HRC57 Takeaways for Africa









SUDAN & BURUND



- Strong civil society <u>push</u> to extend the mandate of the Fact-Finding Mission (FFM) for Sudan (80 signatories) and advocacy in Geneva with Sudanese HRDs
- Q&A on the FFM extension (by DefendDefenders, Amnesty & HRW)
- Advocacy with <u>Eulalie Nibizi</u> & other Burundian HRDs (16-20 September 2024) for the extension of the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on Burundi (civil society call signed by 40 organisations)

HRC57 RESOLUTIONS

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"REFLECTIONS" ON HRC57



- Resolution on Burundi: extension of the SR's mandate ahead of elections (2025, 2027)
- Resolution on Somalia: extension of the Independent Expert's mandate, but concerns over indications that the mandate will phase out
- Modest resolutions on CAR & DRC in the framework of the HRC's agenda item 10 ("technical assistance & capacity-building") [African Group initiatives]

THE WAY FORWARD

- Together with the HRDs present, we contributed to the extension of the FFM for Sudan
- We raised the profile of Burundi, after years of the country slipping down the list of the HRC's priorities
- The next session, HRC58, will take place in February-April 2025. Resolutions on South Sudan and the situation of HRDs are expected
- Efforts will continue in Banjul (ACHPR81) -DefendDefenders pledges to continue "crosspollinizing" outcomes of the HRC & ACHPR and promoting joint work between UN & African experts

THE INTERNATIONAL CONTEXT

- Ongoing geopolitical divisions & armed conflicts in the Middle East, Africa, Europe, & Asia
- Accusations of "double standards" & selective application of international law by many countries, in relation to conflicts in Gaza/Lebanon, Ukraine, or Sudan
- Multiple crises, many of which are not adequately addressed by the UN Security Council (because of Big Power politics & veto powers)

- Oral statements on Sudan, Burundi, Somalia, Eritrea's UPR, South Sudan, & **STAKES FOR THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL** thematic issues
 - Side event on Burundi with the Special Rapporteur, Fortuné Gaetan Zongo, & HRDs

OTHER ADVOCACY ENGAGEMENTS

Meetings with states & other stakeholders including with the new Somali Ambassador, comparing notes on the situation & on the



OTHER OUTCOMES

OUTCOMES



Country resolutions adopted on Afghanistan, Georgia (technical assistance), Russia, Sri Lanka, Syria, Venezuela, as well as on the Marshall Islands (on the implications of the nuclear legacy) Thematic resolutions adopted on racism [African]

Group initiative], terrorism & human rights, cyberbullying, biodiversity & human rights, human rights on the internet, climate change, Indigenous Peoples, domestic violence, etc.



resolutions Resolutions expected on, among others:

HRC57 (9 September-11 October 2024) - strong

June sessions, which have a focus on thematic

focus on country-specific resolutions (compared to

Afghanistan, Burundi, CAR, DRC, Russia, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Syria, Venezuela



- Resolutions were expected on 5 African countries: Burundi, Central African Republic (CAR), Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Somalia, Sudan
- The African Group was expected to present resolutions on racism, as well as on the CAR and the DRC



- Press release on the adoption of a resolution extending the mandate of the FFM for Sudan - a decisive step to support investigations into & accountability for the crimes committed by all parties to the conflict
- Press release on the extension of the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on Burundi





