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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 2018[[1]](#footnote-2)\***

1. Fact sheet on special procedures 2018

| **Mandates and mandate holders** | | | | **Communications** | |
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|  |  |  |  | |
| **56** | mandates – **44** thematic and **12** country mandates | **655** | communications sent to **121** States and **75** non-State actors | |
| **80** | active mandate holders | **62%** | of United Nations Member States received one or more communications from special procedures | |
| **14** | mandate holders finished their term in office and Asma Jahangir, the Special Rapporteur on Iran, passed away | **1537** | individual cases covered, of which **269** women | |
| **15** | new mandate holders were appointed | **387** | replies received, of which **300** to communications sent in 2018 | |
| **45%** | of mandate holders are female | **43%** | reply rate to communications sent in 2018 | |
| **55%** | of mandate holders are male | **158** | communications followed-up by mandate holders | |
|  |  | **3** | communications reports submitted, one to each Human Rights Council session | |
| **Country visits** | |  | **Forums, consultations and expert meetings** | |
| **84** | Country visits to **59** states and territories | **2** | forums organized – 7th annual forum on Business and Human Rights and 11th annual forum on Minority Issues. | |
| **119** | Standing invitations extended by Member States and **1** by a non-member Observer State | **91** | experts meetings and consultations organized by mandate holders, including in cooperation with other parts of the United Nations system as well as with regional mechanisms. | |
| **1** | Standing Invitation issued in 2018 |  |  | |
| **169** | UN Member States have been visited at least once |  | **Media outreach and public awareness** | |
| **24** | Member States not yet visited | **441** | media products released – **323** news/press releases of which **114** were jointly done by more than one mandate, **40** media statements of which **3** were done jointly by mandate holders; and **78** media advisories. | |
| **Thematic and country visit reports** | | **5** | press releases and public statements issued or facilitated by the Coordination Committee of Special Procedures. | |
| **135** | reports submitted to the Human Rights Council, of which 59 country visit reports |  |  | |
| **46** | reports submitted to the General Assembly |  |  | |

1. Statistics on current mandate holders (as at 31 December 2018)

| *United Nations Regional Groups of Member States* | *Male* | *Female* | *Total* | *Geographic distribution* |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| African Group | **12** | **7** | **19** | **23.75%** |
| Asia-Pacific Group | **7** | **4** | **11** | **13.75%** |
| Eastern European Group (EEG) | **3** | **5** | **8** | **10.00%** |
| Latin American and Caribbean Group (GRULAC) | **12** | **5** | **17** | **21.25%** |
| Western European and Others Group (WEOG) | **10** | **15** | **25** | **31.25%** |
| **Total** | **44** | **36** | **80** | **100.00%** |
| **Gender balance** | **55%** | **45%** |  |  |

III. Overview of standing invitations

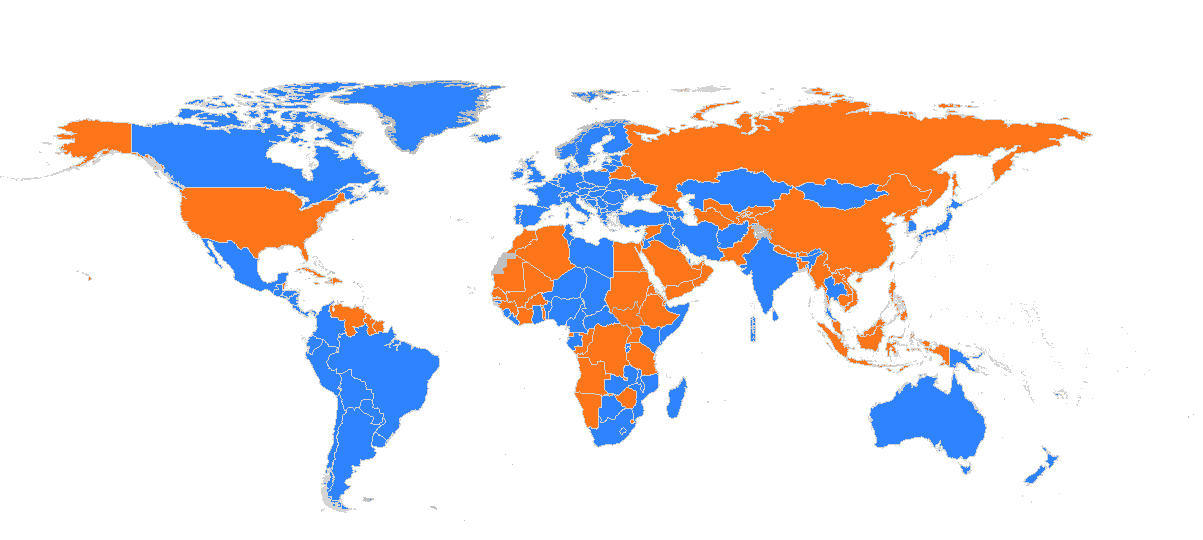
A standing invitation is an open invitation extended by a Government to all thematic special procedures. By extending a standing invitation States announce that they will always accept requests for visits from all special procedures. As at 31 December 2018, out of the 193 United Nations Member States, the following 119 Member States (61.66 %) as well as one non-Member Observer State had extended a standing invitation to the thematic special procedures.

| *Countries* | *Date* | *Countries* | *Date* |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  |  |  |
| **Afghanistan** | 15 August 2017 | **Libya** | 15 March 2012 |
| **Albania** | 02 December 2009 | **Liechtenstein** | 21 January 2003 |
| **Andorra** | 03 November 2010 | **Lithuania** | March 2001 |
| **Argentina** | 03 December 2002 | **Luxembourg** | March 2001 |
| **Armenia** | 01 May 2006 | **Madagascar** | 26 August 2011 |
| **Australia** | 07 August 2008 | **Malawi** | 07 September 2015 |
| **Austria** | March 2001 | **Maldives** | 02 May 2006 |
| **Azerbaijan** | 15 April 2013 | **Malta** | March 2001 |
| **Bahamas** | 06 June 2013 | **Marshall Islands** | 04 March 2011 |
| **Belgium** | March 2001 | **Mexico** | March 2001 |
| **Benin** | 31 October 2012 | **Monaco** | 22 October 2008 |
| **Bolivia** | 10 February 2010 | **Mongolia** | 09 April 2004 |
| **Bosnia and Herzegovina** | 07 May 2010 | **Montenegro** | 11 October 2005 |
| **Botswana** | 02 May 2018 | **Mozambique** | 12 April 2016 |
| **Brazil** | 10 December 2001 | **Nauru** | 30 May 2011 |
| **Bulgaria** | March 2001 | **Netherlands** | March 2001 |
| **Burundi** | 06 June 2013 | **New Zealand** | 03 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** | 03 September 2013 | **Norway** | 26 March 1999 |
| **Chad** | 01 June 2012 | **Occupied Palestinian Territory (non-Member Observer State)** | 30 July 2014 |
| **Chile** | 12 May 2009 | **Palau** | 03 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** | 03 April 2002 |
| **Czech Republic** | September 2000 | **Poland** | March 2001 |
| **Denmark** | March 2001 | **Portugal** | March 2001 |
| **Dominica** | 09 December 2009 | **Qatar** | 01 June 2010 |
| **Ecuador** | 09 January 2003 | **Republic of Korea** | 03 March 2008 |
| **El Salvador** | 09 February 2010 | **Republic of Moldova** | 02 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** | 03 April 2003 |
| **Gabon** | 29 October 2012 | **Sao Tome and Principe** | 02 February 2011 |
| **Georgia** | 30 March 2010 | **Serbia** | 11 October 2005 |
| **Germany** | March 2001 | **Seychelles** | 05 November 2012 |
| **Ghana** | 21 April 2006 | **Sierra Leone** | 07 April 2003 |
| **Greece** | March 2001 | **Slovakia** | March 2001 |
| **Guatemala** | April 2001 | **Slovenia** | March 2001 |
| **Guinea-Bissau** | 07 May 2010 | **Solomon Islands** | 06 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** | 01 April 2002 |
| **Ireland** | March 2001 | **Thailand** | 04 November 2011 |
| **Italy** | March 2001 | **The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia** | 13 October 2004 |
| **Japan** | 01 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 |



Standing Invitations for Country Visits to the Special Procedures of the Human Rights Council

Last Updated: 31 December 2018







Yes

No

**Issued Standing Invitation**

Definition and meta-data: <http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Issues/HRIndicators/MetadataStandingInvitations.pdf>

Source: Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, [List of Standing Invitations to Special Procedures, December 2018](http://spinternet.ohchr.org/_Layouts/SpecialProceduresInternet/StandingInvitations.aspx)

For other relevant information on the activities of the Special Procedures, see the Annual Facts and Figures, <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/SP/Pages/Publications.aspx#annual>

Note: The boundaries and the names shown and the designations used on these maps do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations.

Dotted line represents approximately the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir agreed upon by India and Pakistan. The final status of Jammu and Kashmir has not yet been

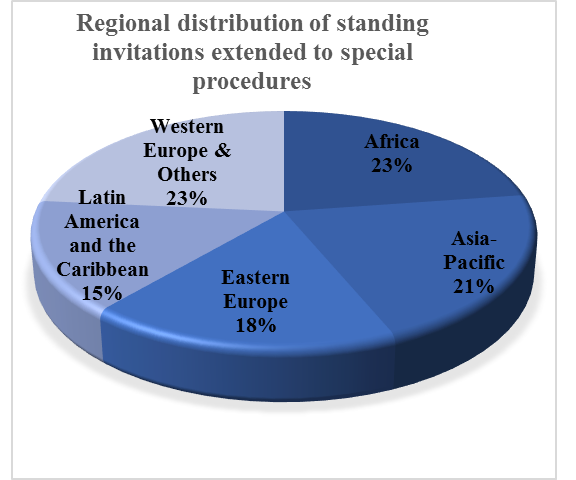
agreed upon by the parties.

1. Statistics on standing invitations

| *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 | 27 out of 54 States | | 50.00% | | 22.69% | |
| Asia-Pacific Group | 25 out of 53\* States | | 47.17% | | 21.01% | |
| EEG | 21 out of 23 States | | 91.30% | | 17.65% | |
| GRULAC | 18 out of 33 States | | 54.55% | | 15.13% | |
| WEOG | 28 out of 30\* States | | 93.33% | | 23.53% | |
| **Total** | **119 out of 193 United Nations Member States** | |  | | **100%** | |

\*Not counting Kiribati and Turkey in Asia-Pacific group but in WEOG

| *Standing invitations extended in 2018* | |
| --- | --- |
|  | |
| Botswana | 2 May 2018 |



