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Rev 2

61st ORDINARY SESSION OF THE AFRICAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN AND PEOPLES' RIGHTS

(1st to 15 November 2017)
Banjul, The Gambia

Agenda of the 61st Ordinary Session

Day 1: Wednesday 1st November 2017

Item 1

09:00 - 12:00 **Opening Ceremony (Public session)**

Item 2

12:00-12:30 **Swearing-in of New Commissioners (Public session)**

Item 3

12:30-13:30

- Family Photo
- Refreshments
- Press Conference

13:30-15:00

LUNCH BREAK

Item 4

15:00-16:30 **Election of the Bureau and Adoption of Agenda (Private Session)**

16:30-16:45

TEA/COFFEE BREAK

Item 5

16:45-17:30

Human Rights Situation in Africa

- a) Statements by State Delegates (7 mins)
- b) Statements by African Union Organs with a Human Rights Mandate (5 mins)
- c) Statements by Intergovernmental and International Organizations (5 mins)
- d) Statements by National Human Rights Institutions (5 mins)
- e) Statements by NGOs (5 mins)

Item 6

19.30pm-

Evening Gala Dinner

To include presentation of award for former President of the Gambia Sir Dawda Kairaba Jawara

End of Day 1

Day 2: Thursday 2nd November 2017

Item 7

30th Anniversary Celebrations of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights

09:00-09:10

Brief introduction of the Discussion Panels in commemoration of the Commission's 30th Anniversary

09:10-09:30

Introductory Address on the evolution of the African Human Rights System - the Pre-Commission Era

09:30-09:50

**Keynote Paper presentation (PAST)
The Evolution of the Commission, its work and processes (1987-2010)**

09:50-11:00

Panel Discussion: Reflections on the Commission's Beginnings and Work

11:00-11:15

TEA/COFFEE BREAK

Item 7 cont'd

11:15-13:30

Panel Discussion (Cont'd)

13:30-15:00

LUNCH BREAK

Item 5 cont'd

15:00-16:30

Human Rights Situation in Africa

16:30-16:45

TEA/COFFEE BREAK

Item 5 cont'd

16:45-17:30 Human Rights Situation in Africa

Item 8

17:30-18:00 Lunching of the Study on Extractive Industries, Land Rights and Indigenous Populations/Communities Rights

End of Day 2

Day 3: Friday 3th November 2017

Item 7 cont'd.

09:00-09:30 **Keynote Paper presentation (PRESENT)**
Presentation of the Current Work of the Commission, including the Work of its Special Mechanisms, its Achievements and the Challenges confronting it (2010 to date)

09:30-11:00 **Panel Discussion: Taking Stock of the Present**

11:00-11:15 *TEA/COFFEE BREAK*

Item 7 cont'd

11:15-13:30 **30th Anniversary Celebrations of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights**

Item 9

13:30-14:00 **Launching of the Guidelines on Freedoms of Association and Assembly**

14:30-15:00 *LUNCH BREAK*

End of Day 3

Day 4: Saturday 4th November 2017

Item 7 cont'd.

09:00-09:30 **Keynote Paper presentation (FUTURE)**
Reflections on how the Commission's Human Rights Promotion, Protection and Interpretative mandate be implemented and strengthened

09:30-11:00 **Panel I: The Way Forward**

11:00-11:15 **TEA/COFFEE BREAK**

Item 7 cont'd.

11:15-13:00 **Panel II: Youth Panel**

What are the views of the Youth on the work of the Commission?

Item 10

13:00-13:30 **Launching of the Guidelines on Sexual Violence and Its Consequences**

13:30-15:00 **LUNCH BREAK**

Item 5 cont'd

15:00-16:30 **Human Rights Situation in Africa**

16:30-16:45 **TEA/COFFEE BREAK**

Item 11

16:45-17:45 **Presentation of APRM country reports (Republic of Chad)**
APRM presentation of Report (10 minutes)
Commissioner Rapporteur (10 minutes)
Commissioners who wish to intervene (5 minutes)
Statement of State Party (10 minutes)
APRM closing remarks (5 minutes)

End of Day 4

Day 5: Sunday 5th November 2017

12:30-14:30 **LUNCH BREAK**

Item 11 cont'd

14:30-15:30 **Presentation of APRM country reports (Republic of Djibouti)**

Item 5 cont'd

15:30-16:30 **Human Rights Situation in Africa**

16:30-16:45 **TEA/COFFEE BREAK**

Item 5 cont'd

16:45-17:45 **Human Rights Situation in Africa**

End of Day 5

Day 6: Monday 6th November 2017

Item 12

09:00-09:30 Status of Submission of Periodic Reports by State Parties

Item 13 Consideration of State Periodic Reports

- State Presentation (1 Hr)
- Commissioner Rapporteur (10 mins)
- Each Commissioner (7 mins)
- State Response (1Hrs 30 mins)
- Concluding remarks of Commissioner Rapporteur and Chairperson (10 mins)

09:30-11:00 Report of the Republic of Rwanda

- (i) State Presentation (09h30-10h30)
- (ii) Commissioner Rapporteur (10h30-10h40)
- (iii) Other Commissioners (10h40-12h05)

