

The Human Rights Guide to the Sustainable Development Goals

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Goal	Target	Instrument	Article / Description
1 POVERTY	By 2030, ensure that all men and women, in particular the poor and the vulnerable, have equal rights to economic resources, as well as access to basic services, ownership and control over land and other forms of property, inheritance, natural resources, appropriate new technology and financial services, including microfinance.	ICRMW International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families	Show all articles 30 Each child of a migrant worker shall have the basic right of access to education on the basis of equality of treatment with nationals of the State concerned. Access to public pre-school educational institutions or schools shall not be refused or limited by reason of the irregular situation with respect to stay or employment of either parent or by reason of the irregularity of the child's stay in the State of employment.
		UNDRIP United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples	Show all articles 14.2 Indigenous individuals, particularly children, have the right to all levels and forms of education of the State without discrimination.
End poverty in all its forms everywhere.	Indicators 1.4.1 Proportion of population living in households with access to basic services 1.4.2 Proportion of total adult population with secure tenure rights to land, (a) with legally recognized documentation, and (b) who perceive their rights to land as secure, by sex and type of tenure		21.1 Indigenous peoples have the right, without discrimination, to the improvement of their economic and social conditions, including, inter alia, in the areas of education, employment, vocational training and retraining, housing, sanitation, health and social security.
			21.2 States shall take effective measures and, where appropriate, special measures to ensure continuing improvement of their economic and social conditions. Particular attention shall be paid to the rights and special needs of indigenous elders, women, youth, children and persons with disabilities.
			24.2 Indigenous individuals have an equal right to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health. States shall take the necessary steps with a view to achieving progressively the full realization of this right.
			26.1 Indigenous peoples have the right to the lands, territories and resources which they have traditionally owned, occupied or otherwise used or acquired.
			39 Indigenous peoples have the right to have access to financial and technical assistance from States and through international cooperation, for the enjoyment of the rights contained in this Declaration.
		ECHR Protocol Protocol to the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms	Show all articles 1 Every natural or legal person is entitled to the peaceful enjoyment of his possessions. No one shall be deprived of his possessions except in the public interest and subject to the conditions provided for by law and by the general principles of international law. The preceding provisions shall not, however, in any way impair the right of a State to enforce such laws as it deems necessary to control the use of property in accordance with the general interest or to secure the payment of taxes or other contributions or penalties.
		European Social Charter European Social Charter (Revised)	Show all articles Part II The Parties undertake, as provided for in Part III, to consider themselves bound by the obligations laid down in the following articles and paragraphs.
			Part#I.8 Employed women, in case of maternity, have the right to a special protection.
			Part#II.8 With a view to ensuring the effective exercise of the right of employed women to the protection of maternity, the Parties undertake:
			Part#II.8.1 to provide either by paid leave, by adequate social security benefits or by benefits from public funds for employed women to take leave before and after childbirth up to a total of at least fourteen weeks;
			Part#II.11 With a view to ensuring the effective exercise of the right to protection of health, the Parties undertake, either directly or in cooperation with public or private organisations, to take appropriate measures designed inter alia:

Part#II 11 1

to remove as far as possible the causes of ill-health;

Part#II.11.2

to provide advisory and educational facilities for the promotion of health and the encouragement of individual responsibility in matters of health;

Part#II.12

With a view to ensuring the effective exercise of the right to social security, the Parties undertake:

Part#I.12

All workers and their dependents have the right to social security.

Part#II.12.1

to establish or maintain a system of social security;

Part#II.12.2

to maintain the social security system at a satisfactory level at least equal to that necessary for the ratification of the European Code of Social Security;

Part#II.12.3

to endeavour to raise progressively the system of social security to a higher level;

Part#II.12.4

to take steps, by the conclusion of appropriate bilateral and multilateral agreements or by other means, and subject to the conditions laid down in such agreements, in order to ensure:

Part#II.12.4.a

equal treatment with their own nationals of the nationals of other Parties in respect of social security rights, including the retention of benefits arising out of social security legislation, whatever movements the persons protected may undertake between the territories of the Parties;

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the granting, maintenance and resumption of social security rights by such means as the accumulation of insurance or employment periods completed under the legislation of each of the Parties.

Part#II.13

With a view to ensuring the effective exercise of the right to social and medical assistance, the Parties undertake:

Part#II.13.1

to ensure that any person who is without adequate resources and who is unable to secure such resources either by his own efforts or from other sources, in particular by benefits under a social security scheme, be granted adequate assistance, and, in case of sickness, the care necessitated by his condition;

Part#II.13.2

to ensure that persons receiving such assistance shall not, for that reason, suffer from a diminution of their political or social rights;

Part#II.13.3

to provide that everyone may receive by appropriate public or private services such advice and personal help as may be required to prevent, to remove, or to alleviate personal or family want;

Part#II.13.4

to apply the provisions referred to in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of this article on an equal footing with their nationals to nationals of other Parties lawfully within their territories, in accordance with their obligations under the European Convention on Social and Medical Assistance, signed at Paris on 11 December 1953.

