



75th ORDINARY SESSION INFORMATION NOTE TO PARTICIPANTS

1. General

The 75th 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 3 - 23 May 2023.

The Public Session will take place in hybrid format (venue to be advised) for 11 (eleven) days from 03 – 13 May 2023, and reconvene on the 23 May, 2023 for the Closing Session. The Closing Session which is convened for the reading of the Final Communiqué of the Session, will also be a public session held in hybrid format. Members of the Commission will be on ground in Banjul. Provision is made for delegates who wish to attend the Session physically to do so. Those unable to do so may participate virtually using the following zoom link: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_9HFjHBQvTBeva3bt0x1Mzw.

Private proceedings of the Commission will take place from 14 – 22 May 2023. These proceedings are closed to the public.

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 their respective organizations, and hand them to the Commission's Secretariat prior to registration.

Delegates attending on behalf of NHRIs with Affiliate Status and NGOs with Observer Status are requested to bring an official nomination letter, duly signed by the appropriate authority. The letter should designate the name of the person who is authorized to take the floor and deliver a statement on the Situation of Human Rights in Africa on behalf of the organization, and indicate the period of participation of the participant in the Session.

3. Preliminary e-registration

The Secretariat kindly requests that those who intend to participate in the Session complete the preliminary registration form available at the website of the Commission: achpr.au.int, and return same to the Secretariat latest by 14 April 2023, to enable the Secretariat conclude the required logistical arrangements, especially 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 will be provided twice a day, once in the morning and once in the afternoon. Lunch will be at participants' own cost. Participants who do not wish to buy their lunch from the Conference venue Cafeteria, may do so at other catering facilities available in the Senegambia area which is in walking distance from the venue.

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. To obtain visas, participants are advised to check the existence and the location of these Missions with the Ministry of Foreign/External Affairs of their countries.

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 the Secretariat has received their pre-registration forms by the deadline of 14 April 2023, latest for all categories of participants, otherwise, they would 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 same on departure, except for people travelling with Diplomatic Passports.

8. Health requirements

Participants are kindly advised to obtain or possess International Health Insurance valid 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 are required at the port of entry before admission to the country.**

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, whose destination or transit countries require presentation of a negative PRC Test, COVID-19 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

In extension of courtesy, transport will be provided for State delegates, from the Banjul International Airport to their Hotels (provided it is apprised of the itinerary and hotel bookings of the Delegates), and to the Conference Venue.

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 May, with temperatures ranging from about 23°C and 28°C degrees.

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 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.

Travelers Cheques and foreign currencies will be cashed in Dalasi.

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

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 Dalasis) 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:

[75th 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

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:

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Sonkoc@africa-union.org

Side Meetings: Claude-Annia Kouadio

Achpr.session@africa-union.org

Registration : Eugenie Colley

achpr.reception@africa-union.org

Protocol : Reginald Mere

Merer@africa-union.org

List of some hotels and guest houses

1.	KAIRABA BEACH HOTEL	<p>PMB 390 Serrekunda, The Gambia, West Africa Tel: + 220 446 29 40/1/2 Fax: + 220 446 29 47 General Enquiries: info@kairabahotel.com Reservations: reservations@kairabahotel.com</p>
2.	SENEGAMBIA BEACH HOTEL	<p>P.O.Box 2373 Serrekunda, The Gambia Tel: (00220) 4462717 / 4462718 / 4462719 Fax: (+220) 4461839 Email: senegambia@gamtel.com</p>
3.	LABRANDA CORAL BEACH HOTELS & RESORTS	<p>Tel.: +220 4462940 / 7896774 E-mail : leonardo.balduzzi@labranda.com Website : www.labranda.com</p>
4.	COCO OCEAN RESORT	<p>Coco Ocean Resort and Spa 1 Bamboo Drive, Kombo Coastal Highway, Bijilo (Main reception switchboard) Tel: (+ 220) 44 66 500 Fax: (+ 220) 44 66 900 Email: info@cocooccean.com Website: www.cocooccean.com</p>
5.	NGALA LODGE	<p>64 Atlantic Boulevard, Fajara, The Gambia, West Africa P.O. Box 4091 Bakau Tel.: +220 449 404/ 449 7672 / 449 7429 Fax: +220 4495645 Email: info@ngalalodge.com Website: www.ngalalodge.com</p>
6.	RED CROCK (OCEAN BAY) HOTEL	<p>Ocean Bay Hotel & Resort, Cape Point P.O. Box 4065, Bakau, The Gambia Tel no: +220 449 4265 / 449 6218 /449 6471/ 449 4281 449 5722 / 449 6436 /449 5744, 449 5670 449 6434/ 449 5875/ 449 5864, 449 6463 / 449 5811 Fax: +220 449 4268 Email: info@oceanbayhotel.com Website: www.oceanbayhotel.com</p>
7.	FLOURISH RESORTS	<p>Kotu Beach www.flourishresorts.com Contact: +220 703 5588 (Moncef Ouzine – G.M)</p>

