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*The mandates for each session are listed alphabetically. Additional appointments may need to be added during the cycle in case of unforeseen vacancies or if the Human Rights Council creates new special procedure mandates. Members of Expert Mechanisms (EMRIP and EMRTD) are not special procedures, although they are appointed in the same way as special procedure   
mandate holders.*

**APPOINTMENTS TO BE MADE FROM JULY 2023 TO MARCH/APRIL 2024**

**Appointments at the 53rd session of the Human Rights Council   
(19 June to 14 July 2023)[[1]](#footnote-1)**

1. **Independent Expert on human rights and international solidarity**([Human Rights Council resolution 53/5](http://undocs.org/A/HRC/RES/53/5))
2. **Special Rapporteur on minority issues** ([Human Rights Council resolution 52/5](http://undocs.org/A/HRC/RES/52/5))
3. **Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants**([Human Rights Council resolution 52/20](http://undocs.org/A/HRC/RES/52/20))
4. **Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism**   
   ([Human Rights Council resolution 49/10](http://undocs.org/A/HRC/RES/49/10))

**Appointments at the 54th session of the Human Rights Council   
(11 September to 13 October 2023)**

1. **Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity** ([Human Rights Council resolution 50/10](http://undocs.org/A/HRC/RES/50/10))
2. **Special Rapporteur on the elimination of discrimination against persons affected by leprosy (Hansen’s disease) and their family members** ([Human Rights Council resolution 53/8](http://undocs.org/A/HRC/RES/53/8))
3. **Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities** ([Human Rights Council resolution 53/14](http://undocs.org/A/HRC/RES/53/14)) *- unforeseen vacancy due to resignation*
4. **Working Group on discrimination against women and girls, member from African States** ([Human Rights Council resolution 50/18](http://undocs.org/A/HRC/RES/50/18))
5. **Working Group on discrimination against women and girls, member from Asia-Pacific States** ([Human Rights Council resolution 50/18](http://undocs.org/A/HRC/RES/50/18))
6. **Working Group on discrimination against women and girls, member from Eastern European States** ([Human Rights Council resolution 50/18](http://undocs.org/A/HRC/RES/50/18))
7. **Working Group on discrimination against women and girls, member from Western European and other States** ([Human Rights Council resolution 50/18](http://undocs.org/A/HRC/RES/50/18))
8. **Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination, member from Eastern European States** ([Human Rights Council resolution 51/13](http://undocs.org/A/HRC/RES/51/13))

**Appointments at the 55th session of the Human Rights Council   
(26 February to 5 April 2024)**

1. **Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, member from Africa**([Human Rights Council resolution 33/25](https://undocs.org/A/HRC/RES/33/25))
2. **Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, member from North America** ([Human Rights Council resolution 33/25](https://undocs.org/A/HRC/RES/33/25))
3. **Independent Expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order** ([Human Rights Council resolution 54/4](http://undocs.org/A/HRC/RES/54/4))
4. **Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Mali**([Human Rights Council resolution 52/42](http://undocs.org/A/HRC/RES/52/42))[[2]](#footnote-2)
5. **Special Rapporteur on the issue of human rights obligations relating to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment** ([Human Rights Council resolution 46/7](https://undocs.org/Home/Mobile?FinalSymbol=A%2FHRC%2FRES%2F46%2F7&Language=E&DeviceType=Desktop&LangRequested=False))2 *- unforeseen vacancy due to resignation*
6. **Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights in the context of climate change** ([Human Rights Council resolution 48/14](https://undocs.org/A/HRC/RES/48/14)) *- unforeseen vacancy due to resignation*
7. **Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence** ([Human Rights Council resolution 54/8](http://undocs.org/A/HRC/RES/54/8))
8. **Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association** ([Human Rights Council resolution 50/17](http://undocs.org/A/HRC/RES/50/17))
9. **Working Group on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas, member from African States** ([Human Rights Council resolution 54/9](https://undocs.org/A/HRC/RES/54/9)) – *new mandate*
10. **Working Group on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas, member from Asia-Pacific States** ([Human Rights Council resolution 54/9](https://undocs.org/A/HRC/RES/54/9)) – *new mandate*
11. **Working Group on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas, member from Eastern European States** ([Human Rights Council resolution 54/9](https://undocs.org/A/HRC/RES/54/9)) – *new mandate*
12. **Working Group on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas, member from Latin American and Caribbean States** ([Human Rights Council resolution 54/9](https://undocs.org/A/HRC/RES/54/9)) – *new mandate*
13. **Working Group on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas, member from Western European and other States** ([Human Rights Council resolution 54/9](https://undocs.org/A/HRC/RES/54/9)) – *new mandate*
14. **Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination, member from African States** ([Human Rights Council resolution 51/13](http://undocs.org/A/HRC/RES/51/13))

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1. *The appointments of these four mandate holders have been deferred to the fifty-fourth session of the Human Rights Council.* [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. *The appointment of this mandate holder will be made provided the mandate itself is extended by the Human Rights Council.* [↑](#footnote-ref-2)