Part#I.14

Everyone has the right to benefit from social welfare services.

Part#II.14.2

to encourage the participation of individuals and voluntary or other organisations in the establishment and maintenance of such services.

Part#II.16

With a view to ensuring the necessary conditions for the full development of the family, which is a fundamental unit of society, the Parties undertake to promote the economic, legal and social protection of family life by such means as social and family benefits, fiscal arrangements, provision of family housing, benefits for the newly married and other appropriate means.

Part#II.17

With a view to ensuring the effective exercise of the right of children and young persons to grow up in an environment which encourages the full development of their personality and of their physical and mental capacities, the Parties undertake, either directly or in co-operation with public and private organisations, to take all appropriate and necessary measures designed:

Part#II.17.1.a

to ensure that children and young persons, taking account of the rights and duties of their parents, have the care, the assistance, the education and the training they need, in particular by providing for the establishment or maintenance of institutions and services sufficient and adequate for this purpose;

Part#II.30

With a view to ensuring the effective exercise of the right to protection against poverty and social exclusion, the Parties undertake:

	Part#I.30 Everyone has the right to protection against poverty and social exclusion.
	Part#II.30.a to take measures within the framework of an overall and co-ordinated approach to promote the effective access of persons who live or risk living in a situation of social exclusion or poverty, as well as their families, to, in particular, employment, housing, training, education, culture and social and medical assistance;
	Part#II.31 With a view to ensuring the effective exercise of the right to housing, the Parties undertake to take measures designed:
	Part#I.31 Everyone has the right to housing.
	Part#II.31.1 to promote access to housing of an adequate standard;
	Part#II.31.2 to prevent and reduce homelessness with a view to its gradual elimination;
	Part#II.31.3 to make the price of housing accessible to those without adequate resources.
European Framework Convention on	Show all articles
Minorities Council of Europe Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities	4.2 The Parties undertake to adopt, where necessary, adequate measures in order to promote, in all areas of economic, social, political and cultural life, full an effective equality between persons belonging to a national minority and those belonging to the majority. In this respect, they shall take due account of the specific conditions of the persons belonging to national minorities.
ADRDM	Show all articles
American Declaration on the Rights and Duties of Man	II All persons are equal before the law and have the rights and duties established in this Declaration, without distinction as to race, sex, language, creed or any other factor.
	XI Every person has the right to the preservation of his health through sanitary and social measures relating to food, clothing, housing and medical care, to the extent permitted by public and community resources
	XXIII Every person has a right to own such private property as meets the essential needs of decent living and helps to maintain the dignity of the individual and the home.
ACHR American Convention on Human Rights	Show all articles 1.1 The States Parties to this Convention undertake to respect the rights and freedoms recognized herein and to ensure to all persons subject to their jurisdiction the free and full exercise of those rights and freedoms, without any discrimination for reasons of race, color, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, economic status, birth, or any other social condition.
	2 Where the exercise of any of the rights or freedoms referred to in Article 1 is not already ensured by legislative or other provisions, the States Parties undertake to adopt, in accordance with their constitutional processes and the provisions of this Convention, such legislative or other measures as may be necessary to give effect to those rights or freedoms.
	21.1 Everyone has the right to the use and enjoyment of his property. The law may subordinate such use and enjoyment to the interest of society.
	21.2 No one shall be deprived of his property except upon payment of just compensation, for reasons of public utility or social interest, and in the cases and according to the forms established by law.
	21.3 Usury and any other form of exploitation of man by man shall be prohibited by law.
	26 The States Parties undertake to adopt measures, both internally and through international cooperation, especially those of an economic and technical nature, with a view to achieving progressively, by legislation or other appropriate means, the full realization of the rights implicit in the economic, social, educational, scientific, and cultural standards set forth in the Charter of the Organization of American States as amended by the Protocol of Buenos Aires.
Protocol of San Salvador Additional Protocol to the American Convention on Human Rights in the Area of Economic, Social and Cultural rights (Protocol of San Salvador)	Show all articles 3 The State Parties to this Protocol undertake to guarantee the exercise of the rights set forth herein without discrimination of any kind for reasons related to race, color, sex, language, religion, political or other opinions, national or social origin, economic status, birth or any other social condition.

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Everyone shall have the right to social security protecting him from the consequences of old age and of disability which prevents him, physically or mentally, from securing the means for a dignified and decent existence. In the event of the death of a beneficiary, social security benefits shall be applied to his dependents.

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In the case of persons who are employed, the right to social security shall cover at least medical care and an allowance or retirement benefit in the case of work accidents or occupational disease and, in the case of women, paid maternity leave before and after childbirth.

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Everyone shall have the right to health, understood to mean the enjoyment of the highest level of physical, mental and social well-being.

