

HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL ELECTIONS

2026 REGIONAL CANDIDATES

AFRICAN STATES

4 SEATS



GHANA



NIGERIA



ZAMBIA

TBC

Voluntary pledges

Has the State submitted a public pledge on its candidacy?
Has the State submitted the public pledge in a timely manner?



Strengthening the Council's effectiveness

Has the State supported all country-specific resolutions at the Human Rights Council or General Assembly?
Has the State played a leadership role on country situations at the Council?
Has the State opposed all attempts to defund HRC mandates at the Fifth Committee?



Cooperation with Special Procedures

Has the State consistently accepted country visit requests?
Has the State sent substantive replies to communications sent by Special Procedures?



UPR

Has the State developed and published an action plan for the implementation of UPR recommendations?
Has the State submitted a voluntary UPR mid-term report?



Treaty bodies

Has the State ratified the 9 core international human rights treaties plus the related optional protocols?
Has the State accepted all individual complaint mechanisms?
Does the State not have any outstanding treaty body reports?



Civil society

Does the State have no unresolved cases of reprisals highlighted in Secretary-General reports (2015 - 2025)?
Has the State publicly expressed concern, by name, about particular victims of reprisals related to UN engagement at the General Assembly or Human Rights Council?
Has the State sponsored the last HRC and Third Committee resolutions on human rights defenders, civil society space and reprisals?



National Human Rights Institution

Does the State have a NHRI in conformity with the Paris Principles (A-status)?



Financial contributions

Has the State paid its UN contributions in full and in a timely manner?

