South Africa

The Universal Periodic Review

South Africa was reviewed by UPR WG 27, in May of 2017. It received 243 recommendations and it supported 187 recommendations at the adoption of its UPR outcome at Human Rights Council 36, in September 2017 (an increase of 56% with respect to the 2nd cycle).

Supported recommendations related to: Legal and general framework of implementation, universal and cross-cutting issues, civil and political rights, economic, social, and cultural rights, women’s rights, and rights of other vulnerable groups and persons.

Trends in supported recommendations

- UPR 2nd Cycle - 2012: 151 recommendations received, 120 recommendations accepted
- UPR 3rd Cycle - 2017: 243 recommendations received, 187 recommendations accepted

Top 5 Sustainable Development Goals*

1. Peace, justice and strong institutions (25% of recommendations)
2. Reduced inequalities (19% of recommendations)
3. Gender equality (17% of recommendations)
4. Good health and well-being (16% of recommendations)
5. Decent work and economic growth (8% of recommendations)

*UPR Recommendations as they relate to SDGs. Source: Universal Human Rights Index (from April 2019).

Recommendations by Issue*

*Supported UPR Recommendations from the 3rd Cycle. See: Matrix of Recommendations.