

The Interministerial Delegate

The General Secretariat

Directorate of Coordination and Promotion of Human Rights

Directorate of Dialogue and Partnership with National Entities and Associations

Directorate of Legal Studies and International Cooperation

An Administrative and Financial Affairs Department attached to the General Secretariat

Integrated and Comprehensive Work Approach

The Interministerial Delegation for Human Rights adopts an integrated and comprehensive approach based on:

- ▶ A participatory working model;
- ▶ A coordination methodology involving various government sectors and public institutions;
- ▶ A consultation and dialogue mechanism engaging Parliament, national human rights institutions, and civil society organizations.

This approach ensures coherence, alignment, and cooperation among stakeholders in fulfilling international human rights commitments and engaging with UN human rights mechanisms. Additionally, it incorporates a territorial dimension to facilitate the local implementation of international obligations and the monitoring of UN recommendations by local actors.

It maintains a balance between the practical enforcement of commitments, timely reporting, and the inclusive participation of all relevant stakeholders.

Thirteen Years of Achievements

- ▶ Coordinated the preparation and submission of 13 reports to UN treaty bodies and 3 reports to the Universal Periodic Review mechanism;
- ▶ Coordinated the reception of 8 UN human rights mechanisms;
- ▶ Concluded over 700 partnership agreements with civil society organizations;
- ▶ Coordinated the follow-up of over 60 cases under the individual communications procedure;
- ▶ Coordinated the issuance of nearly 40 publications, including those on professional national human rights mechanisms and best practices.

Morocco's Human Rights Commitments

The Kingdom of Morocco is a party to the nine core international human rights treaties and their optional protocols.

Core UN Human Rights Treaties Ratified to which Morocco is Party:

	Instruments	Date of Ratification/ Accession (A)
1.	International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination	18 December 1970
2.	International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights	3 May 1979
3.	International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights	3 May 1979
4.	Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment	21 June 1993
5.	Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women	21 June 1993 (A)
6.	International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families	21 June 1993
7.	Convention on the Rights of the Child	21 June 1993
8.	Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography	2 ¹ October 2001
9.	Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict	22 May 2002
10.	Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	8 April 2009
11.	Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	8 April 2009 (A)
12.	International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance	14 May 2013
13.	Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment	24 November 2014 (A)
14.	First Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights	22 April 2022 (A)
15.	Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women	22 April 2022 (A)

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About the Interministerial Delegation for Human Rights

The Interministerial Delegation for Human Rights is an administrative body under the executive branch of government. It serves as Morocco's national mechanism for implementation, reporting, and follow-up in the field of human rights. It is mandated to engage with international human rights mechanisms and functions as a platform for institutional coordination, dialogue, and consultation on human rights issues.

Establishment: From Creation to Consolidation and Enhanced Effectiveness in Human Rights

The Interministerial Delegation for Human Rights was established pursuant to the directives of His Majesty King Mohammed VI, may God assist Him, upon the recommendation of the National Human Rights Institution. This initiative aimed to fulfill Morocco's international human rights commitments, in accordance with constitutional provisions, and to implement comprehensive reforms to develop and modernize the national human rights system, as stipulated in Decree No. 2.11.150 (April 11, 2011). It was entrusted with coordinating the formulation and monitoring of government policies on human rights in collaboration with relevant stakeholders. Following amendments to its legal framework, it was placed under the authority of the Minister of Justice by Decree No. 2.22.64 (February 1, 2022).

The Delegation also benefits from a universal normative framework, classifying it among national mechanisms with a specialized institutional function in fostering international engagement through monitoring the implementation of Morocco's international human rights obligations.

Mandates

The Interministerial Delegation for Human Rights undertakes a broad range of functions in promoting and protecting human rights, including coordination, cooperation, advisory support, and follow-up with government sectors, national institutions, and civil society organizations. It also facilitates dialogue, partnerships, and cooperation with international human rights bodies. Its mandates include:

At the National Level :

- ▶ Contributing to the development of government policies on the promotion, protection, and advancement of human rights;
- ▶ Providing consultation upon request from relevant ministerial departments during the preparation of draft laws, action plans, or programs with potential human rights implications;
- ▶ Reviewing legislative and regulatory texts to assess their compliance with international human rights treaties to which Morocco is a party and proposing necessary measures to align them accordingly;
- ▶ Preparing and submitting national reports, in coordination with relevant stakeholders, to human rights treaty bodies;
- ▶ Monitoring the implementation of recommendations and observations issued by human rights treaty bodies following their review of national reports;
- ▶ Cooperating with national institutions and regional human rights mechanisms;
- ▶ Coordinating efforts to mainstream human rights education and awareness in public policies;
- ▶ Supporting the development of human rights education, training, and awareness-raising programs in coordination with ministries and educational institutions;
- ▶ Encouraging research and studies on human rights at the national level;
- ▶ Monitoring emerging human rights issues, including climate change, business and human rights, artificial intelligence, and the digital transformation;
- ▶ Enhancing the capacities of national human rights actors;
- ▶ Strengthening dialogue and partnerships with national human rights organizations and contributing to their capacity-building;
- ▶ Proposing measures or initiatives to reinforce compliance with human rights obligations.

At the International Level :

- ▶ Coordinating and preparing Morocco's participation in regional and international human rights forums;
- ▶ Monitoring recommendations and observations issued by UN human rights mechanisms following the examination of national reports;
- ▶ Coordinating interactions with UN human rights mechanisms and regional intergovernmental organizations;
- ▶ Monitoring reports issued by national and international bodies on the human rights situation in Morocco and, where necessary, coordinating the preparation of responses;
- ▶ Contributing to the examination and assessment of international human rights treaties that Morocco intends to accede to or ratify;
- ▶ Strengthening the capacities of national civil society organizations in engaging with regional and international human rights mechanisms;
- ▶ Establishing consultation and dialogue mechanisms with national institutions and civil society organizations concerning international human rights activities;
- ▶ Coordinating preparations for Morocco's participation in international and regional human rights conferences, forums, and meetings;
- ▶ Participating in international human rights events;
- ▶ Facilitating exchanges of expertise, best practices, and institutional visits with counterpart mechanisms.

Organizational Structure

The structure of the Interministerial Delegation for Human Rights is regulated by Article 3 of its founding decree and includes:

- ▶ The Interministerial Delegate;
- ▶ The General Secretariat;

• Three Central Directorates:

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