

Call for written submissions on Qatar in advance of country visit

At the invitation of the Government, the United Nations Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, Ms. E. Tendayi Achiume, will undertake an official country mission to Qatar from 24 November to 1 December 2019. During her mission, the Special Rapporteur will visit Doha.

The Special Rapporteur invites all interested individuals and organizations, including civil society organizations, activists, and academics, to assist her preparations for the official visit by providing input on the situation of racial inequality, discrimination, and xenophobia in Qatar.

Submission Topics

Although the Special Rapporteur welcomes all submissions within [her mandate's broad scope](#), her mandate would be grateful to receive submissions targeted to help her:

- examine manifestations of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, and related trends in Qatar;
- assess the existing legal, institutional and policy framework in Qatar for the protection of groups and individuals that may be subjected to racial discrimination and related intolerance;
- examine the situation of non-citizens, including migrant laborers, refugees and asylum seekers;
- evaluate the economic, structural and institutional factors that promote or hinder access to justice, employment, education, housing and other services;
- follow up on recommendations made to Qatar by various human rights mechanisms;
- collect information on existing good practices for combatting racial discrimination, and challenges in their implementation;
- ascertain and describe forms of multiple discrimination (e.g., race and religion, race and gender) facing populations in Qatar;
- identify individuals and organizations with whom the Special Rapporteur should meet during her country visit;
- gather information on achievements advancing racial equality in Qatar; and
- document remaining gaps and challenges, with a view to making concrete recommendations to the Government and other relevant stakeholders.
- understand the racialized effects of Qatar's immigration and asylum policies; and
- evaluate how the major industries in Qatar affect both domestic and international enjoyment of the human right to racial equality.

Guidelines for Submissions

Submissions can be sent to racism@ohchr.org by **November 21, 2019**.

Respondents are requested to limit their comments to a maximum of **1,500** words. Additional supporting materials, such as reports, academic studies, and other background materials may be annexed to the submission.

To help her staff identify submissions, the Special Rapporteur kindly requests that respondents include their submissions as email submissions and write “Submission in Advance of SR Racism Visit to Qatar” in the email subject line.

Public Availability of Submissions

Please indicate in your submission whether we can publish all or part of it on the website of the Special Rapporteur. **We will not publish any submissions without the explicit consent of the submitting individual and/or organisation.**

Secure Submissions

If you have concerns about digital security and your submission, you may wish to contact organizations that can provide you with information and support. One such organization, [Access Now](#), has a free [digital security helpline](#) to help keep individuals and organizations safe online. Inquiries can be sent to help@accessnow.org.

Outcomes of the Visit

The Special Rapporteur greatly appreciates the effort that goes into making such contributions and looks forward to reading all submissions.

Aided by these submissions and other sources of information, the Special Rapporteur’s visit will conclude with an end-of-mission statement on 2 December 2019. She will submit her final report on her visit to Qatar to the UN Human Rights Council in July 2020.