

# THE SDGs AND HUMAN RIGHTS

## STATUS OF UPR RECOMMENDATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS TREATIES

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#### Universal Periodic Review Fast Facts <sup>(1)</sup>

- **Last Review:** 2 May 2017 (3<sup>rd</sup> Cycle); **Final Report of the Working Group:** September 2017
- **Mid-Term Reporting:** November 2019
- **National Consultation:** November 2020
- **NGO Report Drafting:** July 2021 – September 2021
- **Next Review:** May 2022

#### Status of Core International Human Rights Conventions in Morocco <sup>(2)</sup>

KEY	Ratified
	Ratified with Declarations
	Ratified with Reservations
	Ratified with Reservations and Declarations
	Signed but not Ratified
	No Action
International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (CCPR)	
International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR)	
Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)	
Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (CED)	
Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC)	
International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (CMW)	
Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment and Punishment (CAT)	
International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (CERD)	
Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)	
Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights aiming at the abolition of the death penalty (CCPR-OP2-DP)	

#### Accepted UPR Recommendations: An Opportunity for Action and Engagement

A state has a responsibility to implement all recommendations it has accepted before the Human Rights Council as a demonstration of their commitment to protecting and promoting Human Rights. Following the last Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of Morocco in May 2017 and in preparation for the next review scheduled for May 2022, Morocco has accepted to implement several UPR recommendations. Below is a selection of supported UPR recommendations aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) from the second cycle recommendations: <sup>(3) (4)</sup>



Increase programs of obstetric, prenatal and neonatal care and attendance at deliveries by medical and paramedical professionals, especially in rural areas.  
Take further measures to remove disparities in access to health care, in particular with respect to vulnerable groups and regions that are poorly served.



Continue putting forward effective measures for reducing illiteracy and boosting the quality and performance of education in the country.  
Ensure better access to health care and education by women and girls, especially in rural areas.  
Continue its considerable efforts to integrate human rights education in the school programmes and textbooks.



Pursue further policies aimed at improving women's participation in all spheres of public life, including political and professional life.  
Continue to expand the experience in gender sensitive budgeting, which could be considered as a good practice for all of the Middle East and North Africa region and elsewhere.  
Continue action to increase representation of women in elected and decision-making positions.  
Accelerate the drafting process of a bill on domestic violence and take appropriate measures in order to effectively prevent gender discrimination.



Allocate more resources to the programs that fight unemployment.  
Address unemployment among young people.  
Step up its investment in education, healthcare, employment in order to promote economic and social sustainable development.



Conduct a national program or campaign to raise awareness about and encourage compliance with the new laws, along with similar campaigns directed towards judges and other operators of the law.  
Take additional measures to train its security force, as recommended in 2008, in order to guarantee respect for human rights.  
Continue implementation of the moratorium on death penalty and make efforts to achieve the total abolishment of the death penalty.  
Take actions to ensure the right to freedom of expression as established by the Constitution.  
Continue prioritizing the reform of justice, under the principle of separation of power.  
Revise the Penal Code as well as other legislation such as the Family Code to ensure that they are in compliance with international standards.  
Step up its efforts to combat impunity and to ensure access to justice.  
Take additional measures to reduce prisons' overcrowding and improve access to medical treatment and food.