

## **UPR Recommendations and the 2030 Agenda**

Since the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development on 25 September 2015, 13 sessions of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review took place comprising the end of the second UPR cycle (23<sup>rd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> UPR WG sessions) and reaching the middle of the third UPR cycle (27<sup>th</sup> – 35<sup>th</sup> sessions). In total, 179 States were reviewed during this period and 38 379 recommendations were given. From the substantive point of view, all the UPR recommendations have direct relevance to the 2030 Agenda and at least one or several of its SDGs.

Further information will focus on the number of supported recommendations in the context of the overall number of UPR recommendations received by States under review. In view of the specificity of the UPR rules of procedure envisaging that a final position vis a vis recommendations should be given by a State under review during the adoption of its UPR outcome by the plenary of the HRC Council following the review by the Working Group, the information available at the current stage comprises the recommendations given to States reviewed within the 23<sup>rd</sup> - 33<sup>rd</sup> sessions of the UPR Working Group, whose outcomes were adopted at the 31<sup>st</sup> – 42<sup>nd</sup> HRC sessions, respectively.

During the mentioned period, 151 States were reviewed which resulted in a total number of 31 611 recommendations made. Out of this number, 190 recommendations had a direct reference in the text to the SDGs and the 2030 Agenda. A total number of 16 175 recommendations enjoyed the supported of the States under review. Out of the supported recommendations, 174 recommendations had a direct reference in the text to the SDGs and the 2030 Agenda.

In the context of the 3<sup>rd</sup> cycle of the UPR – starting on 1 May 2017, OHCHR has developed tools to facilitate the link between human rights recommendations and the SDGs:

1. Through the advice provided by the High Commissioner for Human Rights (HC) in a letter addressed to the Foreign Minister of each Member State once its UPR outcome is adopted in the Human Rights Council (HRC) under item 6;
2. Through a matrix of thematically clustered recommendations, starting with those accepted by the State which are linked to the relevant SDG;
3. Through an Infographic, that links human rights mechanisms' recommendations to the top SDG.

See please: <https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/UPR/Pages/Documentation.aspx> for the 98 countries whose outcome has been adopted by the HRC under item 6.

In OHCHR briefings to Member States, during the UPR WG sessions (on Thursday of the first and second week), we systematically encourage States to integrate their human rights action plans with their efforts at the development agenda and the SDGs and that their reporting to the UPR and other human rights mechanisms take into account SDG's targets and indicators and vis versa that their VNR to the HLPF in New York take into account what the State is doing to follow up to human rights mechanisms' recommendations – starting with those accepted in the UPR, as a minimum. More on this can be found at pages 26-30 of the PPP available in 6 languages at: <https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/UPR/Pages/UPRMain.aspx> (under Background information available) and in the HC report to the HRC (41/25) at paragraphs 2-14 and 67-73: [https://ap.ohchr.org/documents/dpage\\_e.aspx?si=A/HRC/41/25](https://ap.ohchr.org/documents/dpage_e.aspx?si=A/HRC/41/25)