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 2018

| *States and territories visited* | *Mandate* |  | *Dates* | *Report* |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **Argentina** | Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment  Special Rapporteur on the right to food | 9 to 20 April  12 to 21 September | | 40th HRC session (March 2019)  40th HRC session (March 2019) |
| **Armenia** | Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association | 7 to 16 November | | 41st HRC session (June 2019) |
| **Austria** | 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 | 21 to 29 June | | 42nd HRC session (September 2019) |
| **Bangladesh** | Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar  Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar | 18 to 24 January  29 June to 8 July | | A/HRC/37/70  40th HRC session (March 2019) |
| **Belgium** | Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism | 24 to 31 May | | 40th HRC session (March 2019) |
| **Botswana** | Special Rapporteur on minority issues | 13 to 24 August | | 40th HRC session (March 2019) |
| **Cabo Verde** | Special Rapporteur on right to development | 12 to 21 November | | 42nd HRC session (September 2019) |
| **Cambodia** | Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Cambodia  Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Cambodia | 5 to 14 March  29 October to 8 November | | A/HRC/39/73  42nd HRC session (September 2019) |
| **Canada** | Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Eritrea  Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences  Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health | 5 to 9 March  11 to 23 April  5 to 16 November | | 41st HRC session (June 2019)  41st HRC session (June 2019)  41st HRC session (June 2019) |
| **Central African Republic** | Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Central African Republic | 6 to 16 February | | A/HRC/39/70 |
| Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Central African Republic | 12 to 22 June | | A/HRC/39/70 |
| **Chad** | Working Group on use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right to peoples to self-determination | 16 to 23 April | | 42nd HRC session (September 2019) |
| **Colombia** | Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders | 20 November to 3 December | | 40th HRC session (March 2019) |
| **Ecuador** | Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression  Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples | 5 to 11 October  19 to 29 November | | 41st HRC session (June 2019)  42nd HRC session (September 2019) |
| **Egypt** | 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 | 24 September to 3 October | | 40th HRC session (March 2019) |
| **El Salvador** | Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions | 25 January to 5 February | | A/HRC/38/44/Add.2 |
| **Fiji** | Special Rapporteur on the issue of human rights obligations relating to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment | 7 to 18 December | | 43rd HRC session (March 2020) |
| **France** | Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism | 14 to 23 May | | 40th HRC session (March 2019) |
| **Gabon** | Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Central African Republic | 24 to 26 April | | A/HRC/39/70 |
| **Georgia** | Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons  Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity | 12 to 22 March  25 September to 5 October | | A/HRC/39/50/Add.1  41st HRC session (June 2019) |
| **Germany** | Special Rapporteur on the right to privacy  Special Rapporteur on the human rights situation in the Islamic Republic of Iran | 29 October to 9 November  4 to 6 November | | 43rd HRC session (March 2020)  40th HRC session (March 2019) |
| **Ghana** | Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights | 9 to 18 April | | A/HRC/38/33/Add.2 |
| **Greece** | Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Eritrea | 16 to 20 April | | 41st HRC session (June 2019) |
| **Guatemala** | Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples | 1 to 10 May | | A/HRC/39/17/Add.3 |
| **Honduras** | Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders  Working Group on the issue of discrimination against women in law and in practice | 29 April to 12 May  1 to 14 November | | 40th HRC session (March 2019)  41st HRC session (June 2019) |
| **Hungary** | Working Group on Arbitrary Detention | 12 to 16 November | | 42nd HRC session (September 2019) |
| **Indonesia** | Special Rapporteur on the right to food | 9 to 18 April | | 40th HRC session (March 2019) |
| **Ireland** | Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography | 14 to 21 May | | 40th HRC session (March 2019) |
| **Italy** | Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery, including its causes and consequences | 3 to 12 October | | 42nd HRC session (September 2019) |
| **Jordan** | Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967 | 25 to 29 June | | 40th HRC session (March 2019) |
| **Kenya** | Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises  Independent Expert on the enjoyment of human rights of persons with albinism | 2 to 11 July  7 to 17 September | | 41st HRC session (June 2019)  40th HRC session (March 2019) |
| **Kuwait** | Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities | 26 November to 5 December | | 43rd HRC session (March 2020) |
| **Kyrgyzstan** | Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health | 22 to 31 May | | 41st HRC session (June 2019) |
| **Liberia** | Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression | 5 to 9 March | | A/HRC/38/35/Add.3 |
| **Libya** | Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons | 25 to 31 January | | A/HRC/38/39/Add.2 |
| **Malaysia** | Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography  Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation | 24 September to 1 October  14 to 27 November | | 40th HRC session (March 2019)  42nd HRC session (September 2019) |
| **Mali** | Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Mali  Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Mali  Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Mali | 12 to 16 March  24 to 29 June  1 to 10 October | | 40th HRC session (March 2019)  40th HRC session (March 2019)  40th HRC session (March 2019) |
| **Mongolia** | Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation | 9 to 20 April | | A/HRC/39/55/Add.2 |
| **Montenegro** | Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons | 23 to 30 April | | A/HRC/39/50/Add.2 |
| **Morocco** | Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance | 13 to 21 December | | 41st HRC session (June 2019) |
| **Mozambique** | Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity | 3 to 10 December | | 41st HRC session (June 2019) |
| **Nepal** | Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants  Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences | 29 January to 5 February  19 to 29 November | | A/HRC/38/41/Add.1  41st HRC session (June 2019) |  |
| **Netherlands** | Independent Expert on human rights and international solidarity | 5 to 13 November | | 41st HRC session (June 2019) |
| **Niger** | Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons  Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants | 19 to 24 March  1 to 8 October | | A/HRC/38/39/Add.3  41st HRC session (June 2019) |
| **Nigeria** | Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children | 3 to 10 September | | 41st HRC session (June 2019) |
| **Poland** | Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights  Working Group on the issue of discrimination against women in law and in practice | 24 September to 5 October  3 to 13 December | | 43rd HRC session (March 2020)  41st HRC session (June 2019) |
| **Republic of Korea** | 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  Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea | 14 to 23 May  2 to 10 July | | 40th HRC session (March 2019)  40th HRC session (March 2019) |
| **Republic of Moldova** | Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders | 25 to 29 June | | 40th HRC session (March 2019) |
| **Slovenia** | Special Rapporteur on minority issues | 5 to 13 April | | 40th HRC session (March 2019) |
| **Somalia** | Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Somalia | 25 April to 4 May 2018 | | A/HRC/39/72 |
| **Spain** | Working Group of Experts on people of African descent | 19 to 26 February | | A/HRC/39/69/Add.2 |
| **Sri Lanka** | 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 | 3 to 11 September | | 40th HRC session (March 2019) |
| **Sudan** | Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in the Sudan | 14 to 24 April | | A/HRC/39/71 |
| **Sweden** | Independent Expert on human rights and international solidarity | 23 to 27 April | | 41st HRC session (June 2019) |
| **Syrian Arab Republic** | Special Rapporteur on the negative impact of the unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights | 13 to 17 May | | A/HRC/39/54/Add.2 |
| **Thailand** | Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar  Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises | 25 to 30 January  26 March to 4 April | | A/HRC/37/70  41st HRC session (June 2019) |
| **Tunisia** | Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief  Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association | 9 to 19 April  17 to 28 September | | 41st HRC session (June 2019)  41st HRC session (June 2019) |
| **United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland** | Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance  Special Rapporteur on the right to privacy  Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights  Special Rapporteur on the human rights situation in the Islamic Republic of Iran | 30 April to 11 May  18 to 29 June  5 to 16 November  7 to 8 November | | 41st HRC session (June 2019)  40th HRC session (March 2019)  41st HRC session (June 2019)  40th HRC session (March 2019) |
| **Ukraine** | 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  Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment  Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances | 14 to 23 May  28 May to 8 June  11 to 20 June | | 40th HRC session (March 2019)  40th HRC session (March 2019)  42nd HRC session (September 2019) |
| **Uruguay** | Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons | 19 to 29 November | | 42nd HRC session (September 2019) |

1. Statistics on country visits conducted in 2018

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **United Nations**  **Regional Groups of Member States** | **Number of country visits conducted\*** | **Number of countries visited\*\*** |
| African Group | 24 | 18 |
| Asia-Pacific Group | 20 | 14 |
| EEG | 12 | 8 |
| GRULAC | 10 | 7 |
| WEOG | 18 | 12 |
| **Total** | **84** | **59** |

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

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

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **States never visited, no request sent**  **(7 in total)** | **States never visited, request(s) sent**  **(17 in total)** |
| Andorra  Antigua and Barbuda  Monaco  Palau  Saint Kitts and Nevis  San Marino  Suriname | Barbados  Brunei Darussalam  Djibouti[[2]](#footnote-3)  Dominica  Eritrea  Eswatini  Grenada  Guinea  Lesotho[[3]](#footnote-4)  Luxembourg[[4]](#footnote-5)  Micronesia (Federated States of)  Nauru[[5]](#footnote-6)  Saint Lucia  Sao Tome e Principe  Tonga  Vanuatu  Zimbabwe[[6]](#footnote-7) |

As of 31 December 2018, out of the 193 United Nations Member States, 169 States (87.5%) have been visited by at least one special procedures mandate holder. A total of 24 States (12.5%) have never been visited; 7 States have not yet received any request, 14 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 2018.

VIII: Status of country visits from 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2018

|  | *Standing invitation* | *Not visited since 1/1/2014* | *Never visited, no request sent* | *Never visited, requests sent* | *NO VISIT SINCE 1/1/2014 WITH AT LEAST 1 PENDING REQUEST* | *5 OR MORE VISITS SINCE 1/1/2014* | *NUMBER OF VISITS SINCE 1/1/2014* | *INVITATIONS SENT TO THEMATIC SPECIAL PROCEDURES SINCE 1/1/2014* | *5 OR MORE PENDING VISIT REQUESTS SINCE 1/1/2014* |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Afghanistan** | X |  |  |  |  |  | 2 | X |  |
| **Albania** | X |  |  |  |  |  | 2 |  |  |
| **Algeria** |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2 |  |  |
| **Andorra** | X | X | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Angola** |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  | X |
| **Antigua and Barbuda** |  | X | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Argentina** | X |  |  |  |  | X | 6 |  |  |
| **Armenia** | X |  |  |  |  |  | 3 |  |  |
| **Australia** | X |  |  |  |  | X | 5 | X |  |
| **Austria** | X |  |  |  |  |  | 2 |  |  |
| **Azerbaijan** | X |  |  |  |  |  | 4 |  |  |
| **Bahamas** | X |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |
| **Bahrain** |  | X |  |  | X |  |  |  | X |
| **Bangladesh** |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  | X |
| **Barbados** |  | X |  | X | X |  |  |  |  |
| **Belarus** |  | X |  |  | X |  |  | X |  |
| **Belgium** | X |  |  |  |  |  | 3 |  |  |
| **Belize** |  | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Benin** | X | X |  |  | X |  |  |  |  |
| **Bhutan** |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |
| **Bolivia** | X | X |  |  | X |  |  |  |  |
| **Bosnia and Herzegovina** | X | X |  |  | X |  |  |  |  |
| **Botswana** | X |  |  |  |  |  | 3 |  | X |
| **Brazil** | X |  |  |  |  |  | 4 | X | X |
| **Brunei Darussalam** |  | X |  | X | X |  |  |  |  |
| **Bulgaria** | X | X |  |  | X |  |  |  |  |
| **Burkina Faso** |  | X |  |  | X |  |  |  |  |
| **Burundi** | X |  |  |  |  |  | 2 |  |  |
| **Cambodia** |  |  |  |  |  | X | 10 |  |  |
| **Cameroon** | X | X |  |  | X |  |  |  | X |
| **Canada** | X |  |  |  |  | X | 5 |  |  |
| **Cape Verde** | X |  |  |  |  |  | 2 |  |  |
| **Central African Republic** | X |  |  |  |  | X | 11 |  |  |
| **Chad** | X |  |  |  |  |  | 2 | X |  |
| **Chile** | X |  |  |  |  | X | 5 |  | X |
| **China** |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2 |  | X |
| **Colombia** | X |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  | X |
| **Comoros** |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |
| **Congo (Republic of the)** |  | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Costa Rica** | X |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |
| **Côte d'Ivoire** |  |  |  |  |  | X | 10 |  | X |
| **Croatia** | X |  |  |  |  |  | 2 |  |  |
| **Cuba** |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2 |  | X |
| **Cyprus** | X |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |
| **Czech Republic** | X | X |  |  | X |  |  |  |  |
| **Democratic People's Republic of Korea** |  |  |  |  | X |  | 1 |  |  |
| **Democratic Republic of the Congo** |  | X |  |  | X |  |  |  | X |
| **Denmark** | X |  |  |  |  |  | 2 | X |  |
| **Djibouti** |  | X |  | X |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Dominica** | X | X |  | X | X |  |  |  |  |
| **Dominican Republic** |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 | X | X |
| **Ecuador** | X |  |  |  |  |  | 3 |  | X |
| **Egypt** |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 | X | X |
| **El Salvador** | X |  |  |  |  |  | 4 |  |  |
| **Equatorial Guinea** |  | X |  |  | X |  |  |  |  |
| **Eritrea** |  | X |  | X | X |  |  | X |  |
| **Estonia** | X | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Eswatini** |  | X |  | X | X |  |  |  |  |
| **Ethiopia** |  | X |  |  | X |  |  |  | X |
| **Fiji** | X |  |  |  |  |  | 4 |  | X |
| **Finland** | X |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |
| **France** | X |  |  |  |  |  | 4 |  |  |
| **Gabon** | X | X |  |  | X |  |  |  |  |
| **Gambia (the)** |  |  |  |  |  |  | 3 |  |  |
| **Georgia** | X |  |  |  |  | X | 6 | X |  |
| **Germany** | X |  |  |  |  |  | 4 |  |  |
| **Ghana** | X |  |  |  |  |  | 3 |  | X |
| **Greece** | X |  |  |  |  |  | 3 |  |  |
| **Grenada** |  | X |  | X | X |  |  |  |  |
| **Guatemala** | X |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  | X |
| **Guinea** |  | X |  | X | X |  |  |  |  |
| **Guinea-Bissau** | X |  |  |  |  |  | 2 |  |  |
| **Guyana** |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |
| **Haiti** |  |  |  |  |  | X | 7 |  | X |
| **Honduras** | X |  |  |  |  | X | 7 |  |  |
| **Hungary** | X |  |  |  |  |  | 3 |  |  |
| **Iceland** | X |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |
| **India** | X |  |  |  |  |  | 2 |  | X |
| **Indonesia** |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2 |  | X |
| **Iran (Islamic Republic of)** | X | X |  |  | X |  |  | X | X |
| **Iraq** | X |  |  |  |  |  | 3 | X |  |
| **Ireland** | X |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |
| **Israel** |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 | X | X |
| **Italy** | X |  |  |  |  | X | 5 |  |  |
| **Jamaica** |  | X |  |  | X |  |  |  | X |
| **Japan** | X |  |  |  |  |  | 2 |  | X |
| **Jordan** | X |  |  |  |  |  | 2 |  | X |
| **Kazakhstan** | X |  |  |  |  | X | 5 |  |  |
| **Kenya** | X |  |  |  |  |  | 3 |  | X |
| **Kiribati** |  | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Kuwait** | X |  |  |  |  |  | 3 |  |  |
| **Kyrgyzstan** |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |
| **Lao People's Democratic Republic** |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |
| **Latvia** | X | X |  |  | X |  |  |  |  |
| **Lebanon** | X |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  | X |
| **Lesotho** | X | X |  |  | X |  |  |  |  |
| **Liberia** | X |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |
| **Libya** | X |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  | X |
| **Liechtenstein** | X | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Lithuania** | X | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Luxembourg** | X | X |  | X | X |  |  |  |  |
| **Madagascar** | X |  |  |  |  |  | 1 | X |  |
| **Malawi** | X |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |
| **Malaysia** |  |  |  |  |  | X | 5 |  | X |
| **Maldives** | X | X |  |  | X |  |  |  | X |
| **Mali** |  |  |  |  |  | X | 10 |  | X |
| **Malta** | X |  |  |  |  |  | 1 | X |  |
| **Marshall Islands** | X | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Mauritania** |  |  |  |  |  |  | 4 |  |  |
| **Mauritius** |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |
| **Mexico** | X |  |  |  |  | X | 6 |  | X |
| **Micronesia (Federated States of)** |  | X |  | X | X |  |  |  |  |
| **Monaco** | X | X | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Mongolia** | X |  |  |  |  |  | 2 |  |  |
| **Montenegro** | X |  |  |  |  |  | 2 |  |  |
| **Morocco** |  |  |  |  |  |  | 3 | X |  |
| **Mozambique** | X |  |  |  |  |  | 2 |  | X |
| **Myanmar** |  |  |  |  |  | X | 7 |  |  |
| **Namibia** |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |
| **Nauru** | X | X |  | X | X |  |  |  |  |
| **Nepal** |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2 |  | X |
| **Netherlands** | X |  |  |  |  |  | 2 |  |  |
| **New Zealand** | X |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  | X |
| **Nicaragua** | X | X |  |  | X |  |  |  | X |
| **Niger** | X |  |  |  |  |  | 3 |  |  |
| **Nigeria** | X |  |  |  |  | X | 5 |  | X |
| **Norway** | X |  |  |  |  |  | 2 |  |  |
| **Occupied Palestinian Territory (Non-Member Oberver State)** | X |  |  |  |  |  | 1 | X |  |
| **Oman** |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |
| **Pakistan** |  | X |  |  | X |  |  | X | X |
| **Palau** | X | X | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Panama** | X |  |  |  |  |  | 1 | X |  |
| **Papua New Guinea** | X |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |
| **Paraguay** | X |  |  |  |  | X | 5 | X |  |
| **Peru** | X |  |  |  |  |  | 3 |  | X |
| **Philippines** |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2 |  | X |
| **Poland** | X |  |  |  |  |  | 4 |  |  |
| **Portugal** | X |  |  |  |  |  | 3 | X |  |
| **Qatar** | X |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |
| **Republic of Korea** | X |  |  |  |  | X | 6 |  |  |
| **Republic of Moldova** | X |  |  |  |  |  | 3 |  |  |
| **Romania** | X |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |
| **Russian Federation** |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  | X |
| **Rwanda** | X |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  | X |
| **Saint Kitts and Nevis** |  | X | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Saint Lucia** |  | X |  | X | X |  |  |  |  |
| **Saint Vincent and the Grenadines** |  | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Samoa** | X |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |
| **San Marino** | X | X | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Sao Tome e Principe** | X | X |  | X | X |  |  |  |  |
| **Saudi Arabia** |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2 |  | X |
| **Senegal** |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  | X |
| **Serbia** | X |  |  |  |  |  | 4 |  |  |
| **Seychelles** | X |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |
| **Sierra Leone** | X |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |
| **Singapore** |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  | X |
| **Slovakia** | X | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Slovenia** | X |  |  |  |  |  | 2 |  |  |
| **Solomon Islands** | X | X |  |  | X |  |  |  |  |
| **Somalia** | X |  |  |  |  | X | 5 |  |  |
| **South Africa** | X |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  | X |
| **South Sudan** |  | X |  |  | X |  |  |  |  |
| **Spain** | X |  |  |  |  |  | 3 |  |  |
| **Sri Lanka** | X |  |  |  |  | X | 9 | X |  |
| **Sudan** |  |  |  |  |  | X | 10 |  |  |
| **Surinam** |  | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Sweden** | X |  |  |  |  |  | 3 | X |  |
| **Switzerland** | X |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |
| **Syrian Arab Republic** |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2 |  | X |
| **Tajikistan** |  |  |  |  |  |  | 3 |  |  |
| **Thailand** | X |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  | X |
| **The Republic of North Macedonia** | X | X |  |  | X |  |  |  |  |
| **Timor Leste** |  | X |  |  | X |  |  |  |  |
| **Togo** |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |
| **Tonga** | X | X |  | X | X |  |  |  |  |
| **Trinidad and Tobago** |  | X |  |  | X |  |  |  |  |
| **Tunisia** | X |  |  |  |  | X | 7 |  |  |
| **Turkey** | X |  |  |  |  |  | 3 |  | X |
| **Turkmenistan** |  | X |  |  | X |  |  |  | X |
| **Tuvalu** | X | X |  |  | X |  |  |  |  |
| **Uganda** |  | X |  |  | X |  |  |  | X |
| **Ukraine** | X |  |  |  |  | X | 7 |  |  |
| **United Arab Emirates** |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 | X | X |
| **United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland** | X |  |  |  |  | X | 7 |  |  |
| **United Republic of Tanzania** |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  | X |
| **United States of America** |  |  |  |  |  | X | 8 |  | X |
| **Uruguay** | X |  |  |  |  |  | 2 |  |  |
| **Uzbekistan** |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  | X |
| **Vanuatu** | X | X |  | X |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)** |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 | X | X |
| **Viet Nam** |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  | X |
| **Yemen** |  | X |  |  | X |  |  |  | X |
| **Zambia** | X |  |  |  |  |  | 2 |  | X |
| **Zimbabwe** |  | X |  |  | X |  |  | X | X |

