



**81st ORDINARY SESSION OF THE AFRICAN COMMISSION ON
HUMAN AND PEOPLES' RIGHTS**

**Banjul, The Gambia
17 October to 06 November 2024**

**Draft Public Session Agenda
(17 - 27 October & 06 November 2024)**

DAY 1: THURSDAY 17 OCTOBER 2024

Item 1: Opening Ceremony

09:00 – 11:00 Opening Ceremony

11:00 – 11:30 *OFFICIAL PICTURES/HEALTH BREAK*

Item 2: Retreat into Private Session/Adoption of Agenda

11:30 – 12:30 Adoption of the Public Session Agenda

Item 3: Statements on Human Rights Situation in Africa

12:30 - 13:30 (i) Key Outcomes of the Forums of National Human Rights Institutions and Non-Governmental Organisations (7 mins)

(ii) Statements on Human Rights Situation in Africa

a) Statements by State Delegates (7 mins)

b) Statement by African Union Organs with a Human Rights Mandate (7 mins)

c) Statements by Inter-governmental and International Organizations (7 mins)

d) Statements by National Human Rights Institutions (5 mins)

e) Statements by Non-Governmental Organisations (5 mins)

13:30 – 14:30 *LUNCH BREAK*

Item 4: Panels

14:30 – 15:30 Panel on the African Guiding Principles on the Human Rights of all Migrants, Refugees and Asylum Seekers

15:30 – 16:30 Panel on the situation of Human Rights Defenders in Africa

Item 3 cont'd: Human Rights Situation in Africa

16:30 – 17:30 Human Rights Situation in Africa

17:30 *TEA/COFFEE BREAK/END OF DAY*

END OF DAY 1

DAY 2: FRIDAY 18 OCTOBER 2024

Item 3 cont'd: Human Rights Situation in Africa

09:00 – 10:30 Human Rights Situation in Africa

10:30 – 11:00 *HEALTH BREAK*

Item 4 cont'd: Panels

11:00 – 12:00 Panel on the celebration of the entry into force of the Protocol on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and sensitisation for the entry into force of the Protocol on the Rights of Older Persons

12:00 – 13:00 Panel on Education and Torture

Item 3 cont'd: Human Rights Situation in Africa

13:00 – 13:30 Human Rights Situation in Africa

13:30 – 14:30 *LUNCH BREAK & END OF DAY*

END OF DAY 2

DAY 3: SATURDAY 19 OCTOBER 2024

Item 5: Activity Reports of the Members of the Commission & Special Mechanisms
Presentation (15mins), Interventions: States (5 mins), NGOs & NHRIs (3 mins)

09:00 – 10:30 Activity Reports of the Members of the Commission & Special Mechanisms

- (i) Chairperson of the ACHPR on activities of the Chairperson & Special Rapporteur on Human Rights Defenders and Reprisals in Africa.
- (ii) Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Women in Africa.

- (iii) Special Rapporteur on Prisons, Conditions of Detention and Policing in Africa.
- (iv) Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Expression and Access to Information in Africa.
- (v) Special Rapporteur on Refugees, Asylum Seekers, Internally Displaced Persons and Migrants in Africa.
- (vi) Chairperson of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of People Living with HIV and those at Risk, Vulnerable to and Affected by HIV.
- (vii) Chairperson of the Working Group on the Rights of Older Persons and People with Disabilities in Africa.
- (viii) Chairperson of the Committee for the Prevention of Torture in Africa.
- (ix) Chairperson of the Working Group on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in Africa.
- (x) Chairperson of the Working Group on Death Penalty and Extrajudicial, Summary or Arbitrary Killings and Enforced Disappearances in Africa.
- (xi) Chairperson of the Working Group on Indigenous Populations/Communities in Africa.
- (xii) Chairperson of the Working Group on Extractive Industries, Environment and Human Rights Violations in Africa.
- (xiii) Chairperson of the Working Group on Communications.

10:30 - 11:00

HEALTH BREAK

Item 4 cont'd:

Panels

11:00 - 12:00

Panel of the 20th anniversary of the special mechanism on freedom of expression and access to information in Africa

Item 3 cont'd:

Human Rights Situation in Africa

12:00 - 13:15

Human Rights Situation in Africa

Item 6:

Relationship and cooperation with National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)

13:15 - 13:30

- a) Paper on the relationship and cooperation between the ACHPR and NHRIs.
- b) Paper on the relationship and cooperation between the ACHPR and NGOs.

