

Chad

Chad is a Member State of the African Union (AU) and of the United Nations (UN), and has human rights obligations at both the regional and universal levels.

Regional: African System



Chad has ratified the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights (African Charter), and its human rights policies and practices are monitored by the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (ACHPR), which reviews the State's reports concerning its human rights situation and decides complaints of alleged violations. Chad has not accepted the jurisdiction of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights.

Individuals and groups have submitted complaints of human rights violations committed by Chad to the [African human rights system](#). For example, in *Commission Nationale des Droits de l'Homme et des Libertés v. Chad*, the ACHPR found Chad responsible for mass violations of the Charter during the conflict between State security forces and armed groups, including harassment of journalists; inhumane treatment of prisoners; and arbitrary arrests, killings, disappearances, and torture of members of the opposition party. See ACommHPR, [Commission Nationale des Droits de l'Homme et des Libertés v. Chad](#), Communication No. 74/92, 18th Ordinary Session, 11

October 1995.

Chad has fallen behind in submitting its [periodic reports](#) to the ACHPR on human rights conditions in the country. The ACHPR conducted promotion missions to Chad in [2000](#) and [2013](#).

Chad has ratified the following **regional human rights treaties**:

- African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights
- African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child
- AU Convention Governing Specific Aspects of Refugee Problems in Africa
- Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Establishment of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights
- AU Convention for the Protection and Assistance of Internally Displaced Persons in Africa



United Nations System

As a UN Member State, Chad is subject to the oversight of various [UN human rights bodies](#), including the [Human Rights Council](#) and its [Universal Periodic Review](#) and thematic [special procedures](#). As a party to specific universal human rights treaties, Chad's policies and practices are monitored by [UN treaty bodies](#). It has accepted the complaints procedure of one treaty body.

Chad has ratified the following **UN human rights treaties**:

- International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR)
- International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR)
- Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CAT)
- Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)
- Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC)
- International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (CERD)

Chad has ratified the Optional Protocols to the CRC addressing children in armed conflict and the sale of children, child prostitution, and child pornography. Chad has a duty to submit **State reports** to each UN treaty body associated with the treaties Chad has ratified. These reports must be submitted on a periodic basis and describe the steps Chad has taken to implement the treaty provisions.

Chad has also ratified the [Optional Protocol](#) allowing individuals to submit **complaints** against the State alleging violations of the ICCPR. Additionally, certain UN treaties include **inquiry procedures**, which allow the UN treaty body to consider allegations of grave or systematic human rights violations. Chad has accepted the inquiry procedures of the CAT.

On June 1, 2012, Chad extended a **standing invitation** to UN special procedures, which means that any special rapporteurs or working groups are welcome to conduct visits in Chad. For example, the Representative of the Secretary-General on the human rights of internally displaced persons went on a mission in February 2009 and published a [report](#) on that visit in December 2009.

For more information on Chad's engagement with [UN human rights bodies](#), visit <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/countries/AfricaRegion/Pages/TDIndex.aspx>

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