

**OEIGWG Chair-Rapporteur 2026 Roadmap¹ for the implementation of HRC
Decision 56/116, including the intersessional thematic consultations towards
the 12th session of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group
(OEIGWG) on transnational corporations and other business enterprises
with respect to human rights**

- **February 2026** (2 days during second week): First intersessional thematic consultation, focused on: Articles 12 to 24 of the Updated draft legally binding instrument, including on the textual proposals submitted by States during the eleventh session.
- **March 2026** (exact date tbc as per HRC 61 programme of work): Presentation of the report of the 11th session of the OEIGWG to the 61th regular session of the Human Rights Council.
- **April 2026** (2 days during third week): Second intersessional thematic consultation, focused on: Article 1 (Definitions), 2 (Statement of purpose) and Preamble.
- **June 2026** (2 days during first week): Third intersessional thematic consultation, focused on: Art. 3 (Scope) and a general overview of the text and the way forward.
- **September 2026** (half a day during the first week): Informal consultation on a proposed programme of work and methodology for the 12th session of the OEIGWG, and a proposed 2027 roadmap, including the intersessional thematic consultations towards the 13th session of the OEIGWG².
- **Mid-September 2026**: Publication of the summary report of the 2026 intersessional thematic consultations mandated by HRC Decision 56/116.
- **October 2026** (first week): Publication of the revised programme of work and methodology for the 12th session of the OEIGWG; and publication of the revised 2027 roadmap for the implementation of HRC Decision 56/116, including the intersessional thematic consultations towards the 13th session of the OEIGWG³.
- **October 2026** (second week): Briefings to regional groups on the 12th session of the OEIGWG.

- **19-23 October 2026: 12th session of the OEIGWG.**

¹ The implementation of this 2026 roadmap, and in particular the intersessional thematic consultations, are subject to the allotment of resources given to UNOG and OHCHR for the implementation for both staff and activities related to the PBI (Programme budget implications) of HRC Decision 56/116 for 2026. Therefore, all dates for consultations reflected in this document will be confirmed through the progressive publication of the respective formal invitation from the Secretariat of the OEIGWG.

² A proposed programme of work and methodology for the 12th session of the OEIGWG and a proposed 2027 roadmap will be circulated in advance.

³ The implementation of the 2027 will be subject to the allotment of resources given to UNOG and OHCHR in relation to HRC Decision 56/116.

Methodology of the intersessional thematic consultations towards the 12th session of the OEIGWG:

- This methodology is conceived as a “living document”, subject to practical adjustments and improvements according to the developments of the intersessional thematic consultations towards the 12th session of the OEIGWG, for which the Chair-Rapporteur remains open to receive any suggestions from States and non-State stakeholders, with a view to enhance the implementation of HRC decision 56/116 and the achievement of the objective of HRC Resolution 26/9.
- Approximately two weeks prior to each intersessional thematic consultation, the Chair-Rapporteur will make available a short non-paper addressing the core elements of the relevant article(s) and theme(s) under the respective cluster, based on the concrete comments, proposals and/or questions presented by States and non-State stakeholders during the 9th, 10th or 11th session of the OEIGWG, as appropriate, including in particular the main areas of divergence.
- Each non-paper will be prepared jointly between the Chair-Rapporteur and the legal experts, will be presented by the Chair under his responsibility, will not have any legal status, and will not replace the “Updated draft legally binding instrument with the textual proposals submitted by States during the ninth, tenth and eleventh sessions” as the basis for the negotiations. Such non-papers will only be conceived as “food for thought” to trigger focused discussions and allow a better understanding of the implications of diverse language options identified during the 11th and former sessions.
- During the first part of each intersessional thematic consultation the Chair-Rapporteur will introduce a non-paper addressing the core elements of the relevant article(s) and theme(s) under the respective cluster, taking into account the comments and proposals presented by States and non-State stakeholders during the relevant session(s) of the OEIGWG, including in particular the main areas of divergence.
- Following the introduction of the non-paper, the Chair-Rapporteur will request comments from States and non-State stakeholders, on the non-paper addressing the core elements of the relevant article(s) and theme(s) under the respective cluster. State delegations do not have a specific time limit for their interventions in this segment, but are strongly encouraged to keep those interventions focused on comments on the non-paper, and additional or updated textual proposals. Delegations from non-State stakeholders should limit their interventions to a maximum of 2 minutes for joint interventions, and 1.5 minutes for individual comments and textual proposals, with the same focused approach.
- At any moment of the intersessional consultations, States and other relevant stakeholders may address specific questions to the legal experts, through the Chair-Rapporteur, in relation to the non-paper and the core elements of the relevant article(s) and theme(s), including the main areas of divergence mentioned above. The Chair-Rapporteur will require that responses and advice from the legal experts remain concise and technical, with a view to promote an inclusive, constructive, interactive and effective dialogue among States, and to facilitate the understanding of the legal implications of the proposals, as well as the identification of possible elements of convergence.
- During or after the intersessional consultations and depending on the development of the discussions and the remaining time available, the Chair-Rapporteur may present proposal(s) with language options with possible solutions to the divergences in the “Updated draft legally binding instrument with the textual proposals submitted by States during the ninth, tenth and eleventh session”, including, as appropriate, legal sources justifying those options, for the consideration and discussion by the States and other non-State relevant stakeholders. Possible solutions to divergences will not have any legal status, without prejudice to their possible further consideration by the OEIGWG at its next regular session.
- Around one month prior to the 12th session of the OEIGWG, the Chair-Rapporteur will make available a factual summary report of the intersessional thematic consultations, with a view to inform and support that session of the OEIGWG, in accordance with the mandate of Decision 56/116.