8.	SAGE HOTEL (formally TAFBEL)	P.O.Box 121, Banjul, The Gambia Tel: (+220) 4460510 / 4460511 / 4460512 / 4460514 Fax: (00220) 4460515 E-mail: info@tafgambia.com or tafbel@qanet.gm Web: www.tafgambia.com
9.	TAFBEL ANNEX	P.O.Box 121, Banjul, The Gambia Tel: (+220) 4461024 / 4461035 Fax: (00220) 4461904 Email: tafannex@yahoo.co.uk
10.	PARADISE SUITES HOTEL	Badala Park Highway Kololi, K.S.M.D. P.O.Box 802, Banjul Tel: (+220) 4463429 / 4463439 Fax: (+220) 4463451 Email: info@paradisесuites.gm
11.	SUN BEACH HOTEL	Koffi Annan Street Cape Point, Bakau, The Gambia. Tel: (+220) 4497190 Fax: (+220) 4497193 Email: info@sunbeachhotel.com Website: www.sunbeachhotel.com
12.	BUNGALOW BEACH HOTEL	P.O. Box 2637 Serrekunda, The Gambia Tel: (+220) 4465288 / 4465623 / 4460316. Fax: (00220) 4466180 Email: info@bbhotel.gm
13.	KOMBO BEACH HOTEL	P.O.Box 694 Banjul, The Gambia. Tel: (+220) 4465466 Fax: (+220) 4465490 Email: info@kombobeachhotel.gm
14.	BADALA PARK HOTEL	P.M.B 467 Kotu Stream, Serrekunda, The Gambia Tel: (+220) 4460400 Fax: (+220) 4460402 Email: badalaparkhotel@gmail.com
15.	SUNSET BEACH HOTEL	Kotu Stream Road P.M.B. 541, Serrekunda, The Gambia. Tel: (+220) 4466397 / 4463876 Fax: (+220) 4463874 Email: info@sunsetbeachhotel.com Website: www.sunsetbeachhotel.com
16.	HOLIDAY SUITES	Kololi, The Gambia Tel: (+220)4461075; Fax: (+220)4461077