IX. Statistics on communications (2018)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| **75** | Communications sent to Non-State actors |  |
| **108** | Communications related to legislation |
| **121** | Countries received at least one communication |
| **158** | Communications followed up by mandate holders |
| **300** | Replies received to communications sent in 2018 of which 281 (42.9% reply rate[[7]](#footnote-8)) are substantive replies. Some communications received more than one reply. |
| **387** | Total replies received in 2018 of which 368 are substantive replies (this includes replies to communications sent before 2018) |
| **531** | Joint communications by two or more mandate holders |
| **655** | Communications sent |
| **1536** | Individuals covered, of which **269** were identified as female. |



X. Analysis of communications sent and replies received (2018)

In 2018, a total 655 communications were sent to 121 countries and other non-State actors, 278 (out of 655), of which received replies from 82 countries and other actors as listed below:

| ***Name of countries*** | *Number of communications sent* | *Replies received* |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  |  |  |
| **Afghanistan** | 2 | 0 |
| **Algeria** | 4 | 2 |
| **Angola** | 1 | 1 |
| **Argentina** | 5 | 3 |
| **Armenia** | 3 | 1 |
| **Australia** | 6\* | 3 |
| **Azerbaijan** | 2 | 2 |
| **Bahamas** | 1 | 0 |
| **Bahrain** | 6 | 4 |
| **Bangladesh** | 9 | 1 |
| **Belarus** | 1 | 1 |
| **Belgium** | 1 | 1 |
| **Benin** | 1 | 1 |
| **Brazil** | 15 | 8 |
| **Burundi** | 3 | 0 |
| **Cambodia** | 8 | 2 |
| **Cameroon** | 5 | 3 |
| **Canada** | 4 | 1 |
| **Chad** | 1 | 0 |
| **Chile** | 2 | 2 |
| **China** | 23 | 18 |
| **Colombia** | 6 | 3 |
| **Comoros** | 1 | 0 |
| **Congo** | 1 | 0 |
| **Cuba** | 5 | 4 |
| **Democratic Republic of the Congo** | 3 | 0 |
| **Denmark** | 2 | 1 |
| **Djibouti** | 1 | 1 |
| **Ecuador** | 5 | 5 |
| **Egypt** | 14 | 4 |
| **El Salvador** | 2 | 0 |
| **Equatorial Guinea** | 1 | 0 |
| **Eritrea** | 2 | 1 |
| **Ethiopia** | 2 | 0 |
| **France** | 9 | 7 |
| **Gabon** | 2 | 1 |
| **Gambia** | 1 | 0 |
| **Germany** | 1 | 1 |
| **Ghana** | 1 | 0 |
| **Guatemala** | 15 | 4 |
| **Haiti** | 5 | 1 |
| **Honduras** | 6 | 1 |
| **Hungary** | 7 | 2 |
| **India** | 27 | 0 |
| **Indonesia** | 6 | 5 |
| **Iran (Islamic Republic of)** | 14 | 5 |
| **Iraq** | 4 | 1 |
| **Ireland** | 1 | 0 |
| **Israel** | 12 | 4 |
| **Italy** | 6 | 1 |
| **Japan** | 7 | 7 |
| **Jordan** | 3 | 0 |
| **Kazakhstan** | 6 | 4 |
| **Kenya** | 9 | 0 |
| **Kosovo[[8]](#footnote-9)** | 2 | 0 |
| **Kuwait** | 1 | 1 |
| **Kyrgyzstan** | 3 | 1 |
| **Latvia** | 3 | 2 |
| **Lebanon** | 5 | 2 |
| **Libya** | 3 | 0 |
| **Madagascar** | 1 | 0 |
| **Malawi** | 2 | 0 |
| **Malaysia** | 6 | 2 |
| **Maldives** | 4 | 2 |
| **Malta** | 1 | 1 |
| **Mauritania** | 3 | 1 |
| **Mexico** | 15 | 5 |
| **Montenegro** | 1 | 1 |
| **Morocco** | 4 | 3 |
| **Mozambique** | 2 | 0 |
| **Myanmar** | 5 | 2 |
| **Nepal** | 4 | 0 |
| **Netherlands** | 1 | 1 |
| **Nicaragua** | 5 | 1 |
| **Niger** | 1 | 1 |
| **Nigeria** | 3 | 1 |
| **North Macedonia** | 1 | 0 |
| **Norway** | 1 | 1 |
| **Oman** | 1 | 0 |
| **Other actors** | 75 | 28 |
| **Pakistan** | 8 | 4 |
| **Panama** | 1 | 0 |
| **Paraguay** | 3 | 1 |
| **Peru** | 3 | 0 |
| **Philippines** | 13 | 7 |
| **Poland** | 4 | 3 |
| **Republic of Korea** | 5 | 2 |
| **Republic of Moldova** | 1 | 0 |
| **Romania** | 4 | 2 |
| **Russian Federation** | 21 | 18 |
| **Rwanda** | 2 | 1 |
| **Saudi Arabia** | 12 | 9 |
| **Serbia** | 1 | 0 |
| **Sierra Leone** | 2 | 0 |
| **Slovakia** | 2 | 1 |
| **Somalia** | 1 | 0 |
| **South Africa** | 2 | 0 |
| **South Sudan** | 1 | 0 |
| **Spain** | 3 | 3 |
| **Sri Lanka** | 5 | 0 |
| **Sudan** | 4 | 1 |
| **Switzerland** | 4 | 3 |
| **Syrian Arab Republic** | 3 | 0 |
| **Tajikistan** | 1 | 0 |
| **Thailand** | 5 | 3 |
| **Togo** | 3 | 2 |
| **Tunisia** | 4 | 2 |
| **Turkey** | 15 | 13 |
| **Turkmenistan** | 2 | 0 |
| **Uganda** | 5 | 1 |
| **Ukraine** | 3 | 1 |
| **United Arab Emirates** | 3 | 2 |
| **United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland** | 12 | 12 |
| **United Republic of Tanzania** | 4 | 0 |
| **United States of America** | 23 | 2 |
| **Uruguay** | 1 | 1 |
| **Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)** | 8 | 5 |
| **Viet Nam** | 10 | 5 |
| **Yemen** | 6 | 0 |
| **Zambia** | 1 | 0 |
| **Zimbabwe** | 1 | 1 |

These communications concerned 1536 alleged victims of which 946 are male, 269 female and 321 other. During this period, 75 communications were also sent to ‘Other actors’, for e.g. businesses, international bodies, agencies and non-State actors to which 28 replies were received.

\* One of the communications for Australia did not require a response.

