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All National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) in Africa

**INVITATION TO THE 81ST ORDINARY SESSION OF THE AFRICAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN AND PEOPLES' RIGHTS (ACHPR)
17 OCTOBER TO 6 NOVEMBER 2024**

I have the honour to inform all National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) that the 81st Ordinary Session of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (the Commission) would take place at the Sir Dawda Kairaba Jawara International Conference Centre in Kololi, Republic of the Gambia from **17 October to 6 November 2024**, and that they are invited to participate in the Public Session scheduled to be held from **17 – 27 October 2024** (in person) and the closing ceremony (in person) on **6th November 2024**.

As usual, **NHRIs** are expected to bear the travel costs and accommodation expenses relating to the participation of their representative(s).

We kindly invite representatives of NHRIs to fill in the Preliminary Registration Form on the Commission's website at <https://achpr.au.int/> under the section "News and Media - Upcoming Events – 81st Ordinary Session" no later than 3 October 2024. A Notice with further guidelines on the Session and an Information Note have been uploaded on the same section. The draft Agenda of the Public Session will follow shortly.

During registration, each participant is expected to upload, via the link provided on the registration form, a scanned copy of the bio-data page of his/her Passport/Travel document and a Passport-size photo preferably in jpeg or jpg file format, which will be used to prepare a badge for his/her participation in the Session.

Representative(s) coming from countries which require entry visa to Gambia are advised to **obtain visas before travelling to Gambia**. Immigration information and requirements as well as the online visa application can be accessed at <https://gambiaembassy.eu/visa-application>. For those who do not have Embassies or diplomatic representation of Gambia in their countries of residence, measures shall be taken by the Host Government to facilitate the issuance of visas upon arrival in Gambia, provided they have submitted their Registration Forms and scanned copies of their Passport biodata pages to the Secretariat of the Commission as requested.

Representative(s) are advised to take the necessary vaccinations, and to travel with their vaccination cards, especially their yellow fever vaccination cards.

NHRIs representatives wishing to speak on any of the Agenda Items are required to complete the online Registration form for Statements in advance, and to upload their intended statements using the link provided. Statements may also be e-mailed as soon as possible to: achpr.session@africa-union.org copying: beteckn@africa-union.org and Meribolee@africa-union.org, as this is a pre-requisite for taking the floor.

We look forward to welcoming you in Banjul, and to your participation in the Session.

Sincerely
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Executive Secretary to the Commission