



Human Rights Council  
33<sup>rd</sup> session

UPR adoption of Uganda  
Oral Statement by Swaziland Civil Society

Thank you Mr. President,  
CIVICUS is honored to present this statement on behalf of Swazi Civil Society

On the 10<sup>th</sup> of May 2016 when Swaziland appeared before the working group, the civil society of Swaziland had submitted a report.

**We welcome.**

Swaziland's Government acceptance of the 88 recommendations submitted to them including the 7 that the government is working on, such as the amendment of the Swaziland Terrorism Act of 2008.

We are concerned that even though government has committed to consider 72 recommendations, there has been no consultation with civil society on the recommendations. We continue to witness violations (e.g. the right to freedom of association, expression and assembly as TUCOSWA was not allowed to march (August 2016)

We are concerned that Government still refuses to be transparent and accountable, by issuing standing invitations to ALL Special Procedures and the decriminalization of same sex relations. We believe that there is NO right that is better than the other but all rights are equal.

**We Call to the Swaziland Government.**

For the implementation of these recommendations to ensure the full enjoyment of human rights as they cut across especially on the unbanning and full participation of political parties; the immediate enactment of the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Bill of 2015, Passing on of citizenship by women to their children and their spouses and All other laws including the decriminalization of same sex relations. Also ensure the full implementation of the Children Protection and Welfare Act 2012, the provision of quality education, job creation and income generating opportunities for the 73% of unemployed youth.

It also needs to be noted that justice delayed is justice denied. These recommendations should have a set time frame from our Government. Thus it becomes important in the spirit of the UN Agenda 2030 and AU Vision 2063 that while government ensures implementation of those noted recommendations, have broader civil society involved.



Submitting

Civil

Society

Organizations

1. Council of Churches- COC
2. Constitutional Assembly- CA
3. Centre for Justice and Peace-CCJP
4. Swaziland United Democratic Front- SUDF
5. Ngwane National Liberation Council- NNLC
6. Peoples United Democratic Front- PUDEMO
7. Sive Siyinqaba.
  
8. Foundation for Socio Economic Justice.-FSEJ
9. Swaziland National Association of Teachers-SNAT
- 10.Church Forum-CF
- 11.Swaziland Concerned Church Leaders- SCCL
  
- 12.Women in Law Swaziland-WILSA
- 13.Rock of Hope-ROH
- 14.Swaziland Action Against Abuse- SWAGAA
- 15.Swaziland Rural Women Assembly
- 16.NATICC
  
- 17.Luvatsi
- 18.Council of Churches Youth.
- 19.YACO
- 20.Church Forum
- 21.Swaziland National Union of Students.
- 22.Arterial Network Swaziland,
- 23.Swaziland Economic Justice Network