

South Sudan: Ending impunity as a catalyst for human rights violations

Side event at the 37th session of the
UN Human Rights Council

- **Date:** 12 March 2018 • **Time:** 10:30-12:00
- **Location:** Room XXI, Palais des Nations



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Light refreshments will be provided

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Almost five years of civil war has inflicted untold suffering on the South Sudanese people. Massive human rights violations and abuses, which may amount to crimes against humanity according to the latest report of the UN Commission on Human Rights in South Sudan, have displaced over 4 million people and left 3 million more in need of immediate humanitarian aid.

The curtailment of civil liberties and a climate of impunity continues to fuel the conflict. Although the UN Human Rights Council expanded the mandate of the Commission in March 2017 to include the collection, preservation, and sharing of evidence of alleged violations with the proposed Hybrid Court, the government's reluctance to operationalise this mechanism raises severe doubts about its commitment to ensure justice for the victims.

During this side event, human rights defenders and experts will explore the current national, regional, and international dynamics, as well as the role of civil society in achieving accountability in South Sudan. In addition, the event will allow the Commission to give an overview of their findings following their December 2017 mission to South Sudan.



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