



**73<sup>rd</sup> ORDINARY SESSION  
INFORMATION NOTE TO  
PARTICIPANTS**

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**1. General**

The 73<sup>rd</sup> Ordinary Session of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (the Commission) will be held physically in Banjul, the Republic of The Gambia from 20 October - 9 November 2022.

The Public Session will take place at the International Conference Centre (ICC) from 21 – 30 October 2022; The Private Sessions will take place from 31 October – 8 November 2022; the Closing Ceremony, which will be a Public event, will be held virtually on 9 November 2022.

**2. Credentials**

State delegates and other participants are kindly requested to bring their official credentials, duly signed by the appropriate authorities in their countries or organizations, and hand them to the Commission's Secretariat prior to registration.

**3. Preliminary e-registration**

The Secretariat kindly requests that those who intend to participate in the Session complete the preliminary e-registration form available on the website of the Commission: [www.achpr.org](http://www.achpr.org), and submit same to the Secretariat latest by 30 September 2022, to enable the Secretariat conclude the required logistical arrangements with the Host Government and to facilitate the issuance of entry clearances and visas.

#### **4. Physical registration and identification badges**

On arrival at venue, participants are advised to register and obtain identification badges at the main lobby area outside the Conference Hall prior to the opening of the Session. For identification and security reasons, all participants are requested to wear their badges at all times during the Session.

#### **5. Meals**

Teas, coffees and water will be provided. Lunch will be available at the Conference Centre's Cafeteria. Participants will bear the cost of their lunch. Participants who do not wish to buy their lunch from the Conference Centre's Cafeteria, may do so at other catering facilities available at Senegambia area (around 10minutes walk).

#### **6. Immigration requirements**

Every participant arriving in The Gambia should have a valid Passport and visa where required. Entry visas can be obtained at any Diplomatic or Consular Mission of the Republic of The Gambia.

***For participants who do not have diplomatic representations of the Republic of The Gambia in their countries, arrangements are being made for visas to be given to them on arrival at Banjul International Airport, upon presentation of their Letters of Invitation to the Session, provided they have submitted their pre-registration forms to the Secretariat by the deadline of 30 September 2022, latest for all categories of participants. Those who fail to do this have to make their own visa arrangements.***

#### **7. Airport Levy**

Every traveler arriving or departing from Banjul International Airport is required to pay an Airport Levy of D1,000.00 (One thousand Dalasi) or US\$20.00 (twenty United States Dollars), on arrival and departure, except for holders of Diplomatic Passports.

#### **8. Health requirements**

Participants are kindly advised to obtain International Health Insurance to cover any medical emergency, from the time of departure until the time of their return to their final destinations.

Participants must ensure that they have taken the necessary vaccinations and that they travel with their Vaccination Cards, **as these may be required before admission to the country.**

Non-Vaccinated or Partially Vaccinated individuals will need a negative PCR test report valid *within 72 hours for entry into* The Gambia.

**In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is advisable that, during the Session, masks be worn, social distancing be maintained, and all other official COVID health protocols observed.**

For the convenience of participants departing The Gambia, COVID-19 PCR Test will be available at the Conference Centre at a fee of D2,500 (Two thousand five hundred Dalasi), about US\$50.00 (Fifty United States Dollars), equivalent.

## **9. Transport**

Transportation will be provided for State Delegates, courtesy of the Government of The Gambia, from the Banjul International Airport to the hotels upon arrival, and from the hotels to the airport upon departure. This is provided the Delegates send in their itineraries in ahead of their arrival.

## **10. Weather**

Participants are advised to obtain weather updates on The Gambia and travel with appropriate clothing. The weather is generally quite warm in the months of October and November, with temperatures ranging from about 26 to 32 degrees Celsius.

## **11. Foreign exchange and Banks**

Most major convertible currencies and Travellers' Cheques can be exchanged in The Gambia. The local currency is the ***Dalasi***.

There are a number of international ATMs (with 24-hour access) that accept Visa and other ATM cards in The Gambia. They are located at the Banks, some of which are Standard Chartered Bank, ECOBANK, Access Bank, Zenith Bank, and Guarantee Trust Bank.

