

# Preventing Deforestation through the UPR

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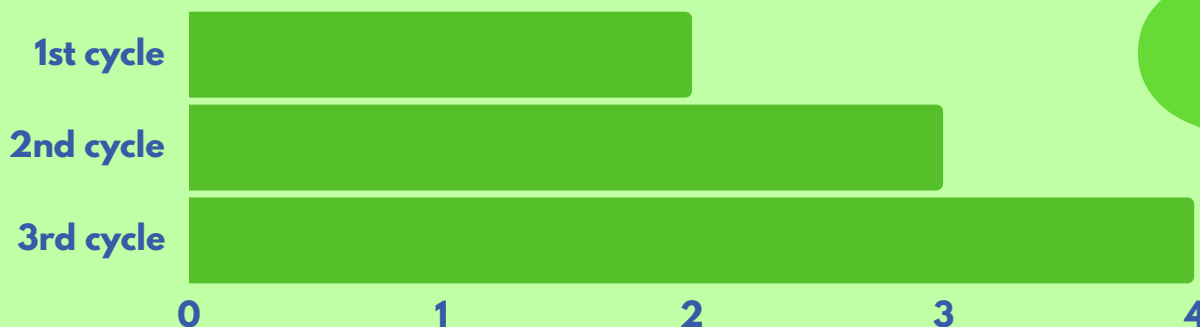


The Universal Periodic Review (UPR) is a mechanism of the Human Rights Council that reviews the human rights situation in all UN Member States. States provide recommendations for improving their practices in this area.

Although it is a state-led process, the UPR offers significant opportunities for civil society actors to engage and advocate for enhanced human rights in their countries.

Since its establishment, 19 recommendations pertaining to deforestation have been made in the UPR.

Number of recommendations addressing deforestation per UPR cycle



Overall recommendations supported

**18**

**1 noted**

So far, in the 4th UPR cycle (2022-2027) there have been 10 recommendations on the topic, all of which have been supported.

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Deforestation poses an immense threat to biodiversity (SDG15), disproportionately affects indigenous populations, and can lead to water pollution, causing negative health impacts (SDG3). Forests are vital for sustaining life and helping mitigate climate change (SDG13). Therefore, to foster a sustainable world, the earth's forests must be protected.

States can either support or note UPR recommendations. By supporting them, States commit to implementing those measures. UPR recommendations can be utilised by civil society actors in their advocacy efforts at the national level in preventing deforestation.

## Examples of UPR recommendations addressing deforestation

Maldives



Burundi



*145.202 Invest in projects to mitigate and reduce deforestation and soil erosion to prevent the destruction of the environment.*

*104.73 Ensure the conservation and protection of fragile habitats against deforestation and forest degradation, and strengthen sustainable forest management practices to protect human rights related to a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment*



Canada



Solomon Islands

The UPR can reinforce obligations outlined in the UN Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD).

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