11:00-11:15 TEA/COFFEE BREAK

Item 13 cont'd

11:15-12:05 Report of the Republic of Rwanda cont'd

Item 5 cont'd

12:05-13:30 Human Rights Situation in Africa

13:30- 15:00 LUNCH BREAK

Item 13 cont'd

15:00-16:30 Report of the Republic of DRC
(i) State Presentation (15h00-16h00)
(ii) Commissioner Rapporteur (16h00-16h10)
(iii) Other Commissioners (16h10-17h30)

16:30-16:45 TEA/COFFEE BREAK

Item 13 cont'd

16:45-17:30 Report of the Republic of DRC (cont'd)

End of Day 6

Day 7: Tuesday 7th November 2017

Item 13 cont'd

- 09:00-11:00 **Report of the Republic of Niger**
 (i) State Presentation (09h00-10h00)
 (ii) Commissioner Rapporteur (10h00-10h10)
 (iii) Other Commissioners (10h10-11h35)

11:00-11:15 *TEA/COFFEE BREAK*

Item 13 cont'd

11:15-11:35 **Report of the Republic of Niger (cont'd)**

Item 13 cont'd

- 11:35-13:30 **Consideration of State Periodic Reports**
- State Response (**Republic of Rwanda**) (11:35-13:05)
- Concluding remarks of Commissioner Rapporteur and
 Chairperson (13:05-13:15)

13:30- 15:00 *LUNCH BREAK*

Item 13 cont'd **Consideration of State Periodic Reports**

- 15:00-16:40 **Consideration of State Periodic Reports**
- State Response (**Republic of DRC**) (15:00-16:30)
- Concluding remarks of Commissioner Rapporteur and
 Chairperson (16:30-16:40)

16:40-16:55 *TEA/COFFEE BREAK*

Item 14

- 16:55-17:45 **Relationship and Cooperation with National Human Rights
Institutions (NHRIs) and Non-Governmental Organizations
(NGOs)**
a) Relationship and cooperation between the ACHPR and
 NHRIs
 - Consideration of Applications for Affiliate Status from
 NHRIs
b) Relationship and cooperation between the ACHPR and
 NGOs:
 - Consideration of Applications for Observer Status from
 NGOs

End of day 7

Day 8: Wednesday 8th November 2017

Item 13 cont'd

- 09:00-10:40** **Consideration of State Periodic Reports**
- State Response (**Republic of Niger**) (09:00-10:30)
- Concluding remarks of Commissioner Rapporteur and
 Chairperson (10:30-10:40)

Item 5 cont'd

- 10:40-11:15** **Human Rights Situation in Africa**

- 11:15-11:30** *TEA/COFFEE BREAK*

Item 5 cont'd

- 11:30-12:45** **Human Rights Situation in Africa**

- Item 16** **Activity Reports of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and
Members of the Commission & Special Mechanisms**
(Presentations - 20 mins, Interventions - States 5 mins per
 speaker, NGOs & NHRIs 3 mins per speaker)

- 12:45- 13:30** Outgoing Chairperson of the Commission and Special
 Rapporteur on Freedom of Expression and Access to
 Information in Africa

- 13:30- 15:00** *LUNCH BREAK*

- Item 16(cont'd)** **Activity Reports of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and
Members of the Commission & Special Mechanisms**

- 15:00-15:45** Chairperson of the Working Group on Indigenous Populations

- 15:45-16:30** Outgoing Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Human Rights
 Defenders in Africa

- 16:30-16:45** *TEA/COFFEE BREAK*

Item 16(cont'd)

- 16:45-17:30** Chairperson of the Working Group on Older Persons and
 Persons with Disabilities

Item 17

- 17:30-18:00** Stakeholders' Consultation on the Draft Guidelines for State
 Reporting on Extractive Industries, Human Rights and the
 Environment (ACHPR/Res. 364(LIX) 2016)

End of Day 8

Day 9: Thursday 9th November 2017

Item 16 cont`d: Activity Reports of Members of the Commission & Special Mechanisms (cont`d.)

09:00-09:45 Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Women in Africa

09:45-10:30 Chairperson of the Working Group on the Death Penalty and Extrajudicial, Summary or Arbitrary Killings in Africa

10:30-11:15 Outgoing Special Rapporteur on Prisons, Conditions of Detention and Policing in Africa

11:15 -11:30 *TEA/COFFEE BREAK*

Item 16 cont`d: Activity Reports of Members of the Commission & Special Mechanisms (cont`d.)

11:30-12:15 Special Rapporteur on Refugees, Asylum Seekers, Displaced Persons and Migrants in Africa

12:15-13:00 Chairperson of the Committee for the Prevention of Torture in Africa

13:00-13:45 Chairperson of the Working Group on Economic and Social Rights

13:30 - 15:00 *LUNCH BREAK*

Item 16 cont`d: Activity Reports of Members of the Commission & Special Mechanisms (cont`d.)

15:00-15:45 Chairperson of the Working Group on Extractive Industries, Environment and Human Rights Violations in Africa

15:45-16:30 Chairperson of the Committee on the Rights of People Living with HIV, and Those at Risk, Vulnerable to, and Affected by HIV

16:30-16:45 *TEA/COFFEE BREAK*

Item 16 (cont`d)

16:45-17:30 Chairperson of the Working Group on Communications

End of Day 9

**Adjournment of Public Session, to resume again on 15th
November 2017**

Day 15: Wednesday 15th November 2017 - Public Session

Closing Ceremony

09:00 – 12:00 Reading of the Final Communiqué and Closing Ceremony

END OF THE 61ST ORDINARY SESSION