Exchange operations could be done at the airport, Bureau de change, banks or at the hotels. Most Banks are open to the public from Mondays to Fridays, from 8:00hrs to 16:00hrs, (GMT); and a few on Saturdays from 9:00hrs to 13:00hrs.

Please note that at the banks you will be required to present your Passport/Identity documents during exchange operations.

## **12. Courier**

**The Secretariat has been able to identify the following Courier Services:**

### **DHL World Express**

Mamadi Manjang Highway  
Tel.: 439 6658 / 439 7529

### **TNT International Express**

First Floor, Christ Church Business Complex  
Off Seyerr Jobe Avenue; behind Atlas Petrol Station, Serekunda  
Tel.: +220 4399 119 / 9913 531 / 7709797  
E-mail: [roc.tnt@gambianet.gm](mailto:roc.tnt@gambianet.gm)

### **FedEx Express Delivery, Courier & Shipping Services**

Kotu, Bertil Harding Highway, Serekunda  
Tel: +220 3333339

### **13. Ticket Offices**

The Secretariat has been able to identify the following Ticketing Agents, where participants may make or confirm their travel/ticket arrangements:

**Waheguru Travels Gambia**

54 Kairaba Avenue, opposite American Embassy Banjul  
+ 220 793 75 13

**Cinderella Travels and Tour**

Kairaba Avenue  
+220 211 13 34

**Satguru Travel Gambia**

Kairaba Avenue opposite Pipeline Mosque Banjul  
+ 220 745 11 33

### **14. Mobile-phone Sim Card Providers currently available in The Gambia:**

**AFRICELL  
GAMCEL  
QCELL**

Participants who wish to, may obtain SIM card from any of these service providers after immigration clearance formalities at the Airport. Kindly note that you will be required to present a valid identification document to obtain a SIM card in town or at the Airport, and pay the sum of D10 (Ten Dalasi) for the SIM cards.

### **15. Electricity**

The voltage in The Gambia is 220V AC, accessible with three pins normal plug.

### **16. Side Meetings**

Participants planning to organize side events or meetings at the Session venue during the days of the Public Session, should inform the Secretariat, which will advise on the availability of space, and prepare the list of such events for wider dissemination. Kindly note that organizers of such events will bear the related costs of Interpretation and translation.

### **17. Session Working Documents**

The Public Session Documents will be available electronically and may be downloaded using the following link:

[73rd Ordinary Session Public Documents](#)

## **18. Other Documents**

Participants are advised to seek **written authorization from the Executive Secretary for the distribution of their documents at the conference area.** Kindly note that no documents will be circulated without the written authorization of the Secretary to the Commission.

You may contact the Secretariat at the following address:

31 Bijilo Annex Layout, Kombo North District, Western Region,  
P. O. Box 673, Banjul, The Gambia  
Tel: (220) 4410505 / 4410506; Fax: (220) 4410504  
**E-mail: [au-banjul@africa-union.org](mailto:au-banjul@africa-union.org)**  
**Web [www.achpr.org](http://www.achpr.org)**

## **19. Hotel accommodation**

Please, find attached a list of hotels and guest houses which might serve as accommodation for delegates. With exception of those funded by the Commission, for reservations, all other participants may contact the hotels on the list below directly. Please kindly note that the list is not exhaustive – it is just indicative of the facilities within the catchment area of the Session venue, that the Secretariat has been able to identify so far. You may also consult the website of The Gambia Tourism Authority for other options.

Delegates who are funded by the Commission will be informed in due course on the arrangements for their lodging and upon arrival at the Banjul Airport, would be transported to the hotels where they would be accommodated.

