

# UN HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

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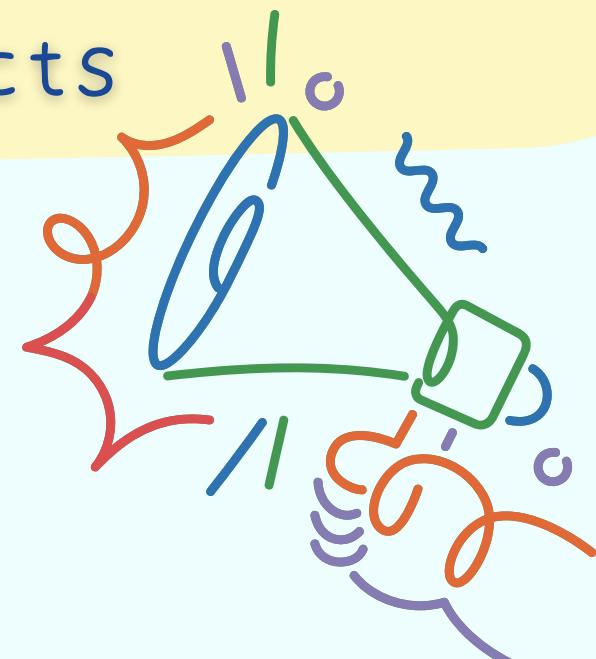


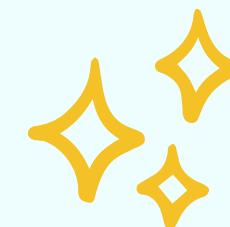
Annual Day on  
the Rights of the Child

9th March 2026  
Geneva, Switzerland



The Rights of the Child and Violations of  
Children's Human Rights in Armed Conflicts





# What is the Human Rights Council?



The UN Human Rights Council is a **forum within the United Nations system** made up of 47 different countries.



It takes decisions to advance the **promotion and protection of all human rights and addresses human rights violations** across the world.



The Council meets **3 times a year, around March, June and September.**

# What is the Annual Day on the Rights of the Child (ADRC)?

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It's a day focused to discuss important issues affecting children all over the world and find solutions to support **every child's full enjoyment of their human rights**. Different countries and organizations from all over the world come together at the **UN Human Rights Council in Geneva**.

A panel is an event where experts share **opinions on a topic** and the audience can ask questions and make comments



CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

# What are the Rights of the Child?

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**Children's rights** are **special rules** that ensure that every child is **safe, healthy, treated fairly**, and has the opportunity to **learn and grow**. They affirm that anyone **under the age of 18 holds fundamental rights, such as the right to education, protection from harm, and equal treatment, regardless of background**.

These rights are written in the **Convention on the Rights of the Child**, an agreement that requires all countries to respect these rules. It says **that every person under 18 has rights, like the right to be safe, to go to school, to play, and to have their voice heard**.



Take a look at the child-friendly version of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

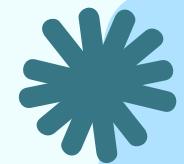




# what topics are going to be discussed?



## Morning panel: Prevention and protection



How can adults who make decisions, like governments and organisations help children in armed conflicts?



How can they really listen to children and use their ideas to make plans that keep children safe - in ways that include all children, protect them, and fit their age?



## Afternoon panel: Remedies



How can children who have been hurt by war share their experiences in safe and respectful ways, so they can heal and feel supported in returning to their families, schools and communities?



What can we learn from peace projects where children take part? How can children's voices help make peace and recovery stronger after conflict?

# Children affected by armed conflict

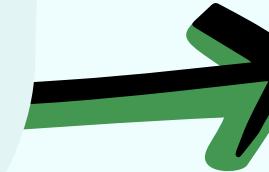
More and more, **wars** are reaching schools, playgrounds, and homes where **children should be – and feel – safe.**



Protecting children in war is not just a promise. It's the **LAW**  
Every country must work together with others **to protect children from violence, help them recover, and make sure their rights are respected ALWAYS.**



we need to do better.



**But every child in the world has a SHIELD OF RIGHTS.**

It is made of laws and commitments that states have made to protect you, **especially during war.**

**Every country must use them—no exceptions.**

But **many children still feel unprotected**, because their shields are not being put into action and they are oftentimes broken.

Check the child friendly version of the Children and armed conflict report



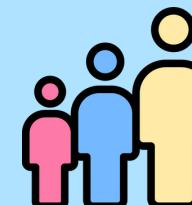
**DID YOU KNOW?**

In 2024, **473 million** children were living in places affected by war.

That is almost **one out of every six children** in the world.



# Do you want to participate?

-  Demonstrated experience in advocating for **the rights of children affected by armed conflict.**
-  This can be done by partnering with **State delegations, Civil Society Organizations (CSO) and National Human Rights Institutions (NHRI).**
-  You can share your thoughts by giving a **short speech in the meeting room** or **you can send a video with your message.**
-  If you want to **follow the session** you can see it on **UN TV** too.
-  Be **under 18 years old by April 2026.**



# USEFUL RESOURCES

## what you need to Know if you are:



**NGO**



Information Note  
for **NGOs**.

You can find it [here](#).



**NHRI**



Information Note  
for **NHRIs**.

You can find it [here](#).



**STATES**



Inscription for the  
**lists of speakers**.

You can find it [here](#).



If you have any **questions**  
about the ADRC26  
and how you can participate,  
you can send an email to



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**Applicable to all**



Child participation **consent form**.  
You can find it [here](#).