10.2

In order to ensure the exercise of the right to health, the States Parties agree to recognize health as a public good and, particularly, to adopt the following measures to ensure that right:

10.2.a

Primary health care, that is, essential health care made available to all individuals and families in the community;

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Extension of the benefits of health services to all individuals subject to the State's jurisdiction;

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Universal immunization against the principal infectious diseases;

10.2.d

Prevention and treatment of endemic, occupational and other diseases;

10.2.e

Education of the population on the prevention and treatment of health problems,

10.2.f

Satisfaction of the health needs of the highest risk groups and of those whose poverty makes them the most vulnerable.

13.1

Everyone has the right to education.

13.2

The States Parties to this Protocol agree that education should be directed towards the full development of the human personality and human dignity and should strengthen respect for human rights, ideological pluralism, fundamental freedoms, justice and peace. They further agree that education ought to enable everyone to participate effectively in a democratic and pluralistic society and achieve a decent existence and should foster understanding, tolerance and friendship among all nations and all racial, ethnic or religious groups and promote activities for the maintenance of peace.

13.3

The States Parties to this Protocol recognize that in order to achieve the full exercise of the right to education:

13.3.a

Primary education should be compulsory and accessible to all without cost;

13.3.b

Secondary education in its different forms, including technical and vocational secondary education, should be made generally available and accessible to all by every appropriate means, and in particular, by the progressive introduction of free education;

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Higher education should be made equally accessible to all, on the basis of individual capacity, by every appropriate means, and in particular, by the progressive introduction of free education;

13.3.d

Basic education should be encouraged or intensified as far as possible for those persons who have not received or completed the whole cycle of primary instruction;

13.3.e

Programs of special education should be established for the handicapped, so as to provide special instruction and training to persons with physical disabilities or mental deficiencies.

13.4

In conformity with the domestic legislation of the States Parties, parents should have the right to select the type of education to be given to their children, provided that it conforms to the principles set forth above.

13.5

Nothing in this Protocol shall be interpreted as a restriction of the freedom of individuals and entities to establish and direct educational institutions in accordance with the domestic legislation of the States Parties.

	Every child, whatever his parentage, has the right to the protection that his status as a minor requires from his family, society and the State. Every child he the right to grow under the protection and responsibility of his parents; save in exceptional, judicially-recognized circumstances, a child of young age oug not to be separated from his mother. Every child has the right to free and compulsory education, at least in the elementary phase, and to continue his training at higher levels of the educational system.
	17 Everyone has the right to special protection in old age. With this in view the States Parties agree to take progressively the necessary steps to make this right a reality and, particularly, to:
	17.a Provide suitable facilities, as well as food and specialized medical care, for elderly individuals who lack them and are unable to provide them for themsel
	17.b Undertake work programs specifically designed to give the elderly the opportunity to engage in a productive activity suited to their abilities and consistent with their vocations or desires;
	18 Everyone affected by a diminution of his physical or mental capacities is entitled to receive special attention designed to help him achieve the greatest possible development of his personality. The States Parties agree to adopt such measures as may be necessary for this purpose and, especially, to:
	18.a Undertake programs specifically aimed at providing the handicapped with the resources and environment needed for attaining this goal, including work programs consistent with their possibilities and freely accepted by them or their legal representatives, as the case may be;
	18.b Provide special training to the families of the handicapped in order to help them solve the problems of coexistence and convert them into active agents i the physical, mental and emotional development of the latter;
Inter-American Convention on discrimination against persons with disabilities	Show all articles IV To achieve the objectives of this Convention, the states parties undertake to:
Inter-American Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities	III To achieve the objectives of this Convention, the states parties undertake:
	II The objectives of this Convention are to prevent and eliminate all forms of discrimination against persons with disabilities and to promote their full integral into society.
	III.1 To adopt the legislative, social, educational, labor-related, or any other measures needed to eliminate discrimination against persons with disabilities and promote their full integration into society, including, but not limited to:
	III.1.a Measures to eliminate discrimination gradually and to promote integration by government authorities and/or private entities in providing or making availa goods, services, facilities, programs, and activities such as employment, transportation, communications, housing, recreation, education, sports, law enforcement and administration of justice, and political and administrative activities;
	V.2 The states parties shall create effective communication channels to disseminate among the public and private organizations working with persons with disabilities the normative and juridical advances that may be achieved in order to eliminate discrimination against persons with disabilities
	IV.2 Collaborate effectively in:
	IV.2.a Scientific and technological research related to the prevention of disabilities and to the treatment, rehabilitation, and integration into society of persons w disabilities;
	IV.2.b The development of means and resources designed to facilitate or promote the independence, self-sufficiency, and total integration into society of person with disabilities, under conditions of equality.
ACHPR African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights	Show all articles 2 Every individual shall be entitled to the enjoyment of the rights and freedoms recognized and guaranteed in the present Charter without distinction of any kind such as race, ethnic group, colour, sex, language, religion, political or any other opinion, national and social origin, fortune, birth or other status.
	14 The right to property shall be guaranteed. It may only be encroached upon in the interest of public need or in the general interest of the community and i

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African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child

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1.1

Member States of the Organization of African Unity, Parties to the present Charter shall recognize the rights, freedoms and duties enshrined in this Charter and shall undertake the necessary steps, in accordance with their Constitutional processes and with the provisions of the present Charter, to adopt such legislative or other measures as may be necessary to give effect to the provisions of this Charter.

