

HUMAN RIGHTS MECHANISMS	Established	# of States	Receives Individual Complaints?	Fact-Finding Country Visits	Consideration of State Reports	Thematic Reporting	Comment
REGIONAL BODIES							
African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights	1987	53	✓	✓	✓	✓	the ACHPR has jurisdiction to receive individual complaints against all 53 States of the African Union.
African Court of Human and Peoples' Rights	2006	26	✓	✗	✗	✗	7 States have authorized the AfCHPR to hear complaints brought by individuals and groups, rather than other States.
Inter-American Commission on Human Rights	1960	35	✓	✓	✗	✓	the IACHR has jurisdiction to receive individual complaints against all 35 States of the Organization of American States.
Inter-American Court of Human Rights	1979	20	✓	✗	✗	✗	20 States parties to the American Convention on Human Rights have accepted the IACtHR's contentious jurisdiction.
European Court of Human Rights	1959	47	✓	✗	✗	✗	Every Member States of the Council of Europe and European Union must accept the ECtHR's jurisdiction.
European Committee of Social Rights	1998	43	✓	✗	✓	✗	15 States recognize the Committee's competence to receive collective complaints.
Arab Human Rights Committee	2009	10	✗	✗	?	✗	The AHRC is authorized to review State reports, but has not published any reports or responses.
ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights	2009	10	✗	✗	?	?	The AICHR is developing its working methods, but is not intended to include a complaints mechanism.
Council of Europe Commissioner on Human Rights	1999	47	✗	✓	✗	✓	
UNITED NATIONS							
UN Human Rights Council	2006	193	✓	✗	✗	✓	The HRC does not issue decisions on complaints. Its Advisory Committee undertakes thematic reporting.
Universal Periodic Review	2006	193	✗	✗	✓	✗	
UN Special Procedures (thematic and country-specific)	various	1 or 193	✗	✓	✗	✓	These procedures do not decide complaints (except the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention), but may investigate violations.
Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights	1993	193	✗	✗	✗	✓	The OHCHR supports the work of the United Nations human rights mechanisms and has field offices in several countries.
UN Treaty Bodies							
Human Rights Committee	1976	168	✓	✗	✓	✗	115 States are party to the Optional Protocol establishing the individual complaints procedure.
Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights	1976	162	✓	✗	✓	✗	14 States recognize the Committee's competence to hear individual complaints.
Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination	1969	177	✓	✗	✓	✗	55 States recognize the CERD's competence to hear individual complaints.
Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women	1981	188	✓	✓	✓	✗	104 States are party to the Optional Protocol establishing the individual complaints procedure.
Committee Against Torture	1987	154	✓	✓	✓	✗	65 States recognize the CAT's competence to hear individual complaints.
Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture	2006	73	✗	✓	✗	✗	The Subcommitee's principal responsibility is visiting places of detention.
Committee on the Rights of the Child	1990	194	✓	✓	✓	✗	11 States recognize the Committee's competence to hear individual complaints.
Committee on Migrant Workers	2003	47	?	✗	✓	✗	The CPRMW complaints mechanism is pending recognition by 10 States, pursuant to Article 77 of the Convention.
Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	2008	147	✓	✓	✓	✗	83 States are party to the Optional Protocol establishing the individual complaints procedure.
Committee on Enforced Disappearance	2010	42	✓	✓	✓	✗	17 States recognize the CED's competence to hear individual complaints.