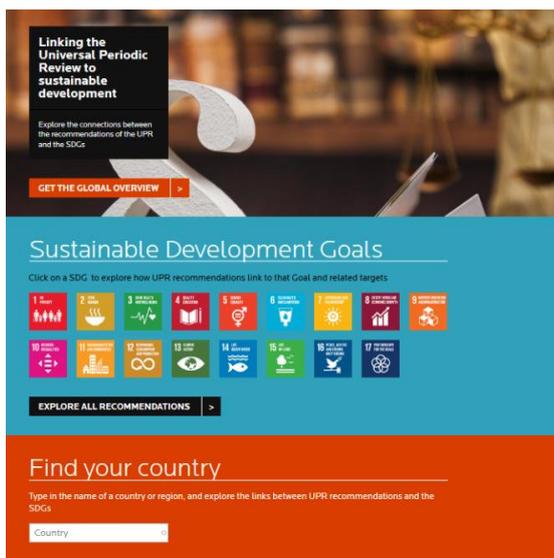**THE DANISH INSTITUTE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS**

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CONNECTING THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW TO THE SDGs

The UPR-SDG Data Explorer is a new interactive database developed by the Danish Institute for Human Rights, which allows users to explore the links between the Sustainable Development Goals and the recommendations of the Universal Periodic Review of the Human Rights Council.

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The UPR-SDG Data Explorer is the result of an experimental data mining project, where an algorithm has been trained to automatically identify links between UPR recommendations and SDG targets.

Linking the recommendations of the UPR to specific SDG targets makes it easy for states and stakeholders to identify priority areas for SDG implementation, identify groups of rights-holders that require special support, and develop concrete actions that serve the double purpose of realizing human rights obligations and sustainable development commitments.

The SDG-UPR Data Explorer is a hands-on tool for building integrated approaches to sustainable development and human rights.

The **UPR-SDG Data Explorer** is a searchable database that links recommendations from the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. It allows users to explore how UPR recommendations for specific countries, regions or groups of rights-holders are linked to the SDG targets.

The **Universal Periodic Review** (UPR) is a peer review mechanism of the UN Human Rights Council. Member States of the UN review one another in a recurring cycle, and issue recommendations to improve the human rights situation around the world.

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THE SDGs ARE GROUNDED IN INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is explicitly grounded in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international human rights treaties, and the Sustainable Development Goals "seek to realize the human rights of all".

The **Human Rights Guide to the SDGs** shows that more than 92% of SDG targets are linked to specific provisions of international human rights instruments. The Guide concretises how human rights and SDGs are tied together in a mutually-reinforcing manner.
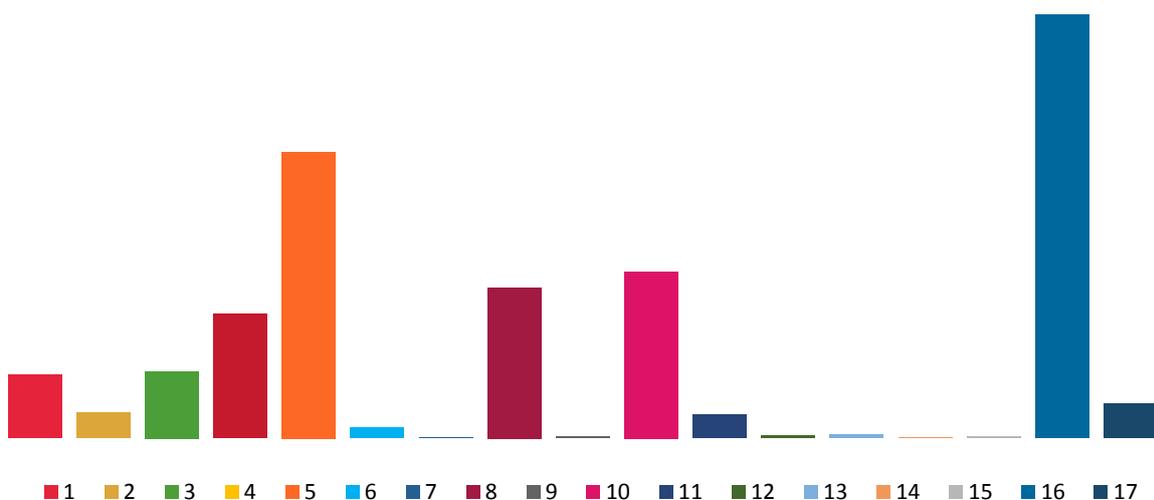
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USE OF HUMAN RIGHTS DATA

Recommendations from human rights monitoring mechanisms such as the UPR offer a wealth of country-specific high-quality information and guidance for SDG implementation and monitoring, and help ensuring that no one is left behind.

At the **national level**, UPR recommendations can guide SDG policies and strategies s by identifying priority issues, rights-holder groups at risk of being left behind, and specific measures to fulfil human rights obligations through sustainable development.

At **regional and global levels**, UPR recommendations can inform strategies and actions to achieve the SDGs and fulfil related human rights obligations, including by identifying trends in salient human rights issues as they relate to sustainable development.

UPR recommendations linked to the 17 SDGs

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Data basis: 50,169 UPR recommendations from sessions 1-26 were analysed, of which 52 per cent could be directly linked to one of the 169 SDG targets. Recommendations may be linked to more than one SDG.