



ORGANIZATION OF THE MINISTRY IN CHARGE OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN BURKINA FASO

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History?

- 2000-2001: State Secretariat for Human Rights
- 2001-2010: Ministry for the Promotion of Human Rights
- 2010-2011: Ministry of Justice and Promotion of Human Rights
- 2011-2014: Ministry of Human Rights and Civic Promotion
- 2014-2019: Ministry of Justice, Human Rights and Civic Promotion
- 2019-2021: Ministry of Human Rights and Civic Promotion
- 2021-2022: Ministry of Justice, Human Rights and Civic Promotion
- Since March 2022: Ministry of Justice and Human Rights, responsible for relations with institutions



Missions?

The Ministry is responsible for implementing and monitoring the government's policies on justice, human rights, citizenship and peace.

It is also responsible for implementing and monitoring the Government's policy on relations with the institutions.

With particular reference to human rights, citizenship and peace, it is responsible for:

- Coordinating the government's actions in the field of human rights, citizenship and peace;
- Incorporating Human Rights Based Approach into public policies;
- Informing, training and sensitizing citizens and legal entities about their rights and obligations;
- Supporting and advising civil society on human rights issues;
- Implementing and monitoring international human rights treaties;
- Promoting a culture of preserving national values, tolerance and peace;
- Preventing and managing community conflicts;
- Implementing all measures likely to ensure the best possible public protection of individual and collective rights;
- Monitoring the activities of the Inter-ministerial Committee on Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law (CIMDH).



Minister's
Office

The SP-
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CIMDH

The General
Secretariat

The DGPCP

The DGDH

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The Interministerial Committee on Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law (CIMDH)

Created in 2005 by decree of the Council of Ministers and is mainly responsible for :

- Facilitating the coordination of actions for the promotion and protection of human rights and international humanitarian law undertaken by the various departments of the Ministry;
 - Providing technical assistance in the preparation of Burkina Faso's reports to international bodies;
 - Studying all disputes concerning human rights and international humanitarian law involving the State, submitted to it by the Government;
 - Disseminating and monitoring the implementation of international humanitarian law at the national level.
- President: Minister in charge of HR
 - Vice President: Minister in charge of defense
 - Members: the general secretaries of the different ministries
 - It holds two ordinary sessions per year and extraordinary sessions whenever necessary
 - It is supported in its task by a permanent Secretariat which is the executive body.

The Human Rights Directorate

- Prepares reports for the monitoring bodies of international and regional human rights agreements;
- Establishes a database of international and regional human rights agreements;
- Works to bring national legislation into line with international and regional human rights agreements ratified by the Burkina Faso;
- Ensures effective participation in international and regional human rights meetings
- Monitors cooperation with international, regional and bilateral institutions and mechanisms dealing with HR issues;
- It includes 4 technical departments:
 - The Directorate for Human Rights Education and Partnership
 - The Directorate for Protection against Human Rights Violations
 - The Directorate for the follow-up of international agreements
 - The Human Rights Information, Listening and Referral Center



National
human rights
reporting and
monitoring
mechanism

Denomination

- Multi-sectoral Committee for the Follow-up of the Implementation of the Recommendations of the Universal Periodic Review.

Composition

The Multi-sectoral Committee is composed of 23 members, including

- Representatives of ministerial departments;
- A representative of the National Human Rights Commission;
- Two representatives of civil society organizations.

organization

President: the Secretary General of the Ministry in charge of Human Rights

1st Vice President: the Secretary General of the Ministry in charge of Foreign Affairs

2nd Vice President: Secretary General of the Ministry of Finance

Rapporteur: the Director General of Human Rights Department

Technical Secretariat : International Agreements Monitoring Directorate

Duties/missions

Among other things, the Multi-Sectoral committee is responsible for:

- Identify the actions needed to implement the recommendations;
- Identify and mobilize all stakeholders who can contribute to the implementation of the recommendations;
- Monitor the implementation of national action plans to address the recommendations;
- Carry out the necessary consultations with the various public institutions for the effective realization of the actions within the framework of the implementation of the action plans;
- Collect and make use of all the information that can be used in the preparation of reports.

In practice, the Multi-Sectoral Committee follows up and prepares reports due under the UPR and 7 treaty bodies.

Operation

- The committee meets 4 times per year.
- It may hold other meetings as necessary upon the call of its President.

Method of performing the Committee's duties

- Feedback on recommendations
- Data collection
- Development of roadmaps and national action plans to implement the recommendations
- Monitoring the implementation of roadmaps and action plans through the MEASURE-DH tool
- Elaboration of draft reports
- Validation of draft reports in national workshop
- Review and validation of draft reports by the CIMDH
- Review and adoption of the draft report by the Council of Ministers
- Submitting the report to the appropriate body through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
- Presentation of the report to the relevant body.

Strengths

- The establishment of the justice and human rights sector as a planning sector;
- The existence of the 2017-2026 Justice and Human Rights sectoral policy with a human rights component;
- The existence of two budget programs (Human Rights, Citizenship, and Peace);
- The existence of human rights expertise with dedicated staff (human rights assistants and advisors);
- Attendance in the preparation and submission of reports;
- The quality of the reports presented shows a very good rate of implementation of recommendations;
- The existence of an inter-ministerial committee responsible for validating draft reports at a high technical level;
- etc.

Challenges

- The involvement of the Prime Minister's Office, all institutions, the National Assembly and the CSM as members of the multi-sectoral committee;
- The preparation and follow-up of all reports due to the treaty bodies by the multi-sectoral drafting committee;
- Continue to build the capacity of Committee members on the scope of the country's human rights obligations;
- Mobilization of partners and financial resources to strengthen human rights actions.

Perspectives

- Follow up on the signing of the revised inter-ministerial decree to legally expand the responsibilities of the Monitoring Committee to include the preparation of reports due to all treaty bodies, as well as the preparation of government replies to questionnaires and communications/complaints from special procedures.
- The review also aims to extend the Committee to other relevant structures such as the Office of the Prime Minister, the National Assembly, the Ombudsman of Burkina Faso, the High Council of Communication, the High Council of the Judiciary, etc.
- Continuing to advocate for the mobilization of partners and resources to strengthen the implementation of Burkina Faso's human rights commitments.



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