

Niger

Niger 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



Niger 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. Additionally, Niger has accepted the jurisdiction of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights to hear complaints presented by the Commission, African intergovernmental organizations, and States parties to the African Charter.

Individuals and groups have submitted complaints of human rights violations committed by Niger through the [African human rights system](#). For example, in *Union des Scolaires Nigériens and Union Générale des Étudiants Nigériens au Bénin v. Niger*, the Commission found inadmissible a case involving police suppression of a student protest, because the complaints failed to respond to the Commission's requests for additional information. See ACommHPR, [Union des Scolaires Nigériens, Union Générale des Étudiants Nigériens au Bénin v. Niger](#), Communication No. 43/90, 15th Ordinary Session, 27 April 1994.

Niger has submitted its [periodic reports](#) to the ACHPR on human rights conditions in the country. The ACHPR has conducted two missions to Niger, a promotional mission in [2011](#) and a mission on indigenous populations in [2006](#).

Niger 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, Niger 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, Niger's policies and practices are monitored by [UN treaty bodies](#). It has accepted the complaints procedure of three treaty bodies.

Niger 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 Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)
- Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC)
- 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)
- Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (CED)

Niger has submitted a reservation that modifies its obligations under the [CEDAW](#). Niger has also ratified the Optional Protocol to CAT and the optional protocols to the CRC addressing children in armed conflict and the sale of children, child prostitution, and child pornography. Niger has a duty to submit **State reports** to each UN treaty body associated with the relevant treaty it has ratified. These reports must be submitted on a periodic basis, and describe the steps taken to implement the treaty provisions.

Niger has also ratified [optional protocols](#) and made appropriate declarations allowing individuals to submit **complaints** against the State alleging violations of the ICCPR, CEDAW, 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. Niger has accepted the inquiry procedures of the CAT, CEDAW, CRPD, and CED.

On August 21, 2012, Niger extended a **standing invitation** to UN special procedures, which means that any special rapporteurs or working groups are welcome to conduct visits in Niger. For example, the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery, including its causes and consequences, conducted a mission to Niger in November 2014, and published a [report](#) in July 2015.

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

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