17.	PALMA RIMA HOTEL	Tel: +220 4460001,4460002/ 446 3380
18.	BAKADAJI HOTEL	Email : lnbn@qanet.gm Tel: +220 4462307
19.	BAMBOO GARDEN HOTEL	Kololi Resort, Senegambia area 15 Seaview Plaza Blvd., Duplex Complex Center (Off Bertil Harding Highway), Greater Banjul area Tel. no: +220 446 3079 Fax: +220 4463081 Email: info@bamboohotel.gm reservations@bamboohotel.gm General Manager: Modou Jagne Website: www.bamboohotel.gm
20.	BAMBOO GUEST HOUSE	Bamboo Guest House Katrin and Farimang P.O. Box 4504, Bakau Tel: (+220) 890 0020 Tel: (+220) 777 5236 Website: bamboohotel-gm.com
21.	BAOBAB HOLIDAY RESORT (LODGE)	Baobab Holiday Resort (Lodge) Kombo Coastal Road, Bijilo Tel no: +220 8905832 / 9905787 / 9990265/ 6390777 Fax: +220 4464158 Email: baobabbookings@hotmail.com Website: baobabresortgm.com
22.	BLUE PARROT GUEST HOUSE	Blue Parrot Guest House Bertil Harding Highway, Kololi Telephone numbers: Gambia +220 9907957/ 7721767 UK: +44 0 1892 516517 Email: julia_cassel@yahoo.co.uk
23.	CALABASH RESIDENCE	Kololi, Palma Rima Road P.O. Box 201, Banjul Tel: +220 4462176 / 9966600 / 7776600 Fax: +220 4462175 Website: www.calabashresidence.gm
24..	BIJILO BEACH HOTEL	Tel: +220 446 2701 /06 /07 Box 4061, Bakau – Website: www.bijiloBeachHotel.com
25..	MANSEA BEACH HOTEL	Tel: +220 4 461 177 Fax: +220 4 461 188 Post Box 4068, Bakau, The Gambia, Email: mansea@manseabeachhotel.com
26.	SEAVIEW GARDEN HOTEL	Off Bertil Harding Highway, Kololi, The Gambia Tel : +220 4466660 / 1 / 2 E-mail: seaviewbookings@gmail.com Website : www.seaviewgardenshotel.gm

27..	GOLDEN BEACH HOTEL	Tel + 220-446 5111 Mob +220-776 3856 Fax +220-446 3722 www.goldenbeachhotel.gm
28.	OCEAN VILLA HEIGHTS	51 Brufut Heights, Near Tranquil Western Region, Kombo North, The Gambia Tel.: +220 2487430 Email: info@oceanvillaheights.com Website: www.oceanvillaheights.com
29.	AKKWA SUITES	Kerr Serign, (near Kololi / Senegambia) Contact: Ms. Lucy Tel.: +220 3131725
30.	FRIENDSHIP HOSTEL	Tel: +220 4495830
31.	BAKOTU HOTEL	Kotu Creek PO Box 532, Banjul, 2 Kotu Stream Road, Kotu Beach Tel: (+220) 446 5555 (Switchboard) Tel: 446 5999 (Main Reception) Email: info@bakotuhotel.com bookings@bakotuhotel.com Website: www.bakotuhotel.com
32.	BABULA'S RESIDENCE	Kerr Serign, (near Kololi / Senegambia) Tel: +220 8805617 or 7788969 / 4461041 or 6788969 Fax: +220 446 1041 Website: www.babula.info
33.	OMAKAN HOTEL	Junction Bah, Sukuta , Kombo North Telephone number: (+220) 7683 658/ 7683 672 Email: frontdesk@omakanhotel.com peter@omakanhotel.com Website: www.omakanhotel.com
34.	LEMON CREEK HOTEL RESORT	Kombo Airport Highroad, Bijilo Elton Petrol Station junction Tel.: 220 6611800; 6611200; 6611 500 Mail: lemon.creek.hotel@gmail.com info@lemoncreek.net www.lemoncreek.net Facebook: www.facebook.com/lemoncreek
35.	LUIGIS COMPLEX	Tel: +220 4460 282 / 9908218 / 7708218 / 7102102 E-mail: info@lugis.gm luigiscomplex@gmail.com Website: www.lugis.gm
36.	GAMBIA PASTORAL INSTITUTE (GPI)	P.M.B. 296, Serekunda. Tel.: +220 439 4847
37.	RIYAN APARTMENTS	Bertil – Harding Highway P. O. Box 2032, Kololi Village, The Gambia Tel/Fax.:+220 446 37 34 E-mail : info@riyanapartments.gm Website : gambiarriyanapartments.blog.com