XI. Themes addressed in reports of special procedures (2018)

Thematic mandates

| *Mandate* |  | *Title and/or theme of the report (symbol number)* |
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| Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent | | Framework for a declaration on the promotion and full respect of human rights of people of African descent (A/HRC/39/69)  GA report: Note by the Secretariat (A/73/228) |
| Independent Expert on the enjoyment of human rights by persons with albinism | | The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the human rights of persons with albinism ([A/73/181](http://undocs.org/A/73/181))  Right of persons with albinism to the highest attainable standard of health ([A/HRC/37/5](http://ap.ohchr.org/documents/dpage_e.aspx?si=A/HRC/37/57)7) |
| Working Group on Arbitrary Detention | | Consular assistance and diplomatic protection for persons deprived of liberty ([A/HRC/39/](http://ap.ohchr.org/documents/dpage_e.aspx?si=A/HRC/39/45)45) |
| Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises | | Role of the State as an economic actor (in strengthening respect for human rights by businesses, through the agencies that provide benefits and services to business entities, such as export credit, investment guarantees, export promotion and trade missions) (A/HRC/38/48)  Human rights due diligence in practice, focusing on the current state of play, challenges and emerging good practices engaged in by companies in line with the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (A/73/163) |
| Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights | | Contribution of cultural rights to strengthening the universality of human rights and respect for cultural diversity (A/73/227)  Contribution of artistic and cultural initiatives to the creation and development of rights-respecting societies (A/HRC/37/55) |
| Special Rapporteur on the right to development | | Right to development and inequality (Sustainable Development Goal 10) ([A/HRC/39/](https://undocs.org/en/A/HRC/39/51)51)  South-South cooperation and the right to development (A/73/271) |
| Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities | | The enjoyment by persons with disabilities of the right to the highest attainable standard of health (A/73/161)  Legal capacity reform and supported decision-making ([A/HRC/37/56](http://www.un.org/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/HRC/34/58)) |
| 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 | | Right to education for refugees (A/73/262)  Governance and accountability and the right to education (A/HRC/38/32) |
| Special Rapporteur on the issue of human rights obligations relating to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment | | Children’s rights and environmental protection (A/HRC/37/58)  Framework principles on human rights and the environment (A/HRC/37/59)  Global recognition of the right to a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment (A/73/188) |
| Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions | | Armed non-State actors: the protection of the right to life (A/HRC/38/44)  Saving lives is not a crime (A/73/314) |
| Special Rapporteur on the right to food | | Right to food in the context of natural disasters (A/HRC/37/61)  Agricultural workers and the right to food (A/73/164) |
| 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 | | Impact of economic reform policies on women’s human rights (A/73/179)  Development of guiding principles for assessing the human rights impact of economic reform policies (A/HRC/37/54) |
| Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression | | Artificial Intelligence and its impact on human rights (A/73/348)  Online content regulation (A/HRC/38/35)  Encryption and Anonymity – follow up report (A/HRC/38/35/Add.5) |
| Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association | | Trends with regard to the exercise of the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association (A/HRC/38/34)  The linkages between the exercise of the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association and the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (A/73/279) |
| Special Rapporteur on the implications for human rights for the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes | | Implementing the Sustainable Development Goals and protecting human rights from toxic exposures (A/73/567)  The situation of workers implicated and affected by occupational exposure to toxic and otherwise hazardous substances worldwide (A/HRC/39/48) |
| Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health | | The right to health and deprivation of liberty (A/HRC/38/36)  The right to mental health and people on the move (A/73/216) |
| 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 | | The right to housing for residents of informal settlements (A/73/310/Rev.1)  Human rights-based national housing strategies (A/HRC/37/53) |
| Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders | | Human rights defenders on the rights of people on the move (A/HRC/37/51)  Twentieth anniversary of the Declaration on the Right and Responsibility of Individuals, Groups and Organs of Society to Promote and Protect Universally Recognized Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (A/73/215) |
| Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers | | Judicial councils (A/HRC/38/38)  Bar associations (A/73/365) |
| Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples | | Attacks and criminalisation of indigenous human rights defender. Availability of prevention and protection measures (A/HRC/39/17)  An introductory comment on the issue of indigenous peoples and self-governance (A/73/176) |
| Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons | | Twentieth anniversary of the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement: an agenda for strategic and joint action (A/HRC/38/39)  Internal displacement and transitional justice (A/73/173) |
| Independent Expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order | | Vision and priorities (A/HRC/39/47)  Vision and priorities (A/73/158) |
| Independent Expert on human rights and international solidarity | | Vision and priorities (A/HRC/38/40)  Vision and priorities (A/73/206) |
| Special Rapporteur on the elimination of discrimination against persons affected by leprosy and their family members | | Vision, priorities and working methods for the next three years (A/HRC/38/42) |
| 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 work of the Working Group and its links to the Sustainable Development Goals, Goal 16 in particular (A/73/303)  Recruitment of children by non-State armed groups, including mercenaries and private military and security companies (A/HRC/39/49) |
| Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants | | Return and reintegration (A/HRC/38/41)  Access to justice for migrant persons (A/73/178/Rev.1) |
| Special Rapporteur on minority issues | | Vision and priorities (A/HRC/37/66)  Statelessness a minority issue (A/73/205) |
| Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons | | Social exclusion: concepts, manifestations and the impact on the human rights of older persons (A/HRC/39/50) |
| Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights | | Privatization and its impact on human rights (A/73/396)  Role of the International Monetary Fund in relation to social protection (A/HRC/38/33) |
| Special Rapporteur on the right to privacy | | Overview of activities undertaken in the first three years of the mandate (A/HRC/37/62)  Big data and open data (A/73/45712) |
| Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance | | Racial discrimination in the context of laws, policies and practices concerning citizenship, nationality and immigration (A/HRC/38/52)  Contemporary forms of glorification of Nazism and neo-Nazism (pursuant to General Resolution 72/156) (A/HRC/38/53)  The threat of nationalist populism to racial equality (A/73/305)  Contemporary use of digital technology in the spread of neo-Nazi and related intolerance (implementation of General Assembly resolution 72/156) (A/73/312) |
| Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief | | Relationship between freedom of religion or belief and national security (A/73/362)  State-religion relationships and their impact on freedom of religion or belief (A/HRC/37/49) |
| Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography | | Combating and preventing the sale and sexual exploitation of children through the implementation of the SDGs (A/73/174)  Thematic report on surrogacy (A/HRC/37/60) |
| Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity | | Overview of violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity, including root causes, the impact of negation and the resulting data gap (A/HRC/38/43)  Recognition of gender identity and depathologization of trans identities (A/73/152) |
| Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery, including its causes and consequences | | Gendered impact on contemporary forms of slavery (A/73/139)  Impact of slavery and servitude on marginalized migrant women workers in the global domestic economy (A/HRC/39/52) |
| Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights while countering terrorism | | Human rights challenge of states of emergency in the context of countering terrorism (A/HRC/37/52)  Legal regimes with a focus on Security Council resolutions and the obligations arising from the law of armed conflict and human rights (A/73/361) |
| Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment | | Seventieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights: reaffirming and strengthening the prohibition of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment (A/73/207)  Migration-related forms of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment (A/HRC/37/50) |
| Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children | | Early identification, referral and protection of victims or potential victims of trafficking in persons in mixed migration movements (A/HRC/38/45)  Gender dimension of trafficking in persons in conflict and post-conflict settings as it relates to the women and peace and security agenda of the Security Council (A/73/171) |
| Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence | | Joint study on the contribution of transitional justice to the prevention of gross violations and abuses of human rights and serious violations of international humanitarian law (A/HRC/37/65)  The new Special Rapporteur’s approach to the mandate and preliminary areas of interest (A/HRC/39/53)  The four main lines of engagement of the new Special Rapporteur with the General Assembly (A/73/336) |
| Special Rapporteur on the negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights | | Situation of some countries and the potential application of humanitarian law to unilateral coercive measures (A/HRC/39/54)  Situation of some countries and the potential application of humanitarian law to unilateral coercive measures (A/73/175) |
| Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences | | Online violence against women and girls (A/HRC/38/47)  Violence against women in politics (A/73/301) |
| Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation | | Principle of accountability in the context of the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation (A/73/162)  Access to water and sanitation by forcibly displaced persons (A/HRC/39/55) |
| Working Group on the issue of discrimination against women in law and in practice | | Reasserting equality, countering rollbacks (A/HRC/38/46) |

Country mandates

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| Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Belarus | Report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Belarus (A/HRC/38/51)  Report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Belarus (A/73/380) |
| 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/39/73) |
| Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Central African Republic | Report of the Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in the Central African Republic (A/HRC/39/70) |
| 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/73/386)  Report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (A/HRC/37/69) |
| Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Eritrea | Report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Eritrea (A/HRC/38/50) |
| 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 (A/HRC/37/68)  Report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran (A/73/398) |
| 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/37/78) |
| Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar | Report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar (A/73/332)  Report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar (A/HRC/37/70) |
| 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/37/75)  Report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967 (A/73/329) |
| 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/39/72)  Report of the Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Somalia (Human Rights Council report transmitted to the General Assembly) (A/73/330) |
| 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/39/71) |
| 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 Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic has ended.* |

XII. Joint statements issued by special procedures (2018)

Statement by Catalina Devandas-Aguilar, Chairperson of the Coordination Committee of Special Procedures, presenting the annual report of special procedures to the 37th Human Rights Council session, 14 March 2018.

Statement by Michael Lynk, Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967, on behalf of the Coordination Committee of Special Procedures at the 28th Special Session of the Human Rights Council on the deteriorating situation of human rights in the occupied Palestinian territory, including East Jerusalem, 18 May 2018.

Statement by Catalina Devandas-Aguilar on behalf of the Coordination Committee of Special Procedures during the informal conversation of the High Commissioner for Human Rights with the Human Rights Council, 28 August 2018.

Joint statement on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the Declaration on Human Rights Defenders, 6 December 2018.

Statement of the Special Procedures on the occasion of Human Rights Day 2018: " The resilience and relevance of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights after 70 Years in a time of closing borders and closing civic space ", 10 December 2018.

