

**Draft Agenda for the first session of Human Rights Council**  
**(Proposals of the African Group)**

1. **Election of officers.**
2. **Adoption of the Agenda and Organisation of Work.**
3. **Inaugural session.**
  - President of the Human Rights Council;
  - President of the United Nations General Assembly;
  - United Nations Secretary General;
  - High Commissioner for Human Rights;
4. **High Level Segment.** (Head of States and Governments, Ministers, Vice-Ministers, Head of the International and Regional Organisations, head of specialized agencies, programmes and intergovernmental organisations, including regional organisations).
5. **Participation of the United Nations Member States** + 1 Representative of National Human Rights Institutions + Chair of the Special Procedure + 1 Representative from NGOs).
6. **Annual report of the High Commissioner for the Human Rights** (One report to the Council which also includes the activities of the Office. cf OP 5 of the GA resolution A/Res/48/141 of 20/12/1993. To precise the session of the annual presentation of the High Commissioner's Report).
7. **Implementation of General Assembly Resolution A/60/251:**
  - Decision on extension of all expiring mandates and mandate holders for one year;
  - Decision on the Sub-Commission and its mechanisms (Election of 13 experts, duration and format of the august session of the Sub-Commission);
  - Decision on the creation of Intersessional mechanisms (2 Open-ended Intersessional Working Groups on review and rationalisation of mandates, functions and responsibilities of the Human Rights Commission, as well as on universal periodic review\*).
8. **Question of the violations of Human Rights in the occupied Arab territories, including Palestine.**
9. **Combating incitement to racial and religious hatred and the promotion of tolerance and dialogue among civilizations.**
10. **Programme of Work and provisional Agenda for the first year of the Council.**
11. **Report of the session.**

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\* The following inter-governmental working groups may be established by the Council to :

(i) Review of agenda, mandates including special rapporteurs, Sub-Commission, 1503 procedure, Intergovernmental working groups, transitional arrangements such as extension of mandates and mandate holders. This working group may also deliberate in order to reach a common understanding on human rights concepts and to avoid double standards or politicization in their implementation as well as institutional linkage between the Human Rights Council and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.

(ii) Format and modalities of the universal periodic review.

These working group may continue their work in the inter-sessional period to enable the Council to complete this work in one year as stipulated in the resolution.