38.	BALMORAL APARTMENTS	<p>Kololi Telephone number: (+220) 4461079 Tel / Fax: +44 (0) 1556 650296 (UK) Email: info@balmoral-apartments.com Website: www.balmoral-apartments.com</p>
39.	SEA FRONT RESIDENCE	<p>Seafront Residence Kombo Coastal Road (behind Elton Petrol Station) Bijilo, The Gambia Tel.: +220 7999 789 / 7019 000 /3362222 Fax: 449 7931 E-mail: info@seafront.gm Website : www.seafront.gm For reservations contact : Nanou Mahmoud (General Manager): Tel: +220 3362222 E-mail: nanou@seafront.gm; reservations@seafront.gm</p>
40.	TAF Apartments	<p>Brufut Gardens, The Gambia E-mail: info@tafgambiatours.com Website: www.tafgambiatours.com For reservations contact: Kimberley Nicol Marketing and Sales Executive, TAF HOLDING CO. (Gambia) t: +44 (0) 220 7762333/ 3156245 (UK) m: +44 (0) 7961570010 e-mail: kimberley.nicol@tafgambia.com Skype: kimberley.nicol2</p>
41.	ADJI'S LODGE	<p>Bijilo Resort, Kombo Coastal Road Tel no: (+220) 446 0726 Mobile: (+220) 992 0610 Website: www.adjislodge.com</p>
42.	AMARIS GARDEN APARTMENTS	<p>Kerr Sering Village, Kombo Saint Mary District West Coast Region Tel. no: +220 233 3423 (Gambia) +44 7518 887 844 (UK) Email: info@amaris-apartments.com Website: www.amaris-apartments.com</p>
43.	AVALON GARDEN LODGE	<p>Kololi Tel: +220 4462022 Website: www.avalonlodges.com</p>
44.	CASA CARLA BED AND BREAKFAST	<p>Bijilo Village, Greater Banjul area Tel. no: +220 779 5377 / 770 0057 (Jan) Email: carlagambia@hotmail.com Website: www.casacarla.gm</p>
45.	CAPE POINT HOTEL	<p>Cape St. Mary P.O.Box 2294 Serrekunda, The Gambia Tel: (00220) 4494697 / 4495005 Fax: (00220) 4495375 Email: capepointhotel@qanet.gm</p>

46.	ROC HEIGHTS LODGE	Samba Breku Road Cape Point, KSMD, The Gambia. Tel:(00220) 4495428/ 9918727 Email: enquiries@rocheightslogde.com Website: www.rocheightslodge.com
47.	AFRICAN VILLAGE HOTEL	98 Atlantic Road P. O. Box 4227, Bakau, The Gambia Tel.: +220 4495034 / 4495 384 / 4497613 / 9427705 / 263 9423 E-mail: africanvillagehotel@yahoo.com
48.	CAPE POINT HOTEL	P. O. Box 2294, Serekunda, The Gambia Tel.: +220 4495005 / 4494 697 E-mail: info@capepointhotel.net accounts@capepointhotel.net
49.	DJELIBA HOTEL	Djeliba Plaza, Kololi, The Gambia Tel.: +220 7884 498 E-mail: info@djelibahotel.com reservations@djelibahotel.com
50.	DJEMBE BEACH RESORT	Djeliba Plaza Kololi, The Gambia Tel.: 202 6200 E-mail: info@djemberesort.com
51.	HOLIDAY BEACH CLUB HOTEL	Senegambia, Kololi P. O. Box 312, Banjul, The Gambia Tel.: +220 4460 418 / 7909 123 E-mail: hbc.gambia@yahoo.com
52.	SAND BEACH HOLIDAY RESORTS	Point Zone Kotu, Senegambia, The Gambia Tel.: +220 44 64734 E-mail: sbhgambia@gmail.com Websites : www.sandbeach.gm / www.sandbeachgambia.com
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54.	AFRICAN PRINCESS BEACH HOTEL	Kotu Beach, The Gambia Tel.: +220 446 2426 Ext. 2204 / 749 5003 / 367 8325 / 7333354 E-mail: fom@africanprincesshotel.com www.africanprincesshotel.com