XIII. Follow-up activities undertaken by mandate holders (non-exhaustive list) (2018)

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| **A. Follow-up on communications** | |
| In 2018, 158 follow-up communications were sent out of a total of 655 communications; (see Annex VI). In addition, the following three mandate holders issued observations on communications: | |
| Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions | Overview of activities undertaken by the mandate since 1 March 2017, including observations on communications transmitted between 1 March 2017 and 28 February 2018 and replies received between 1 May 2017 and 30 April 2018 (A/HRC/38/44/Add.3). |
| Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders | Observations on communications transmitted to Governments and replies received (A/HRC/37/51/Add.1) |
| Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association | Report presented at the 38th session of the Human Rights Council in June 2018 taking stock on the work of all communications issued by the mandate and drawing global trends on restrictions to the exercise of the rights to freedom of association and of peaceful assembly (A/HRC/38/34). |
| **B. Follow-up country visits** | |
| Four mandate holders conducted in total five follow-up visits: | |
| Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery and its consequences | Visit to Nouakchott, Mauritania, from 25 to 28 April 2017 for a follow-up workshop with civil society stakeholders, the Government and the UN on the implementation of the recommendations of the mandate issued after the follow-up country visit conducted from 24 to 27 February 2014 (A/HRC/27/53/Add.1). The report on the unofficial visit was presented to the government of Mauritania only in August 2018. |
| Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples | Visit to Australia in July 2018 to speak at the First Nations Governance Forum, seizing the opportunity to follow-up on her country visit to Australia from 20 March to 3 April 2017 (A/HRC/36/46/Add.2) and to receive inputs for a report on indigenous peoples and self-governance presented at the 73rd UN General Assembly in September 2018 (A/73/176).  Visit to Mexico in November 2018 in follow-up to a previous country visit conducted from 8 to 17 November 2017 ([A/HRC/39/17/Add.2](http://ap.ohchr.org/documents/dpage_e.aspx?si=A/HRC/39/17/Add.2)) and participated in a panel on legal pluralism organised by the Judiciary Council and various other meetings to advance the recommendations from the 2017 country visit. |
| Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation | Visit to Portugal on 26 January 2018 in follow-up to the country visit undertaken from 5 to 16 December 2016 (A/HRC/36/45/Add.1). |
| Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders | Visit to Mexico in February 2018 to meet with specific groups of defenders at risk and with the advisory board of the national protection mechanism in follow up to a prior country visit to Mexico from 16 to 24 January 2017 (A/HRC/37/51/Add.2). |
| **C. Follow-up reports** | |
| Three 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 after past visits to Croatia, Montenegro, Serbia and Kosovo[[9]](#footnote-10) in June 2014 presented at the 39th session of the Human Rights Council in September 2018 (A/HRC/39/46/Add.2). |
| Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression | Follow-up report on the use of encryption and anonymity to exercise the rights to freedom of opinion and expression in the digital age presented at 38th session of the Human Rights Council (A/HRC/38/35/Add.5) to a prior report presented to the Council in June 2015 (A/HRC/29/32) in order to update the Council on the issues identified in the 2015 Report. |
| Special Rapporteur on freedom of opinion and expression | Country visit report on follow-up visit to Mexico (A/HRC/38/35/Add.2). |
| **D. Other follow-up activities** | |
| Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children | Participation in and contributions to several expert group meetings on drafting international principles for the protection of human rights, especially the rights of the child, in the context of surrogacy and in follow-up to the recommendations contained in the thematic report on surrogacy and sale of children presented at the 37th session of the Human Rights Council in February 2018 (A/HRC/37/60). |
| Special Rapporteur on human rights and the environment | Organization of and participation in a partnership meeting with UNEP, UNICEF, World Bank, Terre des Hommes, WWF-UK and Global Child Forum in follow-up to the thematic report on children’s rights and the environment presented at the 37th session of the Human Rights Council in March 2018 (A/HRC/37/58) and resulting in a decision to organize a series of regional consultations on children’s rights and the environment – the first of which is expected to take place in May in Bogota (TBC) – to study the topic in-depth and to deepen the understanding of the regional context at both policy and implementation levels.  Organization of a meeting on biodiversity and human rights in May in Nairobi with a number of partners including UNEP, SwedBio, IDLO and Natural Justice in follow-up to the thematic report on biodiversity and human rights presented at the 34th session of the Human Rights Council in March 2017 (A/HRC/34/49) and to discuss specific human rights issues relating to biodiversity (e.g., rights to life, food, housing, health, etc.) in both regional and national contexts, all with a particular focus on groups whose rights are disproportionately affected by the loss of biodiversity (e.g., women, children, local/rural communities, etc.).  Organization of a side-event on 12 July 2018 during the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development concerning the theme “SDGs and Human Rights in Post 2020 biodiversity framework) in follow-up to the March 2017 report (A/HRC/34/49). |
| Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief | Participation in several international workshops on the right to freedom of religion or belief that offered a follow-up opportunity to call upon governments to invest in the implementation of the Rabat Plan of Action, the Beirut Declaration on “Faith for Rights” and the Fez Plan of Action, which provide specific commitments by faith-based actors and practical measures to address the related phenomena of incitement to religious hatred, discrimination and violence. |
| Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel and degrading treatment or punishment | Developing a Universal Protocol for Investigation Interviewing and Associated Safeguards in follow-up to an initiative by the former Special Rapporteur and with the support of the OHCHR and the Association for the Prevention of Torture. |
| Working Group on arbitrary detention | Continued to refine the Working Group’s systematic follow-up procedure established in 2016 for its opinions concluding that a deprivation of liberty is arbitrary under which the final paragraphs of such opinions request the government concerned and the source to provide, within six months of the opinion, information on the implementation of its recommendations. While encouraged by an increased response rate in the context of this procedure from both sources and concerned governments, it notes that this does not necessarily imply an increased enforcement of its opinions.  Revision of annual reports to now contain a table reflecting follow-up information received. |
| Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation | Commenced a project on the follow-up analysis of official country visits focusing on the implementation of recommendations in country visit reports, the methodology and current status of which is contained in an Annex to the report presented at 39th session of the Human Rights Council in September 2018 (A/HRC/39/55).  Began follow-up analysis of the first five official country visits undertaken since 2015 (Botswana, El Salvador, Mexico, Portugal, and Tajikistan). |
| Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples | Participation in the conference “Defending the Defenders: New Alliances for Protecting IPR” organized by the International Working Group on Indigenous Affairs in September 2018 with the support of the Foreign Ministry of Denmark, resulting in an outcome document that explicitly endorsed and called for follow-up on the recommendations concerning the theme of criminalization and attacks against indigenous human rights defenders in a report presented at the 39th session of the Human Rights Council in September 2018 (A/HRC/39/17). |
| Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children | Engaged in a preliminary discussion with IOM and UNHCR on how to operationalise recommendations on early identification, referral and assistance of victims and potential victims of trafficking in mixed migration movements in a report presented at the 38th session of the Human Rights Council in June 2018 (A/HRC/38/45).  Engaged in a preliminary discussion with academia on how to disseminate and follow up on her recommendations to the UN Security Council on integrating a human rights-based approach to trafficking in the women, peace and security agenda contained in a report presented at the 73rd session of the UN General Assembly in September 2018 (A/73/171). |
| Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation & guarantees of non-recurrence | In follow up to his county visit to Sri Lanka in October 2017, the former Special Rapporteur, Pablo de Greiff, participated as a panellist in a side event on 5 March 2018 during the 37th session of the Human Rights Council on the theme “Transitional justice in Sri Lanka: Will It Deliver for the Victims of Enforced Disappearances?”. On 21 March 2018, the former Special Rapporteur also took the floor in the context of the oral briefings to the Human Rights Council by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on Sri Lanka under agenda item 2. Beforehand, he held a meeting with the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Sri Lanka. |

XIV. External support received by mandate holders in 2018

Thematic mandates

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| **Title** | **Mandate Holder** | **External support received through other sources** | **Earmarked funding by donors received through OHCHR** |
| Working Group of Experts on People of **African Descent** | Ms. Dominique Day (United States of America) | NO external support 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 from the following:  1. Support both in cash US$45,000 and in kind as Office space was received from ‘Under the Same Sun’.  2.One-time cash grant of US$50,000 from Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada for particular event  3. One-time contribution from Open Society Foundation of cash US$150,000 and in kind, for general use of the mandate holder.  4. University of Pretoria, Centre for Human Rights, continuing in kind, admin and research support.  5. Trinity Western University, Canada in kind, multi-year (Research and admin support). |  |
| Working Group on **Arbitrary Detention** | Elina STEINERTE (Latvia) | NO external support received | US$ 122,699.39 from France |
| 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. |
| José GUEVARA  (Mexico) | NO external support received |
| Seong-Phil HONG (Republic of Korea) | NO external support received |
| Leigh TOOMEY (Australia) | Yes external support in kind received through Cambridge University for a part-time research student |
| Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other **business** enterprises | Surya DEVA  (India) | YES, from the following  1. in kind from City University of HK Law School for office space and administrative assistance.  2. In kind assistance provided by the following to WG consultations on gender lens to UNGP: Genpact Centre For Women's Leadership and Ashoka University who co-hosted with UNDP an Asia consultation in Feb 2018; Hivos Foundation, African Coalition for Corporate Accountability, Centre for Applied Legal Studies at Wits University and Kenya Human Rights Commission in Oct 2018;  and Australian Human Rights Commission, Australian Human Rights Institute of UNSW University and RMIT University in Nov 2018. | US$ 60,848 from Norway  US$ 58,740 from Germany  US$ 49,225 from Switzerland |
| Githu MUIGAI  (Kenya) | NO external support received |
| Anita RAMASASTRY (United States of America) | NO external support received |
| Elżbieta KARSKA  (Poland) | NO external support received |
| Dante PESCE  (Chile) | No information received |
| Special Rapporteur in the field of **cultural rights** | Karima BENNOUNE (United States of America) | No information received |  |
| Special Rapporteur on the right to **development** | Saad ALFARAGI (Egypt) | NO external support received | US$50,000 from Russian Federation |
| Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with **disabilities** | Catalina DEVANDAS AGUILAR  (Costa Rica) | YES from the following:  1. Government of Australia (DFAT) AUD 214,437.26 towards annual support; and AUD 420,740 as 2018 allocation for a 3 year project ending in 2020.  2. Ford Foundation – Institute of International Education (IIE) US$50,000 towards provision of research Assistant for a multi-year project ending in 2019.  3. Anonymous donor US$175,000 for two years general support agreement ending in 2019.  4. Open Society Foundations, US$75,000 for a two year general support agreement. | US$ 115,606.94 from Finland  US$50,000 from Russian Federation |
| Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary **Disappearances** | Luciano HAZAN  (Argentina) | NO external support received | US$ 98,159.51 from France  US$ 415,580 from Japan |
| Houria ES SLAMI (Morocco) | NO external support received |
| Bernard DUHAIME (Canada) | NO external support received |
| Tae-Ung BAIK  (Republic of Korea) | NO external support received |
| Henrikas MICKEVICIUS (Lithuania) | NO external support received |
| Special Rapporteur on the right to **education** | Koumbou BOLY  (Burkina Faso) | Yes, external support received in kind regarding a conference on Migration and Education by a network of Swiss NGOs and researchers and CHF 1,970 |  |
| Special Rapporteur on the issue of human rights obligations relating to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable **environment** | David R. BOYD (Canada) | YES, external support in cash of CAD $ 37,5000 was received from the University of British Columbia as a three year grant for general use of the mandate holder to organize activities/ events and for research assistants. |  |
| Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary **executions** | Agnes CALLAMARD (France) | NO external support received |  |
| Special Rapporteur on the right to **food** | Hilal ELVER  (Turkey) | NO external support received | US$ 144,975 from Switzerland |
| 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 from the following: 1. in kind fromFriedrich-Ebert-Stiftung - to organize a side event in March 2018 and also expert meetings in June 2018 in Geneva, in Buenos Aires and Viedma (Argentina).  2. in kind contribution received from ‘Open Society Foundations’ to organize and support: a) an expert meeting in October 2018 in New York, b) presentations of the report to the General Assembly at a panel event organized by the Center for Women’s Global Leadership in New York in October 2018 and another by the Women’s Budget Group in London in December 2018, c) Travel of the IE to Geneva to conduct a consultation with States on the draft guiding principles, d) Preparation of a short and reader-friendly version of the report to the General Assembly.  3. in kind contribution received from Columbia University to organize an expert meeting in October 2018 in New York. |  |
| Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to **freedom of opinion and expression** | David KAYE  (USA) | No information received | EU multi-year contribution towards a joint project of three SP mandate holders continued in 2018. |
| Special Rapporteur on the rights to **freedom of peaceful assembly and of association** | Clement Nyaletsossi VOULE  (Togo) | YES external support received in kind from Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights through provision of office space and research assistants. Also in kind support provided by International Center for Not-for-Profit Law for research assistance on a regular basis. | EU multi-year contribution towards a joint project of three SP mandate holders continued in 2018. |
| 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 a one-time external contribution received from Swiss government of US$35,000 to carry out a study on criminalization of healthcare on the occasion of the 2nd Anniversary of SC Res 2286, in coordination with the University of Essex. In addition, the SR received external support of US$5,000 from Open Society Foundation for implementation in 2018, to strengthen the mental health and human rights engagement and research capacity of the UN SR on the right to health. |  |
| 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 earmarked for specific events as well as for research assistants and provision for office space and admin support. Separately, US$100,000 was received from Ford Foundation for general use by the mandate holder from 1 December 2017 to 30th November 2018. Also €3,000 was received from Misereor Stiftung towards hosting Side Event for the GA report. | US$ 49,079.75 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. A multi-year cash contributions of €240,000/year received from Norway. | EU multi-year contribution towards a joint project of three SP mandate holders continued in 2018. |
| Special Rapporteur on the **independence of judges and lawyers** | Diego GARCIA-SAYAN  (Peru) | YES, external support in kind received from Human Rights Research and Education Centre,  University of Ottawa, on a continuous basis as assistance to draft reports. | US$ 11,655.02 from Austria |
| Special Rapporteur on the rights of **indigenous peoples** | Victoria Lucia TAULI-CORPUZ  (Philippines) | YES, external support received from Tebtebba Foundation of US$26,000 for general use by Mandate Holder as well as office space and research assistants; Multi-year funding from Ford Foundation US$250,000 for general use by the Mandate Holder as well as for research assistants; another multi-year funding from the Christensen Fund for US$50,000 also for general use by the Mandate Holder as well as for research assistants |  |
| Special Rapporteur on the human rights of **internally displaced persons** | Cecilia JIMENEZ-DAMARY  (Philippines) | Yes, external support received from OFDA of USAID for US$ 29,100 as one-time contribution towards travel expenses mainly for working and academic visits. |  |
| Independent expert on the promotion of ademocratic and equitable **international order** | Livingstone SEWANYANA (Uganda) | NO external support received |  |
| Independent Expert on human rights and **international** **solidarity** | Obiora C. OKAFOR (Nigeria) | YES external support received from York University, Toronto, Canada for $20,000 towards research assistants. |  |
| Special Rapporteur on the elimination of discrimination against persons affected by **leprosy** and their family members | Alice CRUZ (Portugal) | NO external support received |  |
| Working Group on the use of [**mercenaries**](http://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 | Chris KWAJA  (Nigeria) | NO external support received |  |
| Lilian BOBEA (Dominican Republic) | No information received |
| Jelena APARAC (Croatia) | No information received |
| Sorcha MACLEOD (UK) | No information received |
| Saeed MOKBIL  (Yemen) | No information received |
| Special Rapporteur on the human rights of **migrants** | Felipe González MORALES  (Chile) | NO external support received |  |
| Special Rapporteur on **minority issues** | Fernand de VARENNES (Canada) | NO external support received | US$50,000 from Russian Federation  US$16,666 from Russian Federation for the Forum on Minorities  US$ 58,275.06 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 including cash support of US$5,000. Ford Foundation contributed US$200,000 for general use by the mandate in 2018. Government of Finland contributed Euro €50,000 for general use of the mandate holder | US$ 115,606.94 from Finland |
| Special Rapporteur on the right to **privacy** | Joseph CANNATACI (Malta) | Yes, external support in kind received from University of Malta /  University of  Groningen as provision of space and research assistants and general use by the mandate holder. In kind earmarked support also received from European Commission for Joint activities with MAPPING project incl. support of civil society expert participation in Rome and Malta meetings redraft legal instrument on surveillance. Cash grant of €18,421.22 was received from University of New  South Wales, Australia towards expenses of  Consultation and dissemination events especially re Big Data and Open Data Conference in Australia during July-Aug 2018. Also cash grant of € 15,572.44 was received from Macquarie  University, Australia towards expenses of  Consultation and dissemination events esp. re Big Data/Open Data Conference Jul-Aug 2018. | US$ 49,079.75 from Germany |
| Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of **racism,** racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance | E. Tendayi ACHIUME (Zambia) | Yes, external support received cash/grant from UCLA School of Law for research assistance through students. Also received one time in kind support from Ford Foundation, who hosted ‘Youth civil society’ consultation in New York. Received another one-time in kind support from Yale Law School towards a Research and Advocacy Fellow for 2018-2019. Also received another one-time in kind support from the organization ‘Race and Equality’ for a civil society consultation in Bogota. | US$50,000 from Russian Federation |
| Special Rapporteur on freedom of **religion or belief** | Ahmed SHAHEED (Maldives) | YES external support in kind received regularly from University of Essex for research assistant and Ralph Bunche Institute, also for a research assistant and office space |  |
| Special Rapporteur on the **sale of children**, child prostitution and child pornography | Maud DE BOER-BUQUICCHIO  (The Netherlands) | NO external support received |  |
| Independent Expert on  protection against violence and discrimination based on **sexual orientation and gender**  **identity** | Victor MADRIGAL-BORLOZ (Costa Rica) | NO external support received |  |
| Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of **slavery**, including its causes and its consequences. | Urmila BHOOLA  (South Africa) | NO external support received |  |
| 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 in kind as well as cash of US$45,000 received from University of Minnesota Law School for general use by the mandate holder, for research assistants, for particular events and provision of office space on a regular basis. One time contribution of US$30,421 from an NGO for particular event of the mandate |  |
| Special Rapporteur on **torture** and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment | Nils MELZER (Switzerland) | No information received |  |
| Special Rapporteur on **trafficking** **in persons**, especially women and children | Maria Grazia GIAMMARINARO  (Italy) | NO external support received | US$ 49,079.75 from Germany  US$ 90,000 from Switzerland |
| Special Rapporteur on the promotion of **truth, justice, reparation & guarantees of non-recurrence** | Fabian SALVIOLI (Argentina) | NO external support received | US$ 49,079.75 from Germany  US$ 3,500 from Argentina |
| Special Rapporteur on the negative impact of **unilateral coercive measures** on the enjoyment of human rights | Idriss JAZAIRY  (Algeria) | YES external support in kind received from Geneva Centre for Human Rights Advancement and Global Dialogue provision of office space and administrative support. | US$50,000 from Russian Federation |
| Special Rapporteur on **violence against women**, its causes and consequences | Dubravka ŠIMONOVIC  (Croatia) | No information received | US$ 42,598.51 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 for research assistant and organization of particular events. | US$49,079.75 from Germany  US$ 6,134.97 from Monaco |
| Working Group on the issue of **discrimination against women in law and in practice** | Elizabeth BRODERICK (Australia) | YES external support in kind received from University of Sydney for research assistants |  |
| Meskerem TECHANE (Ethiopia) | No external support received |
| Ivana RADACIC (Croatia) | No information received |
| Melissa UPRETI (Nepal) | No external support 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** | Anaïs MARIN (Poland) | 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 permitting to undertake missions and attend meetings in Geneva during normal working time as well as funding to attend UPR Working Group meeting in January 2019 |  |
| Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in **Central African Republic** | Marie-Thérèse KEITA BOCOUM  (Côte d’Ivoire) | NO external support received |  |
| 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** | [Daniela KRAVETZ](https://www.ohchr.org/Documents/HRBodies/SP/CallApplications/HRC39/SR_Eritrea/KRAVETZ_Daniela.doc)  Chile | NO external support received |  |
| Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in **the Islamic Republic of Iran** | Javaid REHMAN (Pakistan), | YES, in kind external support received from Brunel university for academic and research support and UK£ 240.82 |  |
| Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in **Mali** | [Alioune TINE](https://www.ohchr.org/Documents/HRBodies/SP/CallApplications/HRC37/Mali/TINEAlioune.doc) (Senegal) | No information received |  |
| Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in **Myanmar** | Yanghee LEE  (Republic of Korea), | YES external support in kind received from Sungkyunkwan University for provision of research assistants, and general support |  |
| Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the **Palestinian territories occupied since 1967** | Stanley Michael LYNK (Canada) | YES, external support in kind received from Western University, London, Ontario, Canada, for clerical assistance and student research. |  |
| Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in **Somalia** | Bahame NYANDUGA (Tanzania) | NO external support 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*** |

