



General Assembly

Distr.: General
23 December 2021

Original: English

Human Rights Council

Advisory Committee

Twenty-seventh session

21–25 February 2022

Item 2 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

Provisional agenda and annotations*

Provisional agenda

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
3. Requests addressed to the Advisory Committee stemming from Human Rights Council resolutions and currently under consideration by the Committee:
 - (a) Integration of a gender perspective;
 - (b) Promotion of a democratic and equitable international order;
 - (c) Integration of the perspective of persons with disabilities;
 - (d) The impact of new technologies for climate protection on the enjoyment of human rights;
 - (e) Advancement of racial justice and equality.
4. Implementation of sections III and IV of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1 and of section III of the annex to Council resolution 16/21:
 - (a) Review of methods of work;
 - (b) Agenda and annual programme of work, including new priorities.
5. Report of the Advisory Committee on its twenty-seventh session.

Annotations

1. Election of officers

In accordance with rule 103 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the Advisory Committee will elect, from among its members, a Chair and its Bureau.

* Agreement was reached to publish the present document after the standard publication date owing to circumstances beyond the submitter's control.



2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

Adoption of the agenda

The Advisory Committee will have before it the provisional agenda and the present annotations relating to the items included in the provisional agenda (A/HRC/AC/27/1).

Organization of work

Rule 99 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly provides that each committee “shall at the beginning of the session adopt a programme of work indicating, if possible, a target date for the conclusion of its work, the approximate dates of consideration of items and the number of meetings to be allocated to each item” (see A/520/Rev.17). Accordingly, the Advisory Committee will have before it, for its consideration and approval, a draft timetable prepared by the Secretariat showing the order and distribution of meeting time for each agenda item/segment of its programme of work for the twenty-seventh session.

Composition of the Advisory Committee

In its decision 18/121, the Human Rights Council decided that the cycle of the Advisory Committee would be adjusted to run from 1 October to 30 September. The terms of membership will therefore end on 30 September of each year.

The current composition of the Advisory Committee and the term of membership of each expert are as follows:¹ Nurah Alamro (Saudi Arabia, 2024); Buhm-Suk Baek (Republic of Korea, 2023); Nadia Amal Bernoussi (Morocco, 2023); Lazhari Bouzid (Algeria, 2022); Milena Costas Trascasas (Spain, 2022); Iurii Alexandrovich Kolesnikov (Russian Federation, 2022); José Augusto Lindgren Alves (Brazil, 2024); Xinsheng Liu (China, 2022); Ajai Malhotra (India, 2023); Itsuko Nakai (Japan, 2022); Mona Omar (Egypt, 2022); Javier Palummo (Uruguay, 2022); Elizabeth Salmón (Peru, 2023); Patrycja Sasnal (Poland, 2023); Dheerujlall Seetulsingh (Mauritius, 2023); Vassilis Tzevelekos (Greece, 2024); Catherine Van de Heyning (Belgium, 2023); and Frans Jacobus Viljoen (South Africa, 2024).

3. Requests addressed to the Advisory Committee stemming from Human Rights Council resolutions and currently under consideration by the Committee

(a) Integration of a gender perspective

In its resolution 6/30, the Human Rights Council requested the Advisory Committee to regularly and systematically integrate a gender perspective into the implementation of its mandate, including when examining the intersection of multiple forms of discrimination against women, and to include in its reports information on and a qualitative analysis of the human rights of women and girls.

(b) Promotion of a democratic and equitable international order

In its resolutions 8/5 and 18/6, the Human Rights Council requested, inter alia, the Advisory Committee to pay due attention, within its respective mandate, to the resolutions and to make contributions towards their implementation. In its resolution 18/6, the Council also decided to establish, for a period of three years, a new special procedure mandate of Independent Expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order. The mandate has been renewed periodically and most recently through Council resolution 45/4. The most recent reports on the mandate are contained in documents A/HRC/48/58 and A/76/153.