13:30 - 14:30

LUNCH BREAK

Item 3 cont'd:

Human Rights Situation in Africa

14:30 - 16:30

Human Rights Situation in Africa

Item 7:

Launch of ACHPR Documents

16:30 - 17:30

Launch of ACHPR Documents

- (i) Launch of the CPTA Newsletter No. 2024
- (ii) Launch of the Study on Migration

17:30

TEA/COFFEE BREAK/END OF DAY

END OF DAY 3

DAY 4: SUNDAY 20 OCTOBER 2024

Item 4 cont'd:

Panels

14:30 – 15:30

Panel on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and National Development Plans in Africa

Item 3 cont'd:

Human Rights Situation in Africa

15:30 – 16:30

Human Rights Situation in Africa

Item 5 cont'd:

Activity Reports of the Members of the Commission & Special Mechanisms

Presentation (15mins), Interventions: States (5 mins), NGOs & NHRIs (3 mins)

16:30 – 17:30

Activity Reports of the Members of the Commission & Special Mechanisms

17:30

TEA/COFFEE BREAK/END OF DAY

END OF DAY 4

DAY 5: MONDAY 21 OCTOBER 2024

Item 8:

Africa Human Rights Day celebration

09:00 – 10:30

Joint Colloquium on Realizing Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights in Africa, with a Focus on the Right to Education (ACHPR, OHCHR & PAP)

10:30 – 11:00

TEA/COFFEE BREAK

11:00 – 13:30

Joint Colloquium (ACHPR, OHCHR, & PAP)

13:30 – 14:30

LUNCH BREAK

14:30 – 17:30

Joint Colloquium (ACHPR, OHCHR & PAP)

17:30

TEA/COFFEE BREAK/END OF DAY

END OF DAY 5

DAY 6: TUESDAY, 22 OCTOBER 2024

09:00 – 10:30	Joint Colloquium (<i>ACHPR, OHCHR & PAP</i>)
10:30 – 11:00	<i>TEA/COFFEE BREAK</i>
11:00 – 13:30	Joint Colloquium (<i>ACHPR, OHCHR & PAP</i>)
13:30 – 14:30	<i>LUNCH BREAK</i>
<u>Item 4:</u>	Panels
14:30 – 15:30	Panel on State Reporting
15:30 – 16:30	Panel on the celebration of the 10 th anniversary of the Luanda Guidelines
<u>Item 3 cont'd:</u>	Human Rights Situation in Africa
16:30 – 17:30	Human Rights Situation in Africa
17:30	<i>TEA/COFFEE BREAK/END OF DAY</i>

END OF DAY 6

DAY 7: WEDNESDAY 23 OCTOBER 2024

<u>Item 3 cont'd:</u>	Human Rights Situation in Africa
09:00 – 10:30	Human Rights Situation in Africa
10:30 – 11:00	<i>TEA/COFFEE BREAK</i>
<u>Item 4 cont'd:</u>	Panels
11:00 – 13:15	Panel on the impact of Article 59 of the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Communications' Procedure of the African Commission
<u>Item 9:</u>	Consideration of State Reports
13:15 – 13:30	Paper on the status of submission of State Party Reports
13:30 – 14:30	<i>LUNCH BREAK</i>
<u>Item 9 cont'd:</u>	Consideration of State Reports
14:30 – 17:30	Report of Burkina Faso

(Presentation & Questions)

- Welcome Remarks by the Chairperson (5 mins)
- State Presentation (1 Hr)
- Questions by Commissioner Rapporteur (10 mins)
- Questions by Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Women in Africa (SRRWA), on the Maputo Protocol (where applicable) (10 mins)
- Questions by Special Rapporteur on Refugees, Asylum Seekers, Internally Displaced Persons and Migrants (where applicable) (10 mins)
- Questions by other Special Mechanisms (7 mins)

17:30

TEA/COFFEE BREAK/END OF DAY

END OF DAY 7

DAY 8: THURSDAY 24 OCTOBER 2024

Item 4 cont'd:

Panels

09:00 - 10:00

Panel on the 50th Anniversary of the Entry into Force of the OAU Convention on the Specific Aspects of Refugee Problems in Africa: Assessment, Challenges and Prospects

Item 3 cont'd:

Human Rights Situation in Africa

10:00 - 10:30

Human Rights Situation in Africa

10:30 - 11:00

TEA/COFFEE BREAK

Item 5 cont'd:

Activity Reports of the Members of the Commission & Special Mechanisms

Presentation (15mins), Interventions: States (5 mins), NGOs & NHRIs (3 mins)

11:00 - 12:00

Activity Reports of the Members of the Commission & Special Mechanisms.

