

Tables for UN Compilation on Benin

I. Scope of international obligations¹

A. International human rights treaties²

	<i>Ratified</i>	<i>Not ratified/not accepted</i>
<i>Ratification, accession or succession</i>	ICERD (2001) ICESCR (1992) ICCPR (1992) ICCPR-OP 2 (2012) CEDAW (1992) CAT (1992) OP-CAT (2006) CRC (1990) OP-CRC-AC (2005) OP-CRC-SC (2005) ICRMW (2018) CRPD (2012) ICPPED (2017)	
<i>Complaints procedures, inquiries and urgent action³</i>	ICCPR-OP 1 (1992) OP-CEDAW, art. 8 (2019) CAT, art. 20 (1992) OP-CRC-IC, art. 13 (2019) OP-CRPD, art. 6 (2012)	ICERD, art. 14 OP-ICESCR (signature, 2013) ICCPR, art. 41 CAT, arts. 21 and 22 OP-CRC-IC, art. 12 ICRMW, arts. 76 and 77 ICPPED, arts. 31 and 32
<i>Reservations and / or declarations</i>		<i>Current Status</i>
		OP-CRC-AC (Declaration, art. 3(2), minimum age of military recruitment at 18 years)

During the period under review, Benin became a party to OP-CEDAW, OP-CRC-IC, ICRMW and ICPPED.

B. Other main relevant international instruments

	<i>Ratified</i>	<i>Not ratified</i>
<i>Ratification, accession or succession</i>	Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 and Additional Protocols I and II thereto ⁴ Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court Conventions on refugees and stateless persons ⁶ Palermo Protocol ⁷	Additional Protocols III to the 1949 Geneva Conventions ⁵ ILO fundamental Conventions N°155 and 187 and Protocol 029 ⁹ ILO Conventions Nos. 169, 189 and 190 ¹⁰
	Convention against Discrimination in Education	

During the period under review, Benin became a party to: Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide,

II. Cooperation with human rights mechanisms and bodies

A. Cooperation with treaty bodies¹¹

Reporting status

<i>Treaty body</i>	<i>Concluding observations included in previous review</i>	<i>Latest report submitted since previous review</i>	<i>Latest concluding observations</i>	<i>Reporting status</i>
CERD	--	2020	August 2022	Tenth to Thirteenth report due in 2026
CESCR	--	2018	March 2020	Fourth report due in 2025.
HR Committee	November 2015	--	--	Third report overdue since 2019.
CEDAW	October 2013	2022	--	Fifth report pending consideration.

CAT	--	2017	May 2019	Fourth report due in 2023.
CRC	January 2016	2016 (on OP-CRC-AC and OP-CRC-SC)/2022	October 2018 (on OP-CRC-AC and OP-CRC-SC)	Sixth and seventh pending consideration.
CMW	--	2019	--	First report pending consideration.
CRPD	--	2018	--	Initial report pending consideration.
CED	--	2021	--	Initial report pending consideration.

Country visits and/or inquiries by treaty bodies

<i>Treaty body</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Subject matter</i>
SPT	January 2016	Follow up on the implementation of the recommendations made by the Subcommittee after its first regular visit to the country in 2008. ¹²

B. Cooperation with special procedures¹³

	<i>Status during the Period Under Review</i>
<i>Standing invitations</i>	Yes (2012)
<i>Visits agreed to in principle during the period under review</i>	Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Assembly (2018) Special Rapporteur on Rights to Water and Sanitation (2018)
<i>Visits requested during the period under review</i>	Special Rapporteur on Disability (2018) Special Rapporteur on Cultural Rights (2019)
<i>Responses to letters of allegation and urgent appeal</i>	During the period under review, 3 communications were sent. The Government did not reply to the communications

C. Status of national human rights institution¹⁴

<i>National human rights institution</i>	<i>Status during previous cycle</i>	<i>Status during present cycle¹⁵</i>
Beninese Human Rights Commission	C	A