XV. Special procedure mandate holders (as at 31 December 2018)

Thematic mandates

| *Mandate* | *Mandate holder* | *Email address* |
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| Working Group of experts on people of African descent | Ms. Dominique Day (United States of America)  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. Livingstone Sewanyana (Uganda)\* | 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. David R. Boyd (Canada) | [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 | Mr. [Nyaletsossi Clément Voule](https://www.ohchr.org/Documents/HRBodies/SP/CallApplications/HRC37/FreedomAssembly/VOULE%20Nyaletsossi%20Clement%20form.doc) (Togo)\* | [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) |
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| 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](http://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. [Jelena Aparac](https://www.ohchr.org/Documents/HRBodies/SP/CallApplications/HRC37/Mercenaries_EasternEuropeanStates/APARACJelena.doc) (Croatia)  Mr. Saeed Mokbil (Yemen)  Ms. Lilian Bobea (Dominican Republic)  Mr. Chris Kwaja (Nigeria)  Ms. Sorcha Macleod (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) | [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 of children, child prostitution and child pornography | Ms. Maud De Boer-Buquicchio  (The Netherlands)\* | srsaleofchildren@ohchr.org |
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| 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. Githu Muigai (Kenya)  Mr. Surya Deva (India)  Ms. Anita Ramasastry (United States of America)\*  Ms. Elzbieta Karska (Poland)  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. Fabian Salvioli (Argentina)\* | 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) |
| Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation | Mr. Léo Heller (Brazil) | [srwatsan@ohchr.org](mailto:srwatsan@ohchr.org) |

Country mandates

| *Mandate* | *Mandate holder* | *Email address* |
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| Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in **Belarus** | Ms. Anais MARIN (France) | [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. Daniela Kravetz (Chile) | [sr-eritrea@ohchr.org](mailto:sr-eritrea@ohchr.org) | |
| Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of **Iran** | Mr. Javaid Rehman (Pakistan) | [sr-iran@ohchr.org](mailto:sr-iran@ohchr.org) | |
| Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in **Mali** | Mr. Alioune TINE (Senegal) | [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-fifth annual meeting. In addition, the following former mandate holders, who have since finished their terms in office, also attended the meeting: Mr. Gabor Rona, former Chair and member of the 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; Ms. Sheila B Keetharuth, former Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Eritrea.*

XVI. List of special procedures mandate holders to be appointed in 2019

**40th session of the Human Rights Council (25 February to 22 March 2019)**

None

**41st session of the Human Rights Council (24 June to 12 July 2019)**

None

**42nd session of the Human Rights Council (9 to 27 September 2019)**

Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Central African Republic [HRC res. 36/25]

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

Thematic mandates

| *Regional Group* | *Country* | *Mandate* |
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| **Single regional sponsors (26 thematic mandates)** | | |
| 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 | 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 | 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 |
| *Regional Group* | *Country* | *Mandate* |
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| **Cross regional sponsors (18 thematic mandates)** | | |
| 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, Asia-Pacific Group, GRULAC, EEG, WEOG | Argentina, India, Nigeria, Norway, Russian Federation | Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises |
| African Group, Asia-Pacific Group, GRULAC | Brazil, Ethiopia, Fiji, Japan, Morocco | Special Rapporteur on the elimination of discrimination against persons affected by leprosy and their family members |
| African Group, GRULAC, WEOG, | Argentina, Switzerland, Morocco | Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence |
| African Group, GRULAC, WEOG | Brazil, Finland, Germany, Namibia | Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living |
| African Group, EEG, WEOG | Austria, Senegal, Slovenia | Special Rapporteur on minority issues |
| African Group, WEOG | Austria, Uganda | Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons |
| 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 of children, child prostitution and child pornography |
| 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**

| *Regional Groups* | *Country* | *Mandate* |
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| **Single regional sponsors (6 country mandates)** | | |
| 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, United States of America | 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, WEOG | Somalia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland | Independent Expert on the situation of Human Rights in Somalia |
| 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 the Syrian Arab Republic |
| EEG, WEOG | European Union | Special Rapporteur on the situation of Human Rights in Myanmar |
| EEG, WEOG | European Union | Special Rapporteur on the situation of Human Rights in Belarus |
| Asia-Pacific Group, EEG, WEOG | European Union, Japan | Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea |

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

XIX. Non-exhaustive list of forums, consultations, workshops, expert meetings and other events organized by mandate holders in 2018

