

Membership in the UN Human Rights Council, African countries (2006-2022)

Human Rights Council elections¹

In accordance with paragraph 7 of General Assembly resolution 60/251, the Council consists of 47 Member States, which are elected directly and individually by secret ballot by the majority of the members of the UN General Assembly. The membership is based on “equitable geographical distribution.” Seats are distributed as follows among regional groups:

- Group of African States (Africa) (13)
- Group of Asia-Pacific States (Asia-Pacific) (13)
- Group of Eastern European States (Eastern Europe) (6)
- Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (GRULAC) (8)
- Group of Western European and other States (WEOG) (7)

Members of the Council serve for a period of three years and are not eligible for immediate re-election after two consecutive terms.

Year*	Members of the Council	Year*	Members of the Council	Year*	Members of the Council
2022	- Benin - Cameroon - Côte d’Ivoire - Eritrea - Gabon - Gambia - Libya - Malawi - Mauritania - Namibia - Senegal - Somalia - Sudan	2016	- Algeria - Botswana - Burundi - Congo - Côte d’Ivoire - Ethiopia - Ghana - Kenya - Morocco - Namibia - Nigeria - South Africa - Togo	2009-2010	- Angola - Burkina Faso - Cameroon - Djibouti - Egypt - Gabon - Ghana - Madagascar - Mauritius - Nigeria - Senegal - South Africa - Zambia
2021	- Burkina Faso - Cameroon - Côte d’Ivoire - Eritrea - Gabon - Libya - Malawi - Mauritania - Namibia - Senegal - Somalia - Sudan - Togo	2015	- Algeria - Botswana - Congo - Côte d’Ivoire - Ethiopia - Gabon - Ghana - Kenya - Morocco - Namibia - Nigeria - Sierra Leone - South Africa	2008-2009	- Angola - Burkina Faso - Cameroon - Djibouti - Egypt - Gabon - Ghana - Madagascar - Mauritius - Nigeria - Senegal - South Africa - Zambia
2020	- Angola - Burkina Faso - Cameroon - DRC - Eritrea - Libya	2014	- Algeria - Benin - Botswana - Burkina Faso - Congo - Côte d’Ivoire	2007-2008	- Angola - Cameroon - Djibouti - Egypt - Gabon - Ghana

¹ See OHCHR, “Human Rights Council Elections,” at <https://www.ohchr.org/en/hrbodies/hrc/pages/hrcelections.aspx>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mauritania - Namibia - Nigeria - Senegal - Somalia - Sudan - Togo 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ethiopia - Gabon - Kenya - Morocco - Namibia - Sierra Leone - South Africa 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Madagascar - Mali - Mauritius - Nigeria - Senegal - South Africa - Zambia
2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Angola - Burkina Faso - Cameroon - DRC - Egypt - Eritrea - Nigeria - Rwanda - Senegal - Somalia - South Africa - Togo - Tunisia 	2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Angola - Benin - Botswana - Burkina Faso - Congo - Côte d'Ivoire - Ethiopia - Gabon - Kenya - Libya - Mauritania - Sierra Leone - Uganda 	2006-2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Algeria - Cameroon - Djibouti - Gabon - Ghana - Mali - Mauritius - Morocco - Nigeria - Senegal - South Africa - Tunisia - Zambia
2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Angola - Burundi - Côte d'Ivoire - DRC - Egypt - Ethiopia - Kenya - Nigeria - Rwanda - Senegal - South Africa - Togo - Tunisia 	2011-2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Angola - Benin - Botswana - Burkina Faso - Cameroon - Congo - Djibouti - Libya - Mauritania - Mauritius - Nigeria - Senegal - Uganda 		
2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Botswana - Burundi - Congo - Côte d'Ivoire - Egypt - Ethiopia - Ghana - Kenya - Nigeria - Rwanda - South Africa - Togo - Tunisia 	2010-2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Angola - Burkina Faso - Cameroon - Djibouti - Gabon - Ghana - Libya** - Mauritania - Mauritius - Nigeria - Senegal - Uganda - Zambia 		

* Members from 2006 to 2011 served from 19 June Y to 18 June Y+3. Members for 2011-2012 served from 19 June 2011 to 31 December 2012. Members since 2013 served from 1 January X to 31 December X+2.

** The rights of membership of Libya were suspended by the General Assembly between 1 March 2011 and 18 November 2011. As a result, during HRC16, HRC17, and HRC18, the African Group had only 12 voting members.

Number of terms	Countries
0 terms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cabo Verde - Central African Republic - Chad - Comoros - Equatorial Guinea - Eswatini - Guinea - Guinea-Bissau - Lesotho - Liberia - Mozambique - Niger - Sahrawi Republic*** - São Tomé and Príncipe - Seychelles - South Sudan - Tanzania - Zimbabwe
1 term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Burundi - Dem. Republic of Congo (DRC) - Gambia (current member) - Madagascar - Malawi (current member) - Mali - Rwanda - Sierra Leone - Sudan (current member) - Uganda
2 terms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Algeria - Benin (current member) - Botswana - Congo (Republic) - Djibouti - Egypt - Eritrea (current member) - Ethiopia - Kenya - Libya (current member) - Mauritania (current member) - Mauritius - Morocco - Namibia (current member) - Somalia (current member) - Togo - Tunisia - Zambia
3 terms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Angola - Burkina Faso - Cameroon (current member) - Côte d'Ivoire (current member) - Gabon (current member) - Ghana
4 terms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nigeria - Senegal (current member) - South Africa

*** The Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic is a member of the African Union, but not a member of the United Nations.