11.3

State Parties to the present Charter shall take all appropriate measures with a view to achieving the full realization of this right and shall in particular:

11.3.a

provide free and compulsory basic education;

11.3.b

encourage the development of secondary education in its different forms and progressively make it free and accessible to all;

11.3.0

make higher education accessible to all on the basis of capacity and ability by every appropriate means;

11.3.e

take special measures in respect of female, gifted and disadvantaged children, to ensure equal access to education for all sections of the community.

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Every child who is mentally or physically disabled shall have the right to special measures of protection in keeping with his physical and moral needs and under conditions which ensure his dignity, promote his self-reliance and active participation in the community.

13.2

State Parties to the present Charter shall ensure, subject to available resources, to a disabled child and to those responsible for his care, assistance for which application is made and which is appropriate to the child's condition and in particular shall ensure that the disabled child has effective access to training, preparation for employment and recreation opportunities in a manner conducive to the child achieving the fullest possible social integration, individual development and his/her cultural and moral development.

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The State Parties to the present Charter shall use their available resources with a view to achieving progressively the full convenience of the mentally and physically disabled person to movement and access to public highway buildings and other places to which the disabled may legitimately want to have access to.

14.2

State Parties to the present Charter shall undertake to pursue the full implementation of this right and in particular shall take measures:

14.2.b

to ensure the provision of necessary medical assistance and health care to all children with emphasis on the development of primary health care;

14.2.c

to ensure the provision of adequate nutrition and safe drinking water;

14.2.d

to combat disease and malnutrition within the framework of primary health care through the application of appropriate technology;

14.2.e

to ensure appropriate health care for expectant and nursing mothers;

14.2.f

to develop preventive health care and family life education and provision of service;

14.2.g

to integrate basic health service programmes in national development plans;

14.2.h

to ensure that all sectors of the society, in particular, parents, children, community leaders and community workers are informed and supported in the use of basic knowledge of child health and nutrition, the advantages of breastfeeding, hygiene and environmental sanitation and the prevention of domestic and other accidents;

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to ensure the meaningful participation of non-governmental organizations, local communities and the beneficiary population in the planning and management of basic service programmes for children;

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to support through technical and financial means, the mobilization of local community resources in the development of primary health care for children.

20.2

State Parties to the present Charter shall in accordance with their means and national conditions take all appropriate measures:

20.2.a

to assist parents and other persons responsible for the child and in case of need, provide material assistance and support programmes particularly with regard to nutrition, health, education, clothing and housing;

	20.2.b to assist parents and others responsible for the child in the performance of child-rearing and ensure the development of institutions responsible for providing
	care of children; 20.2.c to ensure that the children of working parents are provided with care services and facilities.
Maputo Protocol Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Womer in Africa	Show all articles 2.1 States Parties shall combat all forms of discrimination against women through appropriate legislative, institutional and other measures. In this regard they shall:
	2.1.a include in their national constitutions and other legislative instruments, if not already done, the principle of equality between women and men and ensure its effective application;
	6 States Parties shall ensure that women and men enjoy equal rights and are regarded as equal partners in marriage. They shall enact appropriate national legislative measures to guarantee that:
	6.j during her marriage, a woman shall have the right to acquire her own property and to administer and manage it freely.
	7 States Parties shall enact appropriate legislation to ensure that women and men enjoy the same rights in case of separation, divorce or annulment of marriage. In this regard, they shall ensure that:
	7.d in case of separation, divorce or annulment of marriage, women and men shall have the right to an equitable sharing of the joint property deriving from the marriage;
	12.1 States Parties shall take all appropriate measures to:
	12.1.a eliminate all forms of discrimination against women and guarantee equal opportunity and access in the sphere of education and training;
	13 States Parties shall adopt and enforce legislative and other measures to guarantee women equal opportunities in work and career advancement and other economic opportunities. In this respect, they shall:
	13.f establish a system of protection and social insurance for women working in the informal sector and sensitise them to adhere to it;
	14.2 States Parties shall take all appropriate measures to:
	14.2.a provide adequate, affordable and accessible health services, including information, education and communication programmes to women especially those in rural areas;
	14.2.b establish and strengthen existing pre-natal, delivery and post-natal health and nutritional services for women during pregnancy and while they are breast-feeding;
	15 States Parties shall ensure that women have the right to nutritious and adequate food. In this regard, they shall take appropriate measures to:
	15.a provide women with access to clean drinking water, sources of domestic fuel, land, and the means of producing nutritious food;
	15.b establish adequate systems of supply and storage to ensure food security
	16 Women shall have the right to equal access to housing and to acceptable living conditions in a healthy environment. To ensure this right, States Parties shall grant to women, whatever their marital status, access to adequate housing.
	18.1 Women shall have the right to live in a healthy and sustainable environment.
	18.2 States Parties shall take all appropriate measures to:

		18.2.a ensure greater participation of women in the planning, management and preservation of the environment and the sustainable use of natural resources at all levels;
		18.2.c protect and enable the development of women's indigenous knowledge systems;
		19 Women shall have the right to fully enjoy their right to sustainable development. In this connection, the States Parties shall take all appropriate measures to:
		19.c promote women's access to and control over productive resources such as land and guarantee their right to property;
		19.d promote women's access to credit, training, skills development and extension services at rural and urban levels in order to provide women with a higher quality of life and reduce the level of poverty among women;
		21.1 A widow shall have the right to an equitable share in the inheritance of the property of her husband. A widow shall have the right to continue to live in the matrimonial house. In case of remarriage, she shall retain this right if the house belongs to her or she has inherited it.
		21.2 Women and men shall have the right to inherit, in equitable shares, their parents' properties
		23 The States Parties undertake to:
		23.a ensure the protection of women with disabilities and take specific measures commensurate with their physical, economic and social needs to facilitate their access to employment, professional and vocational training as well as their participation in decision-making;
		24 The States Parties undertake to:
		24.a ensure the protection of poor women and women heads of families including women from marginalized population groups and provide an environment suitable to their condition and their special physical, economic and social needs;
	CBD Convention on Biological Diversity	Show all articles 8 Each Contracting Party shall, as far as possible and as appropriate:
		8.j Subject to its national legislation, respect, preserve and maintain knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities embodying traditional lifestyles relevant for the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity and promote their wider application with the approval and involvement of the holders of such knowledge, innovations and practices and encourage the equitable sharing of the benefits arising from the utilization of such knowledge, innovations and practices;
		10 Each Contracting Party shall, as far as possible and as appropriate:
		10.c Protect and encourage customary use of biological resources in accordance with traditional cultural practices that are compatible with conservation or sustainable use requirements;
		10.d Support local populations to develop and implement remedial action in degraded areas where biological diversity has been reduced;
	UNCCD UN Convention to Combat Desertification	Show all articles 10.3.c establishment and/or strengthening, as appropriate, of food security systems, including storage and marketing facilities, particularly in rural areas;
		Taking into account the circumstances and requirements specific to each affected country Party, national action programmes include, as appropriate, inter alia, measures in some or all of the following priority fields as they relate to combating desertification and mitigating the effects of drought in affected areas and to their populations: promotion of alternative livelihoods and improvement of national economic environments with a view to strengthening programmes aimed at the eradication of poverty and at ensuring food security; demographic dynamics; sustainable management of natural resources; sustainable agricultural practices; development and efficient use of various energy sources; institutional and legal frameworks; strengthening of capabilities for assessment and systematic observation, including hydrological and meteorological services, and capacity building, education and public awareness.
		The Parties agree, according to their respective capabilities, to integrate and coordinate the collection, analysis and exchange of relevant short term and long term data and information to ensure systematic observation of land degradation in affected areas and to understand better and assess the processes and effects of drought and desertification. This would help accomplish, inter alia, early warning and advance planning for periods of adverse climatic

		16.g subject to their respective national legislation and/or policies, exchange information on local and traditional knowledge, ensuring adequate protection for it and providing appropriate return from the benefits derived from it, on an equitable basis and on mutually agreed terms, to the local populations concerned.
		17.1 The Parties undertake, according to their respective capabilities, to promote technical and scientific cooperation in the fields of combating desertification and mitigating the effects of drought through appropriate national, subregional, regional and international institutions. To this end, they shall support research activities that:
		17.1.c protect, integrate, enhance and validate traditional and local knowledge, know-how and practices, ensuring, subject to their respective national legislation and/or policies, that the owners of that knowledge will directly benefit on an equitable basis and on mutually agreed terms from any commercial utilization of it or from any technological development derived from that knowledge;
		19.1 The Parties recognize the significance of capacity building that is to say, institution building, training and development of relevant local and national capacities in efforts to combat desertification and mitigate the effects of drought. They shall promote, as appropriate, capacity-building:
		19.1.c by establishing and/or strengthening support and extension services to disseminate relevant technology methods and techniques more effectively, and by training field agents and members of rural organizations in participatory approaches for the conservation and sustainable use of natural resources;
		19.1.d by fostering the use and dissemination of the knowledge, know-how and practices of local people in technical cooperation programmes, wherever possible;
		19.1.e by adapting, where necessary, relevant environmentally sound technology and traditional methods of agriculture and pastoralism to modern socio-economic conditions;
		19.1.f by providing appropriate training and technology in the use of alternative energy sources, particularly renewable energy resources, aimed particularly at reducing dependence on wood for fuel;
		19.1.h through innovative ways of promoting alternative livelihoods, including training in new skills;
1.5	UDHR	Show all articles
By 2030, build the resilience of the poor and those in vulnerable situations and reduce their exposure and	Universal Declaration of Human Rights	3 Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person.
vulnerability to climate-related extreme events and	ICCPR	Show all articles
other economic, social and environmental shocks and disasters.	International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights	6.1 Every human being has the inherent right to life. This right shall be protected by law. No one shall be arbitrarily deprived of his life.
Indicators 1.5.1 Number of deaths, missing persons and directly	ICESCR International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights	Show all articles 12.2 The steps to be taken by the States Parties to the present Covenant to achieve the full realization of this right shall include those necessary for: 12.2.b
affected persons attributed to disasters per 100,000 population		The improvement of all aspects of environmental and industrial hygiene;
1.5.2 Direct disaster economic loss in relation to global gross domestic product (GDP) 1.5.3 Number of countries that adopt and implement national	CRPD Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	Show all articles 10 States Parties reaffirm that every human being has the inherent right to life and shall take all necessary measures to ensure its effective enjoyment by persons with disabilities on an equal basis with others.
disaster risk reduction strategies in line with the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015– 2030 1.5.4		11 States Parties shall take, in accordance with their obligations under international law, including international humanitarian law and international human rights law, all necessary measures to ensure the protection and safety of persons with disabilities in situations of risk, including situations of armed conflict, humanitarian emergencies and the occurrence of natural disasters.
Proportion of local governments that adopt and implement local disaster risk reduction strategies in	ICRMW	Show all articles
line with national disaster risk reduction strategies	International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families	9 The right to life of migrant workers and members of their families shall be protected by law.
	DEVAW Declaration on the Elimination of Violence against Women	Show all articles 3 Women are entitled to the equal enjoyment and protection of all human rights and fundamental freedoms in the political, economic, social, cultural, civil or any other field. These rights include, inter alia: 3.a The right to life;

