

St. Kitts and Nevis

St. Kitts and Nevis is a Member State of the Organization of American States (OAS) and of the United Nations (UN), and has human rights obligations at both the regional and universal levels.

Regional: Inter-American System



As a Member of the OAS, St. Kitts and Nevis is held to the American Declaration of the Rights and Duties of Man and its human rights policies and practices are monitored by the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights. The Commission may decide [complaints](#) against the State and may also hold [hearings](#) or issue [reports](#) on the human rights situation there. St. Kitts and Nevis has not accepted the jurisdiction of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights.

Individuals and groups may submit complaints of human rights violations committed by St. Kitts and Nevis to the [Inter-American human rights system](#). To date, the Commission has not published any decisions regarding complaints against St. Kitts and Nevis.

St. Kitts and Nevis has ratified the following **regional human rights treaties**:

- Inter-American Convention on the Prevention, Punishment and Eradication of Violence Against Women (“Convention of Belem do Pará”)

United Nations System

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

St. Kitts and Nevis has ratified the following **UN human rights treaties**:

- 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)

St. Kitts and Nevis has a duty to submit **State reports** to each UN treaty body associated with the treaties St. Kitts and Nevis has ratified. These reports must be submitted on a periodic basis, and describe the steps St. Kitts and Nevis has taken to implement the treaty provisions.

St. Kitts and Nevis has also ratified an [optional protocol](#) allowing individuals to submit **complaints** against the State alleging violations of the CEDAW. Certain UN treaties include **inquiry procedures**, which allow the UN treaty body to consider allegations of grave or systematic human rights violations. St. Kitts and Nevis has accepted the inquiry procedure of the CEDAW.

St. Kitts and Nevis has not extended a **standing invitation** to UN special procedures, which means they must seek specific invitations from St. Kitts and Nevis to conduct a visit within the State. No special procedure mandate holder has carried out a formal visit to St. Kitts and Nevis yet.

For more information on St. Kitts and Nevis' engagement with [UN human rights bodies](#), visit <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/countries/LACRegion/Pages/KNIndex.aspx>.

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