Item 9 cont'd:

Consideration of State Reports

12:00 - 13:30

Report of Burkina Faso: Presentation of Responses

13:30 - 14:30

LUNCH BREAK

Item 9 cont'd:

Consideration of State Reports

14:30 - 17:30

Report of the Republic of Angola
(Presentation & Questions)

- Welcome Remarks by the Chairperson (5 mins)
- State Presentation (1 Hr)

- Questions by Commissioner Rapporteur (10 mins)
- Questions by Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Women in Africa (SRRWA), on the Maputo Protocol (where applicable) (10 mins)
- Questions by Special Rapporteur on Refugees, Asylum Seekers, Internally Displaced Persons and Migrants (where applicable) (10 mins)
- Questions by other Special Mechanisms (7 mins)

17:30

TEA/COFFEE BREAK/END OF DAY

END OF DAY 8

DAY 9: FRIDAY 25 OCTOBER 2024

Item 9 cont'd: Consideration of State Reports

09:00 – 10:30

Report of the Republic of Mauritius
(Presentation & Questions)

- Welcome Remarks by the Chairperson (5 mins)
- State Presentation (1 Hr)
- Questions by Commissioner Rapporteur (10 mins)
- Questions by Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Women in Africa (SRRWA), on the Maputo Protocol (where applicable) (10 mins)
- Questions by Special Rapporteur on Refugees, Asylum Seekers, Internally Displaced Persons and Migrants (where applicable) (10 mins)
- Questions by other Special Mechanisms (7 mins)

10:30 – 11:00

TEA/COFFEE BREAK

11:00 – 12:30

Report of the Republic of Mauritius cont'd

Item 9 cont'd: Consideration of State Reports

12:30 – 14:00

Report of the Republic of Angola: Presentation of Responses

14:00 – 14:30

LUNCH BREAK & END OF DAY

END OF DAY 9

DAY 10: SATURDAY 26 OCTOBER 2024

Item 9 cont'd: Consideration of State Reports

09:00 – 10:30

Report of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia
(Presentation & Questions)

- Welcome Remarks by the Chairperson (5 mins)
- State Presentation (1 Hr)

- Questions by Commissioner Rapporteur (10 mins)
- Questions by Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Women in Africa (SRRWA), on the Maputo Protocol (where applicable) (10 mins)
- Questions by Special Rapporteur on Refugees, Asylum Seekers, Internally Displaced Persons and Migrants (where applicable) (10 mins)
- Questions by other Special Mechanisms (7 mins)

10:30 – 11:00 *TEA/COFFEE BREAK*

Item 9 cont’d: **Consideration of State Reports**

11:00 – 12:30 **Report of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia cont’d**

Item 4 cont’d: **Panels**

12:30 – 13:30 Panel of the Working Group on Extractive Industries

13:30 – 14:30 *LUNCH BREAK*

Item 9 cont’d: **Consideration of State Reports**

14:30 – 16:00 **Report of the Republic of Mauritius: Presentation of Responses**

Item 4 cont’d: **Panels**

16:00 – 17:00 Panel on Extrajudicial executions in the context of security challenges: the example of the Sahel

17:00 – 18:00 Panel on the Mendez Principles

18:00 *TEA/COFFEE BREAK/END OF DAY*

END OF DAY 10

DAY 11: SUNDAY 27 OCTOBER 2024

Item 9 cont’d: **Consideration of State Reports**

14:30 – 16:00 **Report of Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia: Presentation of Responses**

Item 5 cont’d: **Activity Reports of the Members of the Commission & Special Mechanisms**
Presentation (15mins), Interventions: States (5 mins), NGOs & NHRIs (3 mins)

16:00 – 17:30 Activity Reports of the Members of the Commission & Special Mechanisms

17:30

TEA/COFFEE BREAK/END OF DAY

END OF DAY 11

ADJOURNMENT OF PUBLIC SESSION, TO RESUME ON 06 NOVEMBER 2024

DAY 21: WEDNESDAY 06 NOVEMBER 2024
CLOSING CEREMONY
(open to the public)

Item 9: **Closing Ceremony**

10:00 - 11:30 Reading of the Final Communiqué and Closing Ceremony

12:00 - 13:30 Press Conference

END OF THE 81ST ORDINARY SESSION
