particular the Olympic and Paralympic Games, can be used to promote awareness and understanding of the UDHR</b> .	A/HRC/20/11	
<b>Syrian Arab Republic</b>	HRC to consider report of Secretary-General on the implementation of resolution 19/22 on the <b>situation of human rights in the Syrian Arab Republic</b> .	A/HRC/20/37	
	HRC to hold interactive dialogue and oral update of <b>Commission of inquiry on the Situation of human rights in the Syrian Arab Republic</b>		27 June
<b>Technical cooperation</b>	HRC to consider report of High Commissioner on <b>its technical assistance and cooperation</b> on human rights for <b>Kyrgyzstan</b> ( <i>see also Kyrgyzstan</i> )	A/HRC/20/12	
	HRC to consider annual report presented by <b>Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the UN Voluntary Fund for Technical Cooperation in the Field of Human Rights</b> (William A. Schabas).	A/HRC/20/34	4 July
	HRC to consider annual presentation of the <b>High Commissioner</b> on the overview of and successes, best		4 July

practices and challenges in **technical assistance and capacity-building efforts**, particularly those provided by the OHCHR and relevant UN agencies.

	HRC to consider reports presented by <b>Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Haiti</b> (Michel Forst) and HRC to hold <b>interactive dialogue</b> . ( <i>see also Haiti</i> ).	A/HRC/20/35 and Add.1	3 July
<b>Terrorism</b>	HRC to consider reports presented by <b>Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism</b> (Ben Emmerson) on information on alleged violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism.	A/HRC/20/14 and Add.1-3	20 June
<b>Trafficking in persons</b>	HRC to consider reports presented by <b>Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children</b> (Joy Ngozi Ezeilo) on the implementation of resolution 17/1.	A/HRC/20/18 and Add.1-6	22 June
<b>Transnational corporations</b>	HRC to consider annual report <b>of Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises</b> ; to be presented by WG.	A/HRC/20/29	21 June
<b>UPR</b>	HRC to consider report of OHCHR on the <b>operations of the Voluntary Fund for participation in the universal periodic review</b> .	A/HRC/20/39	
<b>Women</b>	HRC to consider thematic analytical study of OHCHR on the issue <b>of violence against women and girls</b> and disability ( <i>see also disabled persons</i> )	A/HRC/20/5	
	HRC to consider annual reports presented by <b>Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences</b> (Rashida Manjoo)	A/HRC/20/16 and Add.1-8	25 June
	HRC to hold <b>annual full-day discussion on women's human rights</b> with focus on transformative and culturally sensitive reparations for women who have been subjected to violence.		25-26 June
	HRC to consider annual reports <b>of Working Group on the issue of discrimination against women in law and in practice</b> , and good practices in eliminating such discrimination.	A/HRC/20/28 and Add.1	21 June