



STAKES

THE GLOBAL CONTEXT

- Multiple armed conflicts and crises ongoing, including the UN's financial [crisis](#)
- G7 Summit in Evian, France (15-17 June 2026), and [demonstrations](#) in Geneva – border restrictions & security measures affected the HRC

STAKES FOR THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

- The [HRC turns 20](#): in June 2026, the HRC celebrates its 20th anniversary
- [HRC62](#) (15 June-8 July 2026) – session cut by 3 days due to financial constraints
- Resolutions expected on, among others: child, early & forced marriage (CEFM), discrimination against women & girls (DAWG), or countering disinformation – June sessions of the HRC usually have a strong gender dimension

STAKES FOR AFRICA

- Resolutions were expected on 2 African countries: Eritrea & South Sudan (technical assistance)
- Many debates on African situations: Sudan, Eritrea, Burundi, DRC, South Sudan, Rwanda (UPR adoption)
- Will the HRC stand ready to **respond to crises**?



HRC62

TAKEAWAYS FOR AFRICA



ADVOCACY INITIATIVES

ERITREA

- Strong civil society [push](#) to extend scrutiny & advance accountability, 10 years after the Commission of Inquiry's final report
- In-session **advocacy** in Geneva with an Eritrean HRD, [Elsa Chyrum](#)
- Side event with the Special Rapporteur & HRDs (organised by CSW)

SUDAN (EL OBEID) & OTHER INITIATIVES

- In light of the situation in El Obeid, we led a [call](#) for urgent action by the HRC
- [Oral statements](#) on Sudan, Eritrea, DRC, Burundi, Rwanda (for its UPR adoption), and South Sudan
- Major civil society [side event](#): "The HRC at 20: A Lifeline for Defenders" (organised by DefendDefenders; 25 NGO co-sponsors)

ANALYSIS OF THE SESSION

- [Press release](#) on the Council's urgent debate on El Obeid and further actions the HRC should take on Sudan – naming names of external actors
- [Press release](#) on Eritrea: extension of the Special Rapporteur's mandate
- Read Hassan Shire's ["Reflections"](#) on HRC62

OUTCOMES: RESOLUTIONS & MORE

HRC62 RESOLUTIONS

- Resolution on **Sudan (El Obeid)**: good (preventative lens), but more is needed for accountability
- Resolution on **Eritrea**: scrutiny extended despite intense diplomatic activism by the Eritrean authorities
- Resolution on **South Sudan**: [weak](#) – offering technical assistance (item 10)

OTHER OUTCOMES

- Country resolution adopted on Myanmar
- Thematic resolutions on, among others, CEFM, DAWG, disinformation, freedom of expression, human rights & climate change, women's & girls' rights in [humanitarian situations](#), extreme poverty, and the HRC's 20th anniversary

ALL RESOLUTIONS AVAILABLE [HERE](#)



PREPARING FOR HRC63

- The summer will be short: HRC63 starts on 7 September 2026
- We will have a focus on Sudan (FFM mandate extension) and Burundi (Special Rapporteur mandate extension)
- Civil society continues to push for the HRC to address Ethiopia's grave human rights situation