## **20. Contact Persons:**

For further information, participants may contact the following persons:

**Documentation:** Coumba Sonko  
[Sonkoc@africa-union.org](mailto:Sonkoc@africa-union.org)

**Side Meetings:** Claude-Annia Kouadio  
[Kouadioc@africa-union.org](mailto:Kouadioc@africa-union.org)

**Registration:** Eugenie Colley  
[Colleye@africa-union.org](mailto:Colleye@africa-union.org)

**Protocol:** Reginald Mere  
[Merer@africa-union.org](mailto:Merer@africa-union.org)

### **List of some hotels and guest houses**

	<b>NAME OF HOTEL</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>TEL. NUMBER</b>	<b>EMAIL ADDRESS</b>	<b>WEBSITE</b>
1	AFRICAN PRINCESS HOTEL	KOTU	+220 7918106	<a href="mailto:gm@africanprincesshotel.com">gm@africanprincesshotel.com</a>	
2	BADALA PARK HOTEL	KOTU	+220 4460400 4460401	<a href="mailto:badalaparkhotel@gmail.com">badalaparkhotel@gmail.com</a>	<a href="http://www.badalaparkhotel.com">www.badalaparkhotel.com</a>
3	BALAFON BEACH RESORT	KOLOLI	+220 4466700 2026200	<a href="mailto:info@balafonresort.com">info@balafonresort.com</a>	<a href="http://www.balafonresort.com">www.balafonresort.com</a>
4	BAMBOO GARDEN HOTEL	KOLOLI	+220 4463079 4463081	<a href="mailto:info@bamboohotel.gm">info@bamboohotel.gm</a>	<a href="http://www.bamboohotel.gm">www.bamboohotel.gm</a>
5	BUNGALOW BEACH HOTEL	KOTU	+220 4465623 4465288	<a href="mailto:bbhotel@ganet.gm">bbhotel@ganet.gm</a>	
6	CALABASH RESIDENCE	KOLOLI	+220 4462176 9966600 7776600	<a href="mailto:info@calabashresidence.gm">info@calabashresidence.gm</a>	<a href="http://www.calabashresidence.gm">www.calabashresidence.gm</a>
7	COCO OCEAN RESORT & SPA	BIJILO	+220 4463377 4466500	<a href="mailto:info@cococean.com">info@cococean.com</a>	<a href="http://www.cococean.com">www.cococean.com</a>
8	DJELIBA HOTEL	KOLOLI	+220 7004498 7324228	<a href="mailto:info@djelibahotel.com">info@djelibahotel.com</a>	<a href="http://www.djelibahotel.com">www.djelibahotel.com</a>
9	DJEMBE BEACH RESORT	KOLOLI	+220 2026200	<a href="mailto:info@djemberesorts.com">info@djemberesorts.com</a>	<a href="http://www.djemberesort.com">www.djemberesort.com</a>
10	DUNES RESORT	KOTU	+220 4495871	<a href="mailto:info@dunes.gm">info@dunes.gm</a>	

