

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

1. **Immediately end the targeting of WHRDs**, women's rights groups and women protesters and protect the rights of WHRDs to advocate and promote women and human rights.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. Approve the proposed **violence against women law**, including provisions which clearly criminalize domestic violence with strict punishments.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. Allow **international and regional human rights mechanisms to independently investigate** the atrocities committed against protesters - especially women and girls - from 13 December 2018
9. Accelerate the formation of the **Commission for Women and Gender Equality and the Commission for Legal Reform**.
10. 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.
11. Ensure implementation of the **National Plan to implement UNSC resolution 1325**.