Saudi Arabia

The Universal Periodic Review

Saudi Arabia was reviewed by UPR WG 31 in November of 2018. It received 258 recommendations and it supported 182 recommendations at the adoption of its UPR outcome at Human Rights Council 40, in March 2019 (an increase of 21% 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

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Top 5 Sustainable Development Goals*

- **Peace, justice and strong institutions**: 35% recommendations
- **Gender equality**: 23% recommendations
- **Decent work and economic growth**: 19% recommendations
- **Quality education**: 9% recommendations
- **Reduced inequalities**: 6% recommendations

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

Recommendations by Issue*

- Legal and general framework of implementation
- Economic, social and cultural rights
- International humanitarian law
- Women’s rights
- Universal and cross-cutting issues
- Children’s rights
- Civil and political rights
- Other specific groups and persons

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