Thematic mandates

| *Mandate* |  | *Description of events organized by mandate holders* |
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| Working Group of Experts on people of African Descent |  | From 19 to 23 March, the Working Group held its 22nd session in Geneva on the theme “Framework for a Declaration on the Promotion and Full Respect of Human Rights of People of African descent”. The conclusions and recommendations of the session were presented to the 39th session of the Human Rights Council (A/HRC/39/69) and also shared during the 16th session of the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Effective Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action discussion on the elaboration of a draft declaration on the promotion and full respect of human rights of people of African descent.  On 29 October, the Working Group organized a side event entitled “Towards a Declaration on the Promotion and Respect of the Rights of People of African Descent” at the UNHQ in New York. The Chairperson of the Working Group moderated a panel that included the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, the Chairperson of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and the Director of OHCHR-NYO |
| Independent Expert on the enjoyment of human rights of persons with albinism |  | On 19 and 20 February 2018, the Independent Expert organized a regional strategy meeting for civil society, at which targets were developed for the Regional Action Plan on Albinism in Africa (2017-2021) and these where linked to targets of the Sustainable Development Goals.[1]  As a follow-up to the expert workshop on witchcraft and human rights, held in Geneva on 21 and 22 September 2017 (A/HRC/37/57/Add.2),[2] the Independent Expert, with the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary General on Violence against Children and civil society organizations,[3] organized a side event on 7 March 2018 on the impact of witchcraft beliefs and practices on children.  On 9 March 2018, the Independent Expert organized a workshop on albinism and human rights during the committee sessions of the Pan-African Parliament, held in South Africa. On 16 May 2018, she was invited to address the plenary of the Parliament. These events led to the Parliament’s endorsement of the Regional Action Plan on Albinism via a resolution[4] in which the Parliament referred to the work of the Independent Expert and called for effective protection of the human rights of persons with albinism.  On the margins of the thirty-eighth session of the Human Rights Council, the Independent Expert commemorated International Albinism Awareness Day on 13 June 2018 with a photo exhibition titled “Albinism: shining our light to the world”.[5] In September 2018, she organized an exhibition on witchcraft and human rights worldwide.[6]  On 20 and 21 September 2018, the Independent Expert collaborated with Trinity Western University to organize a multisectoral round table on albinism and human rights. The meeting’s objective was to build consensus on priorities for research, advocacy and policy.  Within the framework of the Addis Ababa road map, the Independent Expert and the African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights organized a panel on albinism during its sixty-third regular session of the Commission, held in Banjul, where a progress report was presented on the Regional Action Plan on Albinism. At the same session, the Independent Expert also organized a side event and a photo exhibition, with the support of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR).  Throughout the year, the Independent Expert engaged with scores of media, researchers and conferences, notably the 4th European Days of Albinism, held from 7 to 11 March 2018, and the first international albinism conference in Asia, held on 9 November 2018 in Tokyo. She also collaborated with the Salif Keita Global Foundation on a national symposium on the rights of persons with albinism, held in Mali on 15 November 2018. |
| Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises |  | On 20 and 21 February, the Working Group convened an Asia regional consultation on the gender dimensions of the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs), which was hosted by Ashoka University’s Genpact Centre for Women’s Leadership (GCWL) in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Asia-Pacific and UN Women, at Ashoka University’s campus in Sonipat (near New Delhi) in India. The consultation brought together about 150 participants from more than 30 countries.  On 30 April, the Working Group convened a consultation on the gender dimensions of the UNGPs organized in collaboration with the OHCHR Regional Office for the Pacific in Suva, Fiji. Apart from UN agencies, civil society organizations (CSOs) and businesses, the Honourable Mereseini Vuniwaqa, who is the Minister for Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation of Fiji, also participated in this consultation.  On 17 May, the Working Group convened an open multi-stakeholder consultation on corporate human rights due diligence as part of the consultations for its 2018 report that it presented to the UN General Assembly in September 2018 (A/73/163).  On 12 October, the Working Group convened an African regional consultation in Nairobi on the gender dimensions of the UNGPs. It was co-hosted by the Centre for Applied Legal Studies of the University of the Witwatersrand (CALS), Hivos Foundation, the Kenya Human Rights Commission (KHRC), the African Coalition for Corporate Accountability (ACCA) and the OHCHR.  On 14 and 15 November, the Working Group convened another consultation on the gender dimensions of the UNGPs in Sydney, Australia. The event was co-hosted by the Australian Human Rights Commission, the Australian Human Rights Institute and the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT) University’s Centre for People, Organisation and Work (CPOW).  From 26 to 28 November, the Working Group chaired the 7th annual UN Forum on Business and Human Rights held in Palais des Nations in Geneva, Switzerland. The Forum brought together more than 2,700 registered participants from more than 130 countries, including a record high participation of the private sector (29% of the total registered participants). Under the theme “Business respect for human rights – building on what works”, the Forum programme included more than 70 thematic sessions that focused on emerging practices in different sectors and across value chains, what human rights due diligence implies in relation to specific human rights risks and impacts, including groups at particular risk, and on other “hot” topics, such as the connection between human rights due diligence and artificial intelligence, automation, block chain technology, the role of tech companies in society, civic freedoms and human rights defenders, climate justice and the transition to a green economy, responsible tax conduct, corporate engagement on the SDGs and business in conflict areas, amongst others. |
| Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights |  | On 28 February and 1 March, the Special Rapporteur convened an expert consultation on “Strengthening the Cultural Rights Approach to the Universality of Human Rights: Challenges, Opportunities and Strategies” in Geneva. The aim of the meeting was to identify the ways in which cultural rights can strengthen universality and its interlinkages and synergies with cultural diversity. It also sought to identify strategies for articulating universality in a thoughtful and effective manner and for responding to the current attacks on this foundational concept so as to enhance the enjoyment of human rights, including cultural rights, without discrimination.  On 20 March, the Special Rapporteur convened a consultation on the theme of “Strengthening the Cultural Rights Approach to the Universality of Human Rights” in the framework of the 62nd session of the Commission on the Status of Women in New York.  On 23 October, the Special Rapporteur held a side event during the 73rd session of the UN General Assembly in New York on “The Universality of Human Rights, Cultural Diversity and Cultural Rights: A Cultural Rights Celebration of the 70th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights” in which the Special Rapporteur discussed her report submitted to the UN General Assembly (A/73/227). On the same day, she held a Facebook Live event on the same topic with literature Nobel Price Mr. Wole Soyinka.  The Special Rapporteur also launched an open consultation and received numerous inputs from relevant partners to inform her next thematic report, which will be presented at the 40th session of the Human Rights Council, that commemorates the 10th anniversary of the mandate and takes stock of the impact of the work of the cultural rights mandate (A/HRC/40/53). |
| Special Rapporteur on the right to development |  | The Special Rapporteur on the right to development has initiated the process of convening a series of regional consultations throughout 2018 and 2019 with representatives of Member States from their respective regions, United Nations agencies, intergovernmental organizations, civil society and the private sector, the aim of which is to identify good practices in designing, implementing, monitoring and assessing policies and programs that contribute to the realization of the right to development in various regions. In 2018, the mandate held four out of five regional consultations that occurred in March (for the African Group of States), June (for the Western European and Others and Eastern European Groups of States), October (for Latin American and Caribbean Group of States), and December (for Asia-Pacific Group of States). The final consultation is planned for the first quarter of 2019. |
| Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities |  | From 23 to 24 April, the Special Rapporteur organized, together with the Human Rights Commission of the International Union of Notaries, a technical meeting in Geneva on the role of the notary in upholding the right of persons with disabilities to exercise legal capacity. Discussions focused on progress and challenges in the recognition of the legal capacity of persons with disabilities in the exercise of the notarial function and to strengthen the collaboration between international human rights mechanisms, notaries and organizations of persons with disabilities.  From 15 to 16 May, the Special Rapporteur organized an expert consultation on the right of persons with disabilities to the highest attainable standard of health in Geneva. The purpose was to identify gaps and challenges in the implementation of existing international and regional human rights frameworks in relation to the right of persons with disabilities to health and to document CRPD-compliant practices for the equal enjoyment of this right.  On 8 and 9 November, the Special Rapporteur hosted an Expert Group Meeting on persons with disabilities and the justice system, in particular, on how to ensure their rights to legal capacity and access to justice. The main purpose was to discuss the implementation of the right to legal capacity and access to justice in the context of the administration of justice. |
| Special Rapporteur on the issue of human rights obligations relating to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment |  | From 22 to 23 October, the mandate organized an expert meeting in New York on challenges and opportunities for human rights and the environment in partnership with UN Environment Programme, SwedBio and Terre des Hommes. The meeting provided a unique opportunity to ensure a smooth hand-over between the new special rapporteur (David R. Boyd as of August 2018) and the former special rapporteur (John H. Knox) who served from 2012 to 2018. Around 25 experts who have been working on human rights and the environment as well as with the mandate for the past years participated in the meeting. They discussed achievements as well as lessons learned for the past six years and also identified priorities as well as strategies for the coming years. |
| Special Rapporteur on the right to food |  | On 28 February, the Special Rapporteur on the right to food organized an expert consultation in Geneva on the topic of her thematic report on the situation of agricultural workers that was presented to the UN General Assembly in October 2018 (A/73/164). This consultation provided an opportunity to consult and share views with relevant partners and stakeholders in their areas of expertise to help inform and shape the thematic report. |
| 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 |  | From 2 to 3 July, the Independent Expert organized an expert consultation entitled “Development of Guiding Principles for Human Rights Impact Assessments of Economic Reform Policies” in Geneva. This consultation was organized in collaboration with Friedrich Ebert Stiftung and was the second expert meeting of this kind, which provided participants from different regions of the world the opportunity to provide input based on their expertise and experience on the development of the Guiding Principles.  From 1 to 2 October, the Independent Expert held a final expert consultation in New York on developing Guiding Principles for Human Rights Impact Assessments of Economic Reform Policies. A group of 30 representatives of a wide range of organizations, institutions, networks and universities from around the world participated in the consultation. It provided them with the opportunity to contribute their expertise and experience to the development of the Guiding Principles for Human Rights Impact Assessments for Economic Reform Policies.  On 9 November, the Independent Expert held a public consultation with States in Geneva on the development of the Guiding Principles on Human Rights Impact Assessments for Economic Reform Policies. A draft of the Guiding Principles in English has also been available online for open consultation since 24 August. |
| Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression |  | On 29 February, the Special Rapporteur organized an expert consultation on the issue of artificial intelligence and human rights in preparation of his thematic report presented to the 73rd General Assembly (A/73/348). The consultation was held in Geneva, Switzerland, and brought together around 30 experts from all regions.  On 27 and 28 November, the Special Rapporteur organized a workshop in Berlin, Germany, on the involvement of local actors in the development and enforcement of social media content policies and processes.  From 18 to 19 June, the Special Rapporteur convened an expert meeting on the impact of artificial intelligence and artificial intelligence-assisted technologies on the enjoyment of freedom of opinion and expression in Geneva, Switzerland.  From 18 to 19 December, the Special Rapporteur, together with the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders and the Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association, convened an expert meeting on “Digital Attacks on Civil society: Private Surveillance and Government” in Bangkok, Thailand. |
| Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association |  | In June and July, the Special Rapporteur convened consultations in Geneva with all regional groups in order to consult with Member States on their views of the mandate with the purpose of preparing the mandate’s 2018 to 2021 Plan of Action and to shape his vision of the mandate’s forthcoming work and activities.  From 11 to 12 October, in conjunction with the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights, the Special Rapporteur organized a consultation to discuss the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association in the digital age as the main theme of the report that will be presented at the 41st session of the Human Rights Council in June 2019.  On 17 October, the Special Rapporteur, together with the Civic Space Initiative, organized a side event in New York on how the realization of the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association contribute to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which was based on his recent report presented to the UN General Assembly. |
| Special Rapporteur on the implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes |  | From 16 to 17 May, the Special Rapporteur organized an expert meeting in Geneva called “Toward Principles on the Rights of Workers and Toxic chemicals”. The meeting, which took the form of an open dialogue, focused on the main recommendations concerning workers’ protection from exposure to toxic and hazardous chemicals that the Special Rapporteur presented at the 39th Session of the Human Rights Council.  On 8 June, the Special Rapporteur convened a consultation and briefing in Geneva with representatives of Member States on the report on workers’ protection from exposure to toxic and hazardous chemicals that was later presented at the 39th Session of the Human Rights Council.  On 13 September, the Special Rapporteur organized a side event in Geneva in parallel to the 39th session of the Human Rights Council entitled “Exploitation by Exposure: Workers’ Rights and Toxic Exposures”.  On 22 October, the Special Rapporteur organized a side event in New York in parallel to the 73rd session of the UN General Assembly entitled “Exploitation by Exposure: Human Rights and Toxic Exposures”.  On 28 November, the Special Rapporteur convened a joint expert meeting in Geneva with the WHO and ILO to discuss the report on workers’ protection from exposure to toxic and hazardous chemicals presented to 39th session of the Human Rights Council and the principles contained therein, with a view toward further elaborating the 15 principles. |
| Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health |  | On 25 January, the Special Rapporteur convened an expert meeting in London, UK, on his report on the right to health and deprivation of liberty (A/HRC/38/36) that was presented to the thirty-eight session of the Human Rights Council in June 2018.  On 24 April, the Special Rapporteur organized a regional consultation on the right to mental health and people on the move in Athens, Greece. The consultation provided a means for the Special Rapporteur to engage with civil society organisations working with refugees, migrants, and asylum seekers to inform and support the development of his upcoming thematic report to the UN General Assembly (A/73/216).  On 13 June, the Special Rapporteur convened an expert meeting on the right to mental health and people on the move in Beirut, Lebanon. The consultation provide a means for the Special Rapporteur to engage with a final group of senior experts to provide feedback and guidance on the final draft version of his thematic report to the UN General Assembly (A/73/216). |
| Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders |  | In July, the Special Rapporteur held a consultation with women human rights defenders in New York, in preparation of his thematic report on women human rights defenders, as part of his continuous efforts to promote and protect women human rights defenders. On 6 December he also held an expert consultation with women human rights defenders and experts to validate the main findings of his report.  On 5 October 2018, the Special Rapporteur organised a meeting of human rights defenders in Paris to reflect on the ways forward on the implementation of the Declaration on human rights defenders, 20 years after its adoption.  The Special Rapporteur supported and played a leading role in the organisation of the Second World Summit on Human Rights Defenders held in Paris from 29 to 31 October. He gave a keynote speech during the opening ceremony. |
| Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples |  | In March 2018, the Special Rapporteur convened an expert consultation on the issue of criminalisation and attacks faced by indigenous human rights defenders. Representatives of indigenous peoples, civil society organizations and human rights mechanisms participated in the consultation, which focused on the particular risks faced by indigenous peoples, their causes and consequences as well as necessary protection measures. In addition, a consultation with indigenous representatives took place in April 2018 on the side-lines of the 17th session of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues. The two consultations, as well as 70 written submissions, provided inputs for the preparation of the thematic report that was presented at the 39th session of the Human Rights Council in September 2018 (A/HRC/39/17). |
| Independent Expert on human rights and international solidarity |  | On 20 June, the Independent Expert was the keynote speaker at a side-event during 38th session of the Human Rights Council on migration and international solidarity organized by the International Catholic Migration Commission, APG 23 and other civil society organizations. The Independent Expert outlined the focus of his upcoming reports, which will include good practices, existing gaps and intersecting issues with regard to migration, and stressed the importance of solidarity in dealing with migration. |
| 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 |  | On 17 October, one of the Working Group’s members delivered a lecture during a hearing of the Standing Committee on Peace and International Security (Committee) of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) on the “Non-admissibility of Using Mercenaries as a Means of Undermining Peace and Violating Human Rights” and contributed to the exchange of views between the Committee and experts on the interlinkages between mercenaries and mercenary-related activities in all their forms and manifestations, including foreign fighters as well as private military and security companies. |
| Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants |  | On 6 March, the OHCHR organized an expert meeting on protecting the human rights of migrants in the context of return, which the Special Rapporteur used as an opportunity to gather additional expert input for his thematic report on return and reintegration that was presented at the 38th session of the Human Rights Council (A/HRC/38/41).  From 9 to 13 July, the Special Rapporteur attended the last round of negotiations on the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM) held in New York. He participated in the informal dialogue with stakeholders organized by the co-facilitators (Mexico and Switzerland) and in the technical roundtable on human rights protection organized by the OHCHR.  On 9 December, the Special Rapporteur co-organized a side event to the Intergovernmental Conference to Adopt the Global Compact on Migration. The side event addressed the role of Special Procedures and Treaty Bodies in the implementation, follow-up and review of the Global Compact, and it also provided a very welcome opportunity for mandate holders, State representatives, and civil society actors to discuss this important issue. In addition to the Special Rapporteur, the panel of the side event was also composed of the Special Rapporteur on trafficking, the Special Rapporteur on racism, and the Chair of the Committee on Migrant Workers. |
| Special Rapporteur on minority issues |  | In May, the Special Rapporteur on minority issues organized a two-day regional expert consultation workshop on the theme of statelessness and minority rights. The workshop’s outcome and recommendations were used to assist the drafting of the Special Rapporteur’s 2018 annual report to the UN General Assembly that addressed statelessness from a minority perspective (A/73/205). This consultation provided the opportunity to consult and share views with relevant partners and stakeholders in their areas of expertise with a view toward informing and shaping the report. The report also provided substantive input into the 11th UN Forum on Minority Issues, which was on the same topic, held from 29 to 30 November in Geneva.  The 11th UN Forum on Minority Issues, which attracted more than 600 participants, was convened on the theme “Statelessness: A Minority Issue”. It was chaired by Ms. Rita Izsák-Ndiaye, the former Special Rapporteur on minority issues and current member of CERD, and guided by the current Special Rapporteur. As statelessness is a human rights issue that disproportionately affects minorities around the world, the Forum aimed at addressing the interrelatedness and interconnection between the promotion and protection of the human rights of persons belonging to national, ethnic, religious or linguistic minorities and statelessness. |
| Special Rapporteur on the right to privacy |  | From 18 to 19 January, the Special Rapporteur hosted a meeting in Rome on his proposed “Draft Legal Instrument on Government-led Surveillance and Privacy”, where he presented a preliminary text for its discussion by practitioners, academics and civil society organizations.  From 12 to 14 February, the Special Rapporteur hosted the final meeting on his EU-funded MAPPING Project (Managing Alternatives for Privacy, Property and Internet Governance) in Malta, where he discussed his “Draft Legal Instrument on Government-led Surveillance and Privacy”, cyber-security, and EU as well as Council of Europe legal frameworks on privacy, freedom of expression online and encryption, etc. with corporations, practitioners, academics and civil society organizations.  From 5 to 6 September, the Special Rapporteur hosted a meeting of his Taskforce on the Use of Personal Data by Corporations in Malta with members of academia, business corporations and civil society organizations. Topics included business models and personal data, encryption and self-regulation.  From 29 to 30 November, the Special Rapporteur hosted the Third International Intelligence Oversight Forum (IIOF) at the Parliament of Malta, which was attended by over 55 participants from Europe, the Americas and Asia-Pacific, including members of national intelligence, oversight bodies and intelligence agencies, academics and representatives of civil society organizations. The theme of the Third Forum in 2018 was “Latest Challenges to Intelligence Oversight in a Democracy”, and topics included training, cooperation and intelligence sharing, data protection and retention in law enforcement, etc. |
| Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance |  | On 22 March, the Special Rapporteur co-organized, with Columbia University and the US Human Rights Network, a civil society organization (CSO) consultation in New York on “setting an international human rights anti-racism agenda in the shadow of populist nationalism”.  On 3 July, during the 38th session of the Human Rights Council, the Special Rapporteur organized a CSO consultation on populist nationalism.  On 4 July, the Special Rapporteur, along with the OHCHR migration team and Mexico, co-organized a side event on “challenging contemporary forms of racism, including laws, policies, practices and narratives against migrants and others associated with migration” during the 38th session of the Human Rights Council.  During the 73rd session of the UN General Assembly, the Special Rapporteur convened two side events. In the first event, she convened an informal consultation with racial-equality focused youth organization grantees of the Ford Foundation. In the second event, she organized a side event about ascendant nationalist populist ideologies and strategies sobering threat to racial equality.  In November, the Special Rapporteur, along with the University of Geneva, co-organized a workshop entitled “human rights, racial equality and new information: mapping the structural threats”. |
| Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief |  | On 28 June 2018, the Special Rapporteur co-convened, with the American Jewish Committee’s Jacob Blaustein Institute for the Advancement of Human Rights, an expert stakeholder consultation in Geneva on monitoring and combatting antisemitism. |
| Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children, including child prostitution, child pornography and other child sexual abuse material |  | On 11 October, the Special Rapporteur organized an expert meeting on effectively implementing the SDGs from a child rights perspective at the margins of her presentation to the UN General Assembly. The meeting brought together key child rights stakeholders involved in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and was aimed at discussing strategies to ensure that the 2019 Voluntary National Reviews and the High-level Political Forum effectively integrate a child rights perspective and to follow up on the recommendations of her report to the UN General Assembly (A/73/174). |
| Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity |  | On 19 June, the Independent Expert organized an open consultation on the legal recognition of gender identity and destigmatization through depathologization. Representatives of States, UN agencies, programmes and funds, civil society organizations, religious communities and interfaith groups, medical professionals and other interested stakeholders participated in the consultation. In addition, a consultation with trans human rights defenders and meetings with various experts took place in June 2018. These consultations, as well as written submissions, provided inputs for the preparation of the thematic report that was presented at the 73rd session of the UN General Assembly in October 2018 (A/73/152).  The Independent Expert acted as the focal point for the UN human rights mechanisms for the organization of the second joint thematic dialogue on sexual orientation, gender identity and intersex related issues between the IACHR, the ACHPR, and UN human rights mechanisms that was held from 26 to 28 March. |
| Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery, including its causes and its consequences |  | From 11 to 12 April, the Special Rapporteur held an expert roundtable, which was attended by survivors, the ILO and NGO representatives, on “the gender dimension of contemporary forms of slavery, its causes and consequences: challenges, opportunities and strategies to eradicate the phenomena and their particular effect on women and girls”, which provided input for the thematic report on the issue that was presented at the 73rd session of the UN General Assembly (A/73/139).  On 26 October, the Special Rapporteur and the Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons held a joint side event at UNHQ in New York on the gendered dimensions of contemporary forms of slavery and of trafficking in persons. The event was moderated by the ILO Director in New York and panellists included the two Special Rapporteurs, a representative of the UN University, the Freedom Fund and the Center for Women’s Global Leadership. |
| Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children |  | In February 2018, the Special Rapporteur, in addition to the visit previously carried out in Catania (Italy) in October 2017, undertook two additional thematic visits to Portugal and FRONTEX HQ to inform her thematic report on early identification, referral and assistance of victims and potential victims of trafficking in persons in mixed migration movements, which was presented at the 38th session of the Human Rights Council in June 2018 (A/HRC/38/45).  On 1 March, the Special Rapporteur organized an expert consultation with multi-stakeholder initiatives and trade unions on the importance of integrating workers’ voice when tackling trafficking for the purpose of forced labour and labour exploitation in supply chains.  On 21 June, she co-organized, together with Ms Nevena Vuckovic Sahovic, former Chair of the UN Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery, a side-event on trafficking of women and girls during the 38th session of the Human Rights Council.  On 26 October, the Special Rapporteur, together with the Special Rapporteur on slavery, held a joint side event in New York during the 73rd session of the UN General Assembly on the gendered dimensions of contemporary forms of slavery and trafficking in persons. The event was moderated by the ILO Director in New York and panellists included the two Special Rapporteurs, a representative of the UN University, the Freedom Fund and the Center for Women’s Global Leadership.  On 25 and 27 October 2018, the Special Rapporteur organized consultations with civil society organizations and pro-bono lawyers in New York and Washington D.C. to present the main findings of her report on the gender dimension of trafficking in persons in conflict and post-conflict settings as it relates to the women and peace and security agenda of the Security Council that was presented at the 73rd session of the UN General Assembly (A/73/171) and to gather challenges and promising practices on social inclusion of victims of trafficking to inform her report that will be presented to the Human Rights Council in 2019.  From 13 to 14 December 2018, the Special Rapporteur organized the first round of expert consultations in Geneva focused on the Americas and Europe to inform her thematic report on challenges and innovative and transformative models of social inclusion of victims of trafficking that will be presented to the Human Rights Council in June 2019. The consultations included the participation of civil society organizations, regional mechanisms (CoE and IACHR) and UN agencies (IOM, ILO, UNODC, UN Women). |
| Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation & guarantees of non-recurrence |  | On 5 March, the former Special Rapporteur, Pablo de Greiff, convened, together with the Special Adviser of the Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide, a high-level side event at the thirty-seventh session of the Human Rights Council to launch their joint study on the contribution of transitional justice to the prevention of gross violations and abuses of human rights and serious violations of international humanitarian law. Panellists included the former Special Rapporteur and the Special Adviser of the Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide, the Special Envoy of the African Union on Women, Peace and Security (Bineta Diop), the Regional Director for Asia Pacific at the Open Society Foundation (Binaifer Nowrojee), Marko Milanovic from the University of Nottingham and Rama Mani from the University of Oxford. The event was moderated by journalist and broadcaster Tim Sebastian.  From 6 to 7 December, the Special Rapporteur, Fabian Salvioli, convened an expert meeting on “Practical Experiences of Domestic Reparations Programmes”. |
| Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation |  | On 12 November, the Special Rapporteur organized a regional expert consultation on impact of mega projects on the human rights to water and sanitation to inform a thematic report that will be presented to the UN General Assembly in 2019.  On 11 and 12 September, the Special Rapporteur organized two civil society roundtables on the impact of mega projects on the human rights to water and sanitation to obtain inputs for a thematic report that will be presented to the UN General Assembly in 2019 and for another thematic report concerning human rights to water and sanitation in public spaces that will be presented at the 42nd session of the Human Rights Council in 2019.  From 14 to 17 May, the Special Rapporteur organized two expert consultations on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation of forcibly displaced persons to obtain inputs for the thematic report presented at the 39th session of the Human Rights Council (A/HRC/39/55) and on the principle of accountability in the context of the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation to inform the thematic report presented to the UN General Assembly in 2018 (A/73/162).  From 18 to 23 March 2018, the Special Rapporteur participated in the 8th World Water Forum and Alternative World Water Forum held in Brazil. |