(c) Integration of the perspective of persons with disabilities

In its resolution 7/9, the Human Rights Council encouraged the Advisory Committee and other mechanisms of the Council to integrate the perspective of persons with disabilities, as appropriate, in carrying out their work and in their recommendations in order to facilitate the

¹ The year in which the term of membership expires is shown in parentheses.

inclusion of persons with disabilities in the work of the Council. In its resolution 26/20, the Council decided to establish, for a period of three years, a new special procedure mandate of Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities. The mandate has been renewed periodically and most recently through Council resolution 44/10. The most recent reports on the topic are contained in documents A/HRC/46/27 and A/76/146.

(d) Impact of new technologies for climate protection on the enjoyment of human rights

In its resolution 48/14, the Human Rights Council requested the Advisory Committee to conduct a study and to prepare a report, in close cooperation with the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights in the context of climate change, on the impact of new technologies for climate protection on the enjoyment of human rights, and to submit the report to the Council at its fifty-fourth session.

At its twenty-seventh session, the Advisory Committee will hold discussions on this topic and establish a drafting group for the preparation of the report to be submitted to the Human Rights Council at its fifty-fourth session.

(e) Advancement of racial justice and equality

In its resolution 48/18, the Human Rights Council requested the Advisory Committee to prepare a study in which it examines patterns, policies and processes contributing to incidents of racial discrimination and makes proposals to advance racial justice and equality, which should be firmly anchored in the fulfilment of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the attainment of its Goals, in consultation where possible with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the international independent expert mechanism to advance racial justice and equality in the context of law enforcement established by the Human Rights Council in its resolution 47/21, and to present the study to the Human Rights Council at its fifty-fourth session.

At its twenty-seventh session, the Advisory Committee will hold discussions on this topic and establish a drafting group for the preparation of the report to be submitted to the Human Rights Council at its fifty-fourth session.

4. Implementation of sections III and IV of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1 and of section III of the annex to Council resolution 16/21

(a) Review of methods of work

According to paragraph 77 of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1, the Advisory Committee may propose within the scope of the work set out by the Council, for the latter's consideration and approval, suggestions for further enhancing its procedural efficiency.

In paragraphs 35 to 39 of section III of the annex to its resolution 16/21, the Human Rights Council made reference to the Advisory Committee. In paragraph 39 of the same resolution, the Council stipulated that the Committee should endeavour to enhance intersessional work between its members in order to give effect to the provisions of paragraph 81 of the annex to Council resolution 5/1.

At its twenty-seventh session, the Advisory Committee may therefore address issues related to its methods of work.

(b) Agenda and annual programme of work, including new priorities

In paragraph 35 of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 16/21, the Council stipulated that it should, within existing resources, strengthen its interaction with the Advisory Committee and engage more systematically with it through work formats, such as seminars, panels and working groups, and by sending feedback to the inputs of the Committee.

At its fourteenth session, the Advisory Committee decided to produce reflection papers for its own use at each of its sessions, which could be published on the OHCHR website.

At its twenty-sixth session, the Advisory Committee held a discussion on the following reflection papers and research proposals:

- New and emerging digital technologies in the military domain and human rights (Mr. Malhotra)
- Right to a remedy and reparation for victims of gross violations of international human rights law and serious violations of international humanitarian law (Mr. Baek)
- Pandemics and human rights: lessons for the future (Mr. Palumbo)
- Protection of academic freedom and free flow of research: lessons learned from the pandemic (Ms. Van de Heyning)
- Climate protection technologies and human rights (Ms. Sasnal)
- Practices affecting negatively the human rights of migrants (Ms. Costas Trascasas)

The Advisory Committee may decide to continue, during its twenty-seventh session, its discussions under item 3, including on some of these topics and other new priorities.

5. Report of the Advisory Committee on its twenty-seventh session

The Advisory Committee will have before it for adoption a draft report on its twenty-seventh session, prepared by the Rapporteur.

Pursuant to paragraph 38 of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 16/21, the annual report of the Advisory Committee will be submitted at the September session of the Council and be the subject of an interactive dialogue with the Committee's Chair. The reports of the Committee on its twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth sessions will be considered at the fifty-first session of the Council.
