THE SDGs AND HUMAN RIGHTS

STATUS OF UPR RECOMMENDATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS TREATIES

Accepted UPR Recommendations: An Opportunity for Action and Engagement

A state has a responsibility to implement all recommendations it has accepted before the Human Rights Council as a demonstration of their commitment to protecting and promoting Human Rights. Following the last Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of Sudan in May 2016 and in preparation for the next review scheduled for May 2021, Sudan has accepted to implement several UPR recommendations. Below is a selection of supported UPR recommendations aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)(1,2,3,4)

Continue to take measures to reduce maternal and child mortality to achieve the objectives of the sustainable development goals 2030.

Ensure the right to adequate food, especially during times of conflict and in states of emergency.

Increase the resource allocation for the health sector, especially to fulfill steps towards securing a comprehensive healthcare system.

Ensure the primacy of fulfilling the right to education for all children, continue to dedicate more resources to eradicate illiteracy among children and adults, and improve the number of children completing their education.

Seek to intensify national efforts to implement alternative learning programmes for children and youth.

Intensify training and education efforts in the field of human rights.

Take concrete measures to eliminate all discrimination against women, improve women representation in leadership positions, and protect women against all forms of violence.

Design and implement public policies and programmes to address violence against women, in particular measures against the practice of female genital mutilation and actions of protection and reparation for women victims.

Consider the possibility of re-examining areas of its legislation that have led to restrict political freedom and freedom of expression, arbitrary arrests, detention, executions and torture, as part of wider effort to strengthen rule of law.

Develop a code of conduct, or similar type of document, for the respect for human rights within the armed forces and the police and provide them with training on their human rights obligations.

Strengthen the role of the National Commission for Human Rights to enable it to discharge its mandate effectively and independently in accordance with the Paris Principles.

Continue strengthening the institutionalization of human rights, through establishing a national system for institutional coordination allowing to design, implement and follow-up public human rights policies.

Take concrete steps to ensure a safe and enabling environment for human rights defenders and other civil society actors, journalists and members of the opposition, while also ensuring that independent civil society can meaningfully participate in all stages of the review process without hindrance and fear of reprisals.

Continue to intensify the national efforts to control the borders and fight against the networks of human trafficking, to fight the activities of terrorist groups in the border areas, and to continue its effective cooperation with neighbouring countries in this field.

Continue its efforts to achieve the results of the national dialogue to reach a comprehensive and sustainable peace in all regions of Sudan.

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Status of Core International Human Rights Conventions in Sudan (2)

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International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (CCPR)

International Covenant on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (CERD)

International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR)

Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC)

Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment and Punishment (CAT)

Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights aiming at the abolition of the death penalty (CCPR-OP2-OP)

Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (CED)

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)

International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (CMW)

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Sources:

1. UPR Info, Available from https://www.upr-info.org/en/review/Sudan/