Notes

- ¹ Unless indicated otherwise, the status of ratification of instruments listed in the table may be found on the official website of the United Nations Treaty Collection database, Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat, <http://treaties.un.org/>. Please also refer to the United Nations compilation on Benin from the previous cycle (A/HRC/WG.6/Acronym/2).
- ² The following abbreviations have been used in the universal periodic review document:
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| ICERD | International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination; |
| ICESCR | International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights; |
| OP-ICESCR | Optional Protocol to ICESCR; |
| ICCPR | International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights; |
| ICCPR-OP 1 | Optional Protocol to ICCPR; |
| ICCPR-OP 2 | Second Optional Protocol to ICCPR, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty; |
| CEDAW | Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women; |
| OP-CEDAW | Optional Protocol to CEDAW; |
| CAT | Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment; |
| OP-CAT | Optional Protocol to CAT; |
| CRC | Convention on the Rights of the Child; |
| OP-CRC-AC | Optional Protocol to CRC on the involvement of children in armed conflict; |
| OP-CRC-SC | Optional Protocol to CRC on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography; |
| OP-CRC-IC | Optional Protocol to CRC on a communications procedure; |
| ICRMW | International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families; |
| CRPD | Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; |
| OP-CRPD | Optional Protocol to CRPD; |
| ICPPED | International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance. |
- ³ Individual complaints: ICCPR-OP 1, art. 1; OP-CEDAW, art. 1; OP-CRPD, art. 1; OP-ICESCR, art. 1; OP-CRC-IC, art. 5; ICERD, art. 14; CAT, art. 22; ICRMW, art. 77; and ICPPED, art. 31. Inquiry procedure: OP-CEDAW, art. 8; CAT, art. 20; ICPPED, art. 33; OP-CRPD, art. 6; OP-ICESCR, art. 11; and OP-CRC-IC, art. 13. Inter-State complaints: ICCPR, art. 41; ICERD, art. 11; ICRMW, art. 76; ICPPED, art. 32; CAT, art. 21; OP-ICESCR, art. 10; and OP-CRC-IC, art. 12. Urgent action: ICPPED, art. 30.
- ⁴ Geneva Convention for the Amelioration of the Condition of the Wounded and Sick in Armed Forces in the Field (First Convention); Geneva Convention for the Amelioration of the Condition of Wounded, Sick and Shipwrecked Members of Armed Forces at Sea (Second Convention); Geneva Convention relative to the Treatment of Prisoners of War (Third Convention); Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War (Fourth Convention); Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, and relating to the Protection of Victims of International Armed Conflicts (Protocol I); Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, and relating to the Protection of Victims of Non-International Armed Conflicts (Protocol II). For the official status of ratifications, see Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland, at <https://www.dfae.admin.ch/eda/fr/dfaef/politique-exterieure/droit-international-public/traites-internationaux/depositaire/protection-des-victimes-de-la-guerre.html>
- ⁵ Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, and relating to the Adoption of an Additional Distinctive Emblem (Protocol III). For the official status of ratifications, see Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland, at <https://www.dfae.admin.ch/eda/fr/dfaef/politique-exterieure/droit-international-public/traites-internationaux/depositaire/protection-des-victimes-de-la-guerre.html>

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- ⁶ 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and its 1967 Protocol, 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons, and 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness.
- ⁷ Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime.
- ⁸ International Labour Organization Convention No. 29 concerning Forced or Compulsory Labour; Protocol of 2014 to Convention No. 29 concerning Forced or Compulsory Labour; Convention No. 105 concerning the Abolition of Forced Labour; Convention No. 87 concerning Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise; Convention No. 98 concerning the Application of the Principles of the Right to Organise and to Bargain Collectively; Convention No. 100 concerning Equal Remuneration for Men and Women Workers for Work of Equal Value; Convention No. 111 concerning Discrimination in Respect of Employment and Occupation; Convention No. 138 concerning Minimum Age for Admission to Employment; Convention No. 182 concerning the Prohibition and Immediate Action for the Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labour; Convention No. 155 concerning Occupational Safety and Health; and Convention No. 187 concerning Promotional Framework for Occupational Safety and Health.
- ⁹ International Labour Organization Convention No. 155 concerning Occupational Safety and Health Convention; Convention N°187 concerning Promotional Framework for Occupational Safety and Health Convention
- ¹⁰ ILO Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Convention, 1989 (No. 169), Domestic Workers Convention, 2011 (No. 189) and Violence and Harassment Convention, 2019 (No. 190)
- ¹¹ The following abbreviations have been used in the present document:
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| CERD | Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination; |
| CESCR | Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights; |
| HR Committee | Human Rights Committee; |
| CEDAW | Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women; |
| CAT | Committee against Torture; |
| CRC | Committee on the Rights of the Child; |
| CMW | Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families; |
| CRPD | Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; |
| CED | Committee on Enforced Disappearances; |
| SPT | Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture. |
- ¹² CAT/OP/BEN/3, para. 6.
- ¹³ For the titles of special procedure mandate holders see: <https://spcommreports.ohchr.org/about/abbreviations>.
- ¹⁴ According to article 5 of the rules of procedure of the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI), the classifications for accreditation used by the Sub-Committee are: A: voting member (fully in compliance with each of the Paris Principles); B: non-voting member (not fully in compliance with each of the Paris Principles or insufficient information provided to make a determination); and C: no status (not in compliance with the Paris Principles).
- ¹⁵ The list of national human rights institutions with accreditation status granted by the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI), accessed at: https://ganhri.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/StatusAccreditationChartNHRIs_28.12.21.pdf