Escazú Agreement

Regional Agreement on Access to Information, Public Participation and Justice in Environmental Matters in Latin America and the Caribbean

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The objective of the present Agreement is to guarantee the full and effective implementation in Latin America and the Caribbean of the rights of access to environmental information, public participation in the environmental decision-making process and access to justice in environmental matters, and the creation and strengthening of capacities and cooperation, contributing to the protection of the right of every person of present and future generations to live in a healthy environment and to sustainable development.

4.1

Each Party shall guarantee the right of every person to live in a healthy environment and any other universally-recognized human right related to the present Agreement.

5.2

The exercise of the right of access to environmental information includes:

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requesting and receiving information from competent authorities without mentioning any special interest or explaining the reasons for the request;

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being informed promptly whether the requested information is in possession or not of the competent authority receiving the request;

5.2.c

being informed of the right to challenge and appeal when information is not delivered, and of the requirements for exercising this right.

5.3

Each Party shall facilitate access to environmental information for persons or groups in vulnerable situations, establishing procedures for the provision of assistance, from the formulation of requests through to the delivery of the information, taking into account their conditions and specificities, for the purpose of promoting access and participation under equal conditions.

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Each Party shall guarantee that the above-mentioned persons or groups in vulnerable situations, including indigenous peoples and ethnic groups, receive assistance in preparing their requests and obtain a response.

6.4

Each Party shall take steps to establish a pollutant release and transfer register covering air, water, soil and subsoil pollutants, as well as materials and waste in its jurisdiction. This register will be established progressively and updated periodically.

6.5

Each Party shall guarantee that in the case of an imminent threat to public health or the environment, the relevant competent authority shall immediately disclose and disseminate through the most effective means all pertinent information in its possession that could help the public take measures to prevent or limit potential damage. Each Party shall develop and implement an early warning system using available mechanisms.

6.6

In order to facilitate access by persons or groups in vulnerable situations to information that particularly affects them, each Party shall endeavour, where applicable, to ensure that the competent authorities disseminate environmental information in the various languages used in the country, and prepare alternative formats that are comprehensible to those groups, using suitable channels of communication.

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Each Party shall guarantee mechanisms for the participation of the public in decision-making processes, revisions, re-examinations or updates with respect to projects and activities, and in other processes for granting environmental permits that have or may have a significant impact on the environment, including when they may affect health.

7.3

Each Party shall promote the participation of the public in decision-making processes, revisions, re-examinations or updates other than those referred to in paragraph 2 of the present article with respect to environmental matters of public interest, such as land-use planning, policies, strategies, plans, programmes, rules and regulations, which have or may have a significant impact on the environment.

7.4

Each Party shall adopt measures to ensure that the public can participate in the decision-making process from the early stages, so that due consideration can be given to the observations of the public, thus contributing to the process. To that effect, each Party shall provide the public with the necessary information in a clear, timely and comprehensive manner, to give effect to its right to participate in the decision-making process.

7.14

The public authorities shall make efforts to identify and support persons or groups in vulnerable situations in order to engage them in an active, timely and effective manner in participation mechanisms. For these purposes, appropriate means and formats will be considered, in order to eliminate barriers to participation.

7.15

In the implementation of the present Agreement, each Party shall guarantee that its domestic legislation and international obligations in relation to the rights of indigenous peoples and local communities are observed.

