

Opening Ceremony
81st Ordinary Session

17 October 2024

Program

Public Session

09:00 hours – 11:00 hours (WAT)

- Anthems:
 - Anthem of the African Union (**5 minutes**)
- Introductory remarks by the Executive Secretary to the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (ACHPR), **Mrs. Abiola Idowu-Ojo (5 minutes)**
- Statement of the NGOs Steering Committee (**5 minutes**)
- Statement of the Network of African National Human Rights Institutions (NANHRI), **Dr. Joseph Whittal, Chairperson of the Network of African National Human Rights Institutions. (5 minutes)**
- Statement of the European Union Special Representative for Human Rights, **H. E. Olof Skoog, European Union Special Representative for Human Rights (5 minutes)**
- Statement of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, **H.E. Mr. Marcel Akpovo, UN-HCHR Regional Representative for East Africa and to the African Union (5 minutes)**
- Statement of the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (**6-minutes**)
- Statement of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights (AfCHPR), **Hon. Justice Modibo SACKO, Vice President of the Court (6 minutes)**
- Statement of the Pan African Parliament (PAP), **Hon. Jean-Marie Nibirantije, Chairperson, Committee on Justice and Human Rights (6 minutes)**

Interlude (5 minutes)

- Statement of the Representative of States Parties to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights (**6 minutes**)
- Statement of the Chairperson of the ACHPR, **Hon. Rémy Ngoy Lumbu (7 minutes)**
- Statement of the Chairperson of the African Union Commission, **H. E. Mr. Moussa Faki Mahamat (7 minutes)**
- Opening Statement by the Attorney General & Minister of Justice of the Republic of The Gambia, **Honourable Mr. Dawda A. Jallow (7 minutes)**
- Vote of Thanks & Announcements by the Executive Secretary to the ACHPR, **Mrs. Abiola Idowu-Ojo (5 minutes)**
- Family Photos
- Press Conference

END OF OPENING CEREMONY & ADJOURNMENT OF THE PUBLIC SESSION