



# Promoting Access to Affordable and Sustainable Energy 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, 35 recommendations pertaining to energy have been made in the UPR.

Number of recommendations addressing energy per UPR cycle



Overall recommendations supported

**32**

**3 noted**

So far, in the 4th UPR cycle (2022-2027) there have been 19 recommendations on the topic, out of which 17 were supported and 2 noted.

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Critical to achieving sustainable development is ensuring all people have access to clean, accessible, renewable energy. With much of the world currently living without access to safe, affordable and reliable energy sources, there is an urgent need to increase access to such resources to support better health outcomes (SDG3) and reduce inequalities (SDG10). This energy must also be sustainable and contribute to the preservation of the environment.

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 promoting access to affordable and sustainable energy.

### Examples of UPR recommendations addressing energy

Barbados



China



*22.316 Increase efforts on the transformation to green industries and the continued development of a clean energy system.*

*46.221 Boost investments in renewable energy projects and increase efforts that enhance the transition to a low-carbon footprint.*



Samoa

Pakistan

The UPR can reinforce obligations outlined in the Paris Agreement.

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