7.16

The public authority shall make efforts to identify the public directly affected by the projects or activities that have or may have a significant impact on the environment and shall promote specific actions to facilitate their participation.

	10.2 Each Party, in line with its capacities, may take, inter alia, the following measures:	
	10.2.a train authorities and civil servants on environmental access rights;	
	10.2.b develop and strengthen environmental law and access rights awareness-raising and capacity-building programmes for, inter alia, the public, judicial and administrative officials, national human rights institutions and jurists;	
	10.2.c provide the competent institutions and entities with adequate equipment and resources;	
	10.2.d promote education and training on, and raise public awareness of, environmental matters, through, inter alia, basic educational modules on access rights for students at all levels of education;	
	10.2.e develop specific measures for persons or groups in vulnerable situations, such as providing interpreters or translators in languages other than official languages when necessary;	
	10.2.f acknowledge the importance of associations, organizations or groups that train the public on or raise public awareness of access rights;	
	10.2.g strengthen capabilities to collect, retain and evaluate environmental information.	
ADRDM American Declaration on the Rights and Duties of Man	Show all articles I Every human being has the right to life, liberty and the security of his person.	
ACHR American Convention on Human Rights	Show all articles 4.1 Every person has the right to have his life respected. This right shall be protected by law and, in general, from the moment of conception. No one shall be arbitrarily deprived of his life.	
Protocol of San Salvador Additional Protocol to the American Convention on Human Rights in the Area of	Show all articles 11.1 Everyone shall have the right to live in a healthy environment and to have access to basic public services.	
Economic, Social and Cultural rights (Protocol of San Salvador)	11.2 The States Parties shall promote the protection, preservation, and improvement of the environment.	
Inter-American Convention on discrimination against persons with disabilities	Show all articles III To achieve the objectives of this Convention, the states parties undertake:	
Inter-American Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities	II The objectives of this Convention are to prevent and eliminate all forms of discrimination against persons with disabilities and to promote their full integratio into society.	
	III.1 To adopt the legislative, social, educational, labor-related, or any other measures needed to eliminate discrimination against persons with disabilities and to promote their full integration into society, including, but not limited to:	
	III.1.a Measures to eliminate discrimination gradually and to promote integration by government authorities and/or private entities in providing or making available goods, services, facilities, programs, and activities such as employment, transportation, communications, housing, recreation, education, sports, law enforcement and administration of justice, and political and administrative activities;	
	III.2 To work on a priority basis in the following areas:	
	III.2.a Prevention of all forms of preventable disabilities;	
Convention of Belém do Pará Inter-American Convention on the Prevention, Punishment and Eradication of Violence Against Women	Show all articles 4 Every woman has the right to the recognition, enjoyment, exercise and protection of all human rights and freedoms embodied in regional and international human rights instruments. These rights include, among others:	
· ·	4.a The right to have her life respected;	

ACHPR African Charter on Human and Peoples'	Show all articles 4				
Rights	Human beings are inviolable. Every human being shall be entitled to respect for his life and the integrity of his person. No one may be arbitrarily deprived of this right.				
	24 All peoples shall have the right to a general satisfactory environment favourable to their development.				
ACRWC African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of	Show all articles 5.1				
the Child	5.1 Every child has an inherent right to life. This right shall be protected by law.				
	5.2 State Parties to the present Charter shall ensure, to the maximum extent possible, the survival, protection and development of the child.				
Maputo Protocol Protocol to the African Charter on Human	Show all articles 4.1				
and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa	Every woman shall be entitled to respect for her life and the integrity and security of her person. All forms of exploitation, cruel, inhuman or degrading punishment and treatment shall be prohibited.				
	18.1 Women shall have the right to live in a healthy and sustainable environment.				
	24 The States Parties undertake to:				
	24.a ensure the protection of poor women and women heads of families including women from marginalized population groups and provide an environment suitable to their condition and their special physical, economic and social needs;				
UNFCCC United Nations Framework Convention on	Show all articles				
Climate Change	The ultimate objective of this Convention and any related legal instruments that the Conference of the Parties may adopt is to achieve, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Convention, stabilization of greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere at a level that would prevent dangerous anthropogenic interference with the climate system. Such a level should be achieved within a time-frame sufficient to allow ecosystems to adapt naturally to climate change, to ensure that food production is not threatened and to enable economic development to proceed in a sustainable manner.				
	3 In their actions to achieve the objective of the Convention and to implement its provisions, the Parties shall be guided, inter alia, by the following:				
	3.3 The Parties should take precautionary measures to anticipate, prevent or minimize the causes of climate change and mitigate its adverse effects. Where there are threats of serious or irreversible damage, lack of full scientific certainty should not be used as a reason for postponing such measures, taking into account that policies and measures to deal with climate change should be cost-effective so as to ensure global benefits at the lowest possible cost. To achieve this, such policies and measures should take into account different socio-economic contexts, be comprehensive, cover all relevant sources, sinks and reservoirs of greenhouse gases and adaptation, and comprise all economic sectors. Efforts to address climate change may be carried out cooperatively by interested Parties.				
	3.4 The Parties have a right to, and should, promote sustainable development. Policies and measures to protect the climate system against human-induced change should be appropriate for the specific conditions of each Party and should be integrated with national development programmes, taking into account that economic development is essential for adopting measures to address climate change.				
	4.1 All Parties, taking into account their common but differentiated responsibilities and their specific national and regional development priorities, objectives and circumstances, shall:				
	4.1.b Formulate, implement, publish and regularly update national and, where appropriate, regional programmes containing measures to mitigate climate change by addressing anthropogenic emissions by sources and removals by sinks of all greenhouse gases not controlled by the Montreal Protocol, and measures to facilitate adequate adaptation to climate change;				
Paris Agreement Paris Agreement	Show all articles 2.1 This Agreement, in enhancing the implementation of the Convention, including its objective, aims to strengthen the global response to the threat of climate change, in the context of sustainable development and efforts to eradicate poverty, including by:				
	2.1.a Holding the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels and pursuing efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels, recognizing that this would significantly reduce the risks and impacts of climate change;				
	2.1.b Increasing the ability to adapt to the adverse impacts of climate change and foster climate resilience and low greenhouse gas emissions development, in a manner that does not threaten food production;				

