Themes of reports to be presented in 2026

Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent	HRC (September) and GA: Crossings and Journeys: People of African Descent in Global Migration and the Enduring Architecture of Racialization
Independent Expert on the enjoyment of human rights by persons with albinism	HRC (March): Right to employment for persons with albinism GA: The psychosocial impact of colour-based discrimination on the enjoyment of human rights by persons with albinism
Working Group on Arbitrary Detention	HRC (September): Arbitrary detention and transnational repression
Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises	HRC (June): Agri-business, food security and human rights GA: Corporate governance, business and human rights
Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights in the context of climate change	HRC (June): Transforming food systems to protect human rights and prevent climate harm GA: Climate technologies
Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights	HRC (March): Nature conservation and cultural rights GA: Assessing the implementation of cultural rights, including in the global sustainable development agenda
Special Rapporteur on the right to development	HRC (September): Participation in development GA: Peace for development
Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities	HRC (March): The equal participation of persons with disabilities in political life GA: Inclusive humanitarian assistance
Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances	HRC (September): Enforced Disappearances and Memorialization
Special Rapporteur on the right to education	HRC (June): Curriculum, pedagogy and assessment as elements of the right to education GA: International financial architecture, debt crisis and the right to education
Special Rapporteur on the human right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment	HRC (March): Priority actions towards breathing clean air, protecting public health and ensuring a healthy environment

	GA: Planning to care for the planet and its people: enabling thriving societies and protecting the right to a healthy environment
Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions	HRC (June): The death penalty from the perspective of the prohibition against torture and other forms of ill-treatment and the protection of human dignity GA: Documenting, investigating and preventing the arbitrary deprivation of life of older persons
Special Rapporteur on the right to food	GA October 2026: Inception report on the priorities and envisaged vision of the new mandate holder HRC (March) 2027: Reasserting human dignity in times of global war economies: an inception 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	HRC (March): International assistance and cooperation GA: Finance and the high seas
Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression	HRC (June): Freedom of expression in new frontiers (addendum: Guidelines on strengthening the protection of journalists working in armed conflicts)
Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association	HRC: Impact of digital and AI-assisted surveillance on assembly and association rights, including chilling effects GA: Youth activism: from systemic exclusion to real participation
Special Rapporteur on the implications for human rights for the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes	HRC (September): Forever chemicals (PFAS) and human rights. GA: Thirty years of the mandate on toxics and human rights
Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health	HRC (June): Health as an enabler of dignity
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	HRC (March): Guiding Principles on Resettlement; Addendum: Domicide: Mass destruction of housing in Gaza, Myanmar, Ukraine and Sudan

Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders	HRC (March): Defending dignity and claiming rights: human rights defenders hold firm to universal values as others desert them GA: Special Rapporteur's priorities for the mandate
Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers	HRC (June): Judicial appointments GA: Role of the judiciary in climate crisis
Special Rapporteur on the rights of Indigenous Peoples	HRC (September): Historical and contemporary forms of violations against indigenous women and girls' reproductive health and rights GA: Demarcation, registration and titling of Indigenous Peoples' lands, territories and resources
Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons	HRC (June): IHL challenges for IDPs GA: Reconstruction and Internally Displaced Persons in conflict-affected and mass devastation settings
Independent Expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order	HRC (September): Embedded multipolarity in a polarized world GA: International fiscal justice and the reform of the international taxation regime
Independent Expert on human rights and international solidarity	HRC (June): Peace and international solidarity GA: Women and international solidarity
Special Rapporteur on the elimination of discrimination against persons affected by leprosy (Hansen's disease) and their family members	HRC (June): Memory, and Belonging: Realizing cultural, social, and economic rights in former leprosy colonies and settlements GA: Mandate wrap-up report (exact title tbc)
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	HRC (September): Use of technology by mercenaries, mercenary-related actors and private military and security companies in their services, operations and activities GA: Mercenaries, mercenary-related actors, private military and security companies and transnational organised crime
Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants	HRC (June): Externalization of migration governance: new trends and specific aspects GA: Children's right to family life and family unity in the context of migration and asylum policies
Special Rapporteur on minority issues	HRC (March): Addressing minority issues through their root causes

	GA: Minority issues in contemporary international relations
Working Group on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas	HRC (September): Right to Seeds (for UNDROP stakeholders) GA: Territoriality: Right to land, forests, waters and pastoral land.
Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons	HRC (September): Cognitive impairment and the continuing exercise of human rights by older persons GA: Autonomy, dignity and the enjoyment of human rights in situations of dependency in older age
Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights	HRC (June): The future of the fight against poverty GA: Cities and poverty
Special Rapporteur on the right to privacy	HRC (March): International collection of personal data GA: Legal Frameworks for the International transfer of personal data
Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance	HRC (June): Racism and sports HRC (June): Combating glorification of Nazism, neo-Nazism and other practices that contribute to fuelling contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance GA: Follow-up study on artificial intelligence and racial discrimination GA: Combating glorification of Nazism, neo-Nazism and other practices that contribute to fuelling contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance
Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief	HRC (March): How freedom of religion or belief relates to death and honouring the deceased GA: Freedom of religion or belief and funeral rights in exceptional circumstances
Special Rapporteur on the sale, sexual exploitation and sexual abuse of children	HRC (March): Protecting children from sale, sexual exploitation and sexual abuse: progress, new frontiers and the path forward GA: Vision report
Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity	HRC (June): Violence and discrimination experienced by lesbian, bisexual, and queer (LBQ) women GA: Access to humanitarian assistance

Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery and trafficking in persons	HRC (September): Vision-setting of newly merged mandate GA: 100 years of anti-slavery and anti-trafficking: the evolution of international, regional, national, and local responses to eradicate slavery and trafficking in persons
Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights while countering terrorism	HRC (March): Defining terrorism to respect and protect human rights GA: Distinguishing organized crime from terrorism to protect human rights
Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment	HRC (March): Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment: Charter of Rights of Victims and Survivors
Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children	HRC (June): Rights of migrant, refugee, asylum-seeking and stateless children who are victims of trafficking or at risk of trafficking in persons
Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence	HRC (September): Challenges of Denial, Negationism and Revisionism of serious violations of human rights and humanitarian law in transitional justice contexts GA: New Technologies and Transitional Justice
Special Rapporteur on the negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights	HRC (September): Stocktaking and state-of-play. GA: Roadmap and vision
Special Rapporteur on violence against women and girls, its causes and consequences	HRC (June): Violence against mothers GA: Violence against older women
Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation	HRC (September): Making the Human Right to Sanitation a Reality for All
Working Group on discrimination against women and girls	HRC (June): Women's and girls' rights, digital technology, and artificial intelligence