11	FOREST VIEW APARTMENTS	KOLOLI	+220 2800044 2800047	<a href="mailto:welcome@forestviewgambia.com">welcome@forestviewgambia.com</a>	<a href="http://www.forestviewgambia.com">www.forestviewgambia.com</a>
12	GOLDEN BEACH HOTEL	BIJILO	+220 4463722	<a href="mailto:goldenbeach@yahoo.com">goldenbeach@yahoo.com</a>	
13	HOLIDAY BEACH CLUB	KOLOLI	+220 7768006 7689748	<a href="mailto:info@holidaybeachclubgambia.com">info@holidaybeachclubgambia.com</a>	
14	KAIRABA BEACH HOTEL	KOLOLI	+220 4462940 7757727 2697375	<a href="mailto:info@kairabahotel.com">info@kairabahotel.com</a>	<a href="http://www.kairabahotel.com">www.kairabahotel.com</a>
15	KOLOLI BEACH CLUB	KOLOLI	+220 4464897	<a href="mailto:kololibeachclub@advys.co.uk">kololibeachclub@advys.co.uk</a>	
16	KOMBO BEACH HOTEL	KOTU	+220 4465466	<a href="mailto:info@kombobeachhotel.gm">info@kombobeachhotel.gm</a>	<a href="http://www.kombobeachhotel.gm">www.kombobeachhotel.gm</a>
17	LEMON CREEK HOTEL	BIJILO	+220 7770456 6611800	<a href="mailto:booking@lemoncreek.net">booking@lemoncreek.net</a>	<a href="http://www.lemoncreek.net">www.lemoncreek.net</a>
18	LUIGI'S COMPLEX	KOLOLI	+220 4460280 9908218	<a href="mailto:info@luigis.gm">info@luigis.gm</a>	<a href="http://www.luigis.gm">www.luigis.gm</a>
19	MANSEA BEACH HOTEL	KOLOLI	+220 4461177 4461188	<a href="mailto:info@manseabeachhotelandresort.com">info@manseabeachhotelandresort.com</a>	<a href="http://www.manseabeachhotelandresort.com">www.manseabeachhotelandresort.com</a>
20	METZY RESIDENCE HOTEL	KOLOLI	+220 7867182 4460092	<a href="mailto:info@metzyresidencehotel.com">info@metzyresidencehotel.com</a>	<a href="http://www.metzyresidencehotel.com">www.metzyresidencehotel.com</a>
21	PALMA RIMA HOTEL	KOLOLI	+220 4463380 4463381	<a href="mailto:smartlinepalmarimahotel@hotmail.com">smartlinepalmarimahotel@hotmail.com</a>	<a href="http://www.palmarimahotel.com">www.palmarimahotel.com</a>
22	PALM BEACH HOTEL	KOTU	+220 4464111	<a href="mailto:palmbeachhotel@hotmail.com">palmbeachhotel@hotmail.com</a>	
23	PARADISE SUITES HOTEL	KOLOLI	+220 4463439 3424942	<a href="mailto:gmparadisehotel@outlook.com">gmparadisehotel@outlook.com</a>	<a href="http://www.paradisесuites.gm">www.paradisесuites.gm</a>
24	SAND BEACH HOLIDAY RESORT	KOTU	+220 4464734	<a href="mailto:infosbhrigambia@gmail.com">infosbhrigambia@gmail.com</a>	<a href="http://www.sandbeach.gm">www.sandbeach.gm</a>

25	SARGE'S HOTEL (TAFBEL)	KOLOLI	+220 4460510	<a href="mailto:info@sargeshotel.gm">info@sargeshotel.gm</a>	
26	SEAFRONT RESIDENCES & HOTEL	BIJILO	+220 3362222 4463147 7019000	<a href="mailto:reservations@seafont.gm">reservations@seafont.gm</a>	<a href="http://www.seafont.gm">www.seafont.gm</a>
27	SEAVIEW GARDENS HOTEL	KOLOLI	+220 4466660	<a href="mailto:seaviewbookings@gmail.com">seaviewbookings@gmail.com</a>	<a href="http://www.seaviewgardenshotel.gm">www.seaviewgardenshotel.gm</a>
28	SENEGAMBIA BEACH HOTEL	KOLOLI	+220 4462717	<a href="mailto:info@senegambiahotel.com">info@senegambiahotel.com</a>	<a href="http://www.senegambiahotel.com">www.senegambiahotel.com</a>
29	SUNSET BEACH HOTEL	KOTU	+220 4466397 4463876	<a href="mailto:reservations@sunsetbeachhotel.gm">reservations@sunsetbeachhotel.gm</a>	<a href="http://www.sunsetbeachhotel.gm">www.sunsetbeachhotel.gm</a>
30	SWISS BOUTIQUE HOTEL	BIJILO	+220 2012121 3734085	<a href="mailto:saineymanneh@hotmail.com">saineymanneh@hotmail.com</a>	<a href="http://www.swisshotelgambia.com">www.swisshotelgambia.com</a>
31	TAMALA BEACH RESORT	KOTU	+220 7591111	<a href="mailto:malleh@adventuregambia.com">malleh@adventuregambia.com</a>	
32	WAVE CREST HOTEL	KOTU	+220 4466979	<a href="mailto:wavecrest@gamnet.gm">wavecrest@gamnet.gm</a>	<a href="http://www.wavecrest-gambia.com">www.wavecrest-gambia.com</a>