2.1.c

Making finance flows consistent with a pathway towards low greenhouse gas emissions and climate-resilient development.

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In order to achieve the long-term temperature goal set out in Article 2, Parties aim to reach global peaking of greenhouse gas emissions as soon as possible, recognizing that peaking will take longer for developing country Parties, and to undertake rapid reductions thereafter in accordance with best available science, so as to achieve a balance between anthropogenic emissions by sources and removals by sinks of greenhouse gases in the second half of this century, on the basis of equity, and in the context of sustainable development and efforts to eradicate poverty.

7.1

Parties hereby establish the global goal on adaptation of enhancing adaptive capacity, strengthening resilience and reducing vulnerability to climate change, with a view to contributing to sustainable development and ensuring an adequate adaptation response in the context of the temperature goal referred to in Article 2.

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Parties recognize that adaptation is a global challenge faced by all with local, subnational, national, regional and international dimensions, and that it is a key component of and makes a contribution to the long-term global response to climate change to protect people, livelihoods and ecosystems, taking into account the urgent and immediate needs of those developing country Parties that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change.

7.5

Parties acknowledge that adaptation action should follow a country-driven, gender-responsive, participatory and fully transparent approach, taking into consideration vulnerable groups, communities and ecosystems, and should be based on and guided by the best available science and, as appropriate, traditional knowledge, knowledge of indigenous peoples and local knowledge systems, with a view to integrating adaptation into relevant socioeconomic and environmental policies and actions, where appropriate.

7.9

Each Party shall, as appropriate, engage in adaptation planning processes and the implementation of actions, including the development or enhancement of relevant plans, policies and/or contributions, which may include:

7.9.a

The implementation of adaptation actions, undertakings and/or efforts;

7.9.b

The process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans;

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The assessment of climate change impacts and vulnerability, with a view to formulating nationally determined prioritized actions, taking into account vulnerable people, places and ecosystems;

7.9.d

Monitoring and evaluating and learning from adaptation plans, policies, programmes and actions;

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Building the resilience of socioeconomic and ecological systems, including through economic diversification and sustainable management of natural resources.

8.1

Parties recognize the importance of averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change, including extreme weather events and slow onset events, and the role of sustainable development in reducing the risk of loss and damage.

8.4

Accordingly, areas of cooperation and facilitation to enhance understanding, action and support may include:

8.4.a

Early warning systems;

8.4.b

Emergency preparedness;

8.4.c

Slow onset events;

8.4.0

Events that may involve irreversible and permanent loss and damage;

8.4.e

Comprehensive risk assessment and management;

8.4.f

Risk insurance facilities, climate risk pooling and other insurance solutions;

8.4.g

Non-economic losses:

UNCCD UN Convention to Combat Desertification In order to achieve the objective of this Convention and to implement its provisions, the Parties shall be guided, inter alia, by the following: 3.a the Parties should ensure that decisions on the design and implementation of programmes to combat desertification and/or mitigate the effects of drought are taken with the participation of populations and local communities and that an enabling environment is created at higher levels to facilitate action at national and local levels; 4.2 In pursuing the objective of this Convention, the Parties shall: 4.2.a adopt an integrated approach addressing the physical, biological and socio-economic aspects of the processes of desertification and drought; 4.2.c integrate strategies for poverty eradication into efforts to combat desertification and mitigate the effects of drought; 5 In addition to their obligations pursuant to article 4, affected country Parties undertake to: 5.c address the underlying causes of desertification and pay special attention to the socioeconomic factors contributing to desertification processes; 10.2	8.4.h Resilience of communities, livelihoods and ecosystems.
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