What is the Human Rights Council?



The Human Rights Council is a group of countries **working together** to help **protect people's rights** all around the world.

UNITED NATIONS
HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

When people are treated unfairly or hurt, the Human Rights Council **speaks up** to try to stop it and **make things better.**





The Council works on many important issues, like **protecting the environment and improving access to healthcare and education.** It tries to make sure everyone is **treated fairly**, and supports people's right to **speak freely, live safely**, and **be themselves.**

It works to make the **world a better place** for everyone, no matter who they are!



Who is in the Human Rights Council?

- There are **47 Members of the Council** who are elected for three years. They **meet three times a year** in Geneva, Switzerland.

- All 193 UN Member States, Permanent Observers, international organizations, UN agencies and civil society can come to these meetings and contribute to new ideas, but **only the 47 Members can vote** on important decisions.



- Here are the countries on the Human Rights Council in 2026

Albania	Colombia	Egypt	Iraq	Mexico	South
Angola	Côte d'Ivoire	Estonia	Italy	Netherlands	Africa
Benin	Cuba	Ethiopia	Japan	North	Spain
Bolivia	Cyprus	France	Kenya	Macedonia	Switzerland
Brazil	Czechia	Gambia	Kuwait	Pakistan	Thailand
Bulgaria	Democratic Republic	Ghana	Malawi	Qatar	United
Burundi	of the Congo	Iceland	Marshall	Republic of	Kingdom
Chile	Dominican Republic	India	Islands	Korea	Viet Nam
China	Ecuador	Indonesia	Mauritius	Slovenia	

Do you see **your country** on the list?

Who can participate in Council meetings?



Countries and their leaders



Universities and researchers

And of course....



Organizations that work on your rights

YOU!

