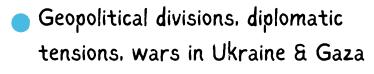


HRC55 TAKEAWAYS FOR

THE STAKES

THE INTERNATIONAL CONTEXT



- Attacks on multilateralism, human rights standards & HRDs
- Liquidity crisis affecting the UN. including its human rights pillar



ADVOCACY INITIATIVES

SOUTHSUDAN

- Strong civil society push for the extension of the mandate of the investigative mechanism. the CHRSS (91 signatories)
- Advocacy in Geneva with South Sudanese HRDs James Bidal & Zabib Musa Loro (4-8 Mar. 2024) - meetings with states & UN experts
- Side event with HRDs & CHRSS member Barney Afako

OUTCOMES / RESOLUTIONS a MORE

HRC55 RESOLUTIONS

- Resolution on South Sudan (item 2): extension of the CHRSS's mandate (scrutiny is extended to Mar. 2025: it will cover the Dec. 2024 elections & the end of the transitional period (Feb. 2025))
- Second resolution on South Sudan (focusing on "technical assistance" under item 10), adopted at the initiative of the government itself (weak & insufficient to address the country's challenges) [South Sudan / African Group initiative]
- Resolution on Mali (extension of the mandate of the Independent Expert (IE)) [African Group initiative]

STAKES FOR THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

HRC55: the longest session in the HRC's history with 6 weeks (26 Feb.-5 Apr. 2024) - this year will mark a record length for the HRC with 15 weeks in total.

> What response to the world's human rights crises 5 (2 years after Russia's aggression against Ukraine. 1 year after the outbreak of war in Sudan. & 6 months after the start of the Israel/Gaza war)?

OTHER ADVOCACY ENGAGEMENTS

- High-level advocacy with DefendDefenders' Executive Director Hassan Shire during the HRC's "High-Level Segment" (26 Feb.-1 Mar. 2024)
- Item 4 general debate statement (the most serious situations): Eswatini. Egypt. the Sahel
- UPR statements on <u>Cameroon</u> & <u>Djibouti</u>

Read all of DefendDefenders' oral statements delivered during the session

OTHER OUTCOMES

- Country-specific resolutions adopted on Belarus. Iran. Myanmar. the Occupied Palestinian Territory. Syria. Ukraine...
- Thematic resolutions adopted on the rights of persons with albinism [African Group initiative]. the right to a clean. healthy and sustainable environment. the right to privacy. the negative impact of disinformation on human rights...

No African Group collective statement on Sudan. Eritrea, or South Sudan

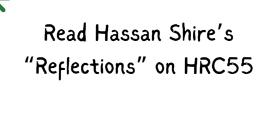
STAKES FOR AFRICA

- Ahead of the session, resolutions were expected on South Sudan & Mali
- The African Group was expected to present a resolution on persons with albinism

What level of attention for debates on Eritrea. Sudan. CAR. or the DRC?

ANALYSIS OF THE SESSION

Press release on the adoption of a resolution on South Sudan – a positive outcome that follows weeks of advocacy by civil society



PAVING THE WAY FOR FURTHER ADVOCACY

We contributed to maintaining a high level of attention to Sudan and emphasised the need for steadfast action to improve <u>Eritrea</u>'s situation

NEXT

18 June-12 July 2024.

Resolution on Eritrea. and debates on Sudan & Burundi, are expected





