

Guinea

Guinea 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



Guinea 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. Guinea 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 Guinea to the [African human rights system](#). For example, the Commission found the State in violation of the African Charter in the case of an outbreak of violence and discrimination against

Sierra Leonean refugees following a public speech by the then-president of Guinea in which he called for the immediate arrest, search, and confinement of all refugees from Sierra Leone. See *ACommHPR, Institute for Human Rights and Development in Africa v. Guinea*, Communication No. 249/02, 36th Ordinary Session, 7 December 2004.

Guinea has fallen behind in submitting its [periodic reports](#) to the ACHPR on human rights conditions in the country.

Guinea 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 Rights of Women in Africa

United Nations System

As a UN Member State, Guinea 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, Guinea's policies and practices are monitored by [UN treaty bodies](#). It has accepted the complaints procedure of two treaty bodies.

Guinea 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)
- Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)
- International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (CERD)
- International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (CMW)

Guinea has submitted a reservation, declaration or understanding that modifies its obligations under the following treaties: [ICCPR](#) and [ICESCR](#).

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

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

Guinea has not extended a **standing invitation** to UN special procedures, which means that special rapporteurs and working groups must seek specific invitations from Guinea to conduct a visit within the State.

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

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