

UPR Recommendations to Sudan on women's rights and women human rights defenders

1. Accelerate the **reform of the military and security forces** to eliminate the growing risks of state militarization and attacks on democratic transformation and fundamental freedoms, and ensure the civilian control of security and military forces reforms and grant WHRDs access to fully participate in these processes.
2. Ensure full **access to justice** for women, including by ensuring that victims of sexual violence receive the protection and support they need to access justice, and ending impunity for military and militias and law enforcement including for SGBV.
3. Approve the proposed **violence against women law**, including provisions which clearly criminalize domestic violence with strict punishments.
4. Prioritize the protection of women from violence and ensure respect for women's rights in reforms by reforming, **changing or repealing all the laws and state legislations that legalize any form of violence or discrimination against women**, including security laws, RSF laws, and Muslims Personal Law of 1991.
5. Amend **Personal Status Laws**, including by repealing provisions on male guardianship and wife obedience and raise the age of marriage for girls to 18 years old.
6. Allow **international and regional human rights mechanisms to independently investigate** the atrocities committed against protesters - especially women and girls - during the period from 13 December 2018 to August 2019.
7. Accelerate the formation of the **Commission for Women and Gender Equality and the Commission for Legal Reform**, which are provided for in the Constitutional Declaration document
8. Ratify the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) and **all the international and regional covenants** that protect women's human rights, including the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families, and the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.
9. Ensure implementation of the **National Plan to implement UNSC resolution 1325**.
10. Comply with the **constitutional document and the peace agreement commitments** to protect women, peace and security in particular ensuring women participation in decision making at levels.
11. Protect **freedom of assembly and expression** under all circumstances, especially in the process of this transition, and develop protection measures and policies that protect **women human rights defenders'** work and ensure their safety, such as establishing a national protection mechanism for WHRDs including to protect them from online defamation.