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| Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Central African Republic | From 26 to 28 April, the Independent Expert concluded a visit to Gabon for regional talks on the situation in CAR pursuant to the Human Rights Council’s Resolution 36/25 that requests the Independent Expert “to work closely with all United Nations bodies, the African Union and the Economic Community of Central African States”.  From 26 to 28 June, the Independent Expert concluded consultations in New York with relevant United Nations bodies, other international organizations concerned and donors on the situation in CAR. |

XX. Engagement with other parts of the United Nations system and regional mechanisms (non-exhaustive list)

Special procedures mandate holders engaged and/or undertook joint activities with a large range of stakeholders, such as:

(a) The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights Commissioner, including the High Commissioner, the Deputy High Commissioner and the ASG for human rights including in his capacity as senior UN representative leading the efforts within the UN system to address intimidation and reprisals against those cooperating with the UN on human rights.

(b) Other human rights mechanisms, such as Treaty Bodies, the Universal Periodic Review, the UN Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery, the UN Business and Human Rights Forum, the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous, the Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Peoples.

(c) Other UN bodies and representatives such as: the Secretary-General, the Deputy Secretary-General, the Under Secretary-General Advisor on policy, the Executive Office of the Secretary-General, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on conflict-related sexual violence, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence against Children, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for International Migration, the Special Adviser of the Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide, the Assistant Secretary-General for Peacebuilding Support, the UN Victims’ Rights Advocate, UN Women, UNFPA, WHO, ILO, UNICEF, UNESCO UNDP, UNHCR, UNEP, WHO, OCHA UNCTAD, FAO, United Nations Country Teams, Peacekeeping and political missions, the Inter-Agency Standing Committee, the UN sustainable development group, the UN Global Compact, the Department of political and peacebuilding affairs, the Department of peace operations, the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the Department of Global Communications, the Department of safety and security, the Department for General Assembly and conference management, the UN Statistics Division, the Inter-Agency Support Group for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators, the UN Partnership to Promote the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the Inter-Agency Coordination Group against Trafficking in Persons, the Expert and Advisory Board Meeting of the UN Global Study on Children Deprived of Liberty, the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force and the Counter-Terrorism Executive Directorate, the Economic Community for Latin America and the Caribbean, the Economic Commission for Europe, the OECD, International Trade Union Confederation and the International Organization of Employers.

(d) Other UN intergovernmental bodies such as the Security Council and its Committees, the General Assembly, the High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, the Katowice Climate Change Conference, the Global Compact on Migration, the Commission for Social Development, the Commission on the Status of women, the Open ended Intergovernmental Working group in charge of preparation of a legally binding international instrument on trans-national corporations and other business enterprises, the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the World Food Security Conference of the Parties of the UNTOC on the prevention of trafficking for the purpose of forced labour.

(e) Special procedures mandate holders engaged and/or undertook joint activities with regional mechanisms, including the European Union (European Commission, European External Action Service); the Council of Europe, including the Commissioner for Human Rights; the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, including its Human Dimension Committee; the Inter-American system, including the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights; the African system, including the African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights and the African Court on Human and Peoples’ rights, , the African Union; the Organization of American States, the International Organisation of La Francophonie and the Commonwealth.

1. \* Reproduced as received, in the language of submission only. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. Djibouti was visited by the mandate holders on the situation of human rights in Somalia (in 2011) and in Eritrea (in 2013) but has not yet accepted a visit from other mandate holders concerning its human rights situation. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. Lesotho agreed to the visit of the Special Rapporteur on the rights to water and sanitation scheduled from the 4 to 15 February 2019. [↑](#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. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
6. In November 2018, Zimbabwe extended an invitation to six mandate holders – the Special Rapporteur on the right to food, the Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights, the Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers, the Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association, the Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences, and the Special Rapporteur on the negative impact of the unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights – to visit the country. Two visits – by the Special Rapporteur on the right to food and the Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association – have so far been confirmed for 2019. [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
7. Since 2018, only the substantive replies are counted to determine reply rate to communications. [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
8. All references to Kosovo in the present document should be understood to be in compliance with Security Council resolution 1244 (1999). [↑](#footnote-ref-9)
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