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**81<sup>st</sup> 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**

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| <b><u>Item 1:</u></b> | <b>Opening Ceremony</b>   |
| 09:00 – 11:00         | Opening Ceremony  |
| 11:00 – 11:30         | <b>OFFICIAL PICTURES/HEALTH BREAK</b>   |
| <b><u>Item 2:</u></b> | <b>Retreat into Private Session/Adoption of Agenda</b>  |
| 11:30 – 12:30         | Adoption of the Public Session Agenda   |
| <b><u>Item 3:</u></b> | <b>Statements on Human Rights Situation in Africa</b>   |
| 12:30 – 13:30         | (i) Key Outcomes of the Forums of the States Parties, National Human Rights Institutions and Non-Governmental Organisations ( <b>7 mins</b> ) |
|                       | (ii) Statements on Human Rights Situation in Africa   |
|                       | a) Statements by State Delegates ( <b>7 mins</b> )  |
|                       | b) Statement by African Union Organs with a Human Rights Mandate ( <b>7 mins</b> )  |
|                       | c) Statements by Inter-governmental and International Organizations ( <b>7 mins</b> )   |
|                       | d) Statements by National Human Rights Institutions ( <b>5 mins</b> )   |
|                       | e) Statements by Non-Governmental Organisations ( <b>5 mins</b> )   |
| 13:30 – 14:30         | <b>LUNCH BREAK</b>  |
| <b><u>Item 4:</u></b> | <b>Panels</b>   |

- 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 in Africa, and sensitisation for the entry into force of the Protocol on the Rights of Older Persons in Africa
- 12:00 – 13:00** Panel on Upholding the Mendez Principles in Africa: Enhancing Safeguards through Effective Interviewing
- 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 3 cont'd: Human Rights Situation in Africa**

**11:00 - 12:15** Human Rights Situation in Africa

**Item 4 cont'd: Panels**

**12:15 - 13:15** Panel on the role of education and training in the prevention of torture, ill-treatment and violence 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 human rights impact of law enforcement on asylum seekers, refugees and migrants in Africa

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

15:30 – 16:30

Panel on the presentation of the World Report on Women in the criminal justice system

**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

10:30 – 11:00

*TEA/COFFEE BREAK*

11:00 – 13:30

Joint Colloquium

13:30 – 14:30

*LUNCH BREAK*

14:30 – 17:30

Joint Colloquium

17:30

*TEA/COFFEE BREAK/END OF DAY*

END OF DAY 5

DAY 6: TUESDAY, 22 OCTOBER 2024

09:00 – 10:30	Joint Colloquium
10:30 – 11:00	<i>TEA/COFFEE BREAK</i>
11:00 – 13:30	Joint Colloquium
13:30 – 14:30	<i>LUNCH BREAK</i>
<b><u>Item 4:</u></b>	<b>Panels</b>
14:30 – 15:30	Panel on the celebration of the 10 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Luanda Guidelines
<b><u>Item 3 cont'd:</u></b>	<b>Human Rights Situation in Africa</b>
15:30 – 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

<b><u>Item 3 cont'd:</u></b>	<b>Human Rights Situation in Africa</b>
09:00 – 10:30	Human Rights Situation in Africa
10:30 – 11:00	<i>TEA/COFFEE BREAK</i>
<b><u>Item 4 cont'd:</u></b>	<b>Panels</b>
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
<b><u>Item 9:</u></b>	<b>Consideration of State Reports</b>
13:15 – 13:30	Paper on the status of submission of State Party Reports
13:30 – 14:30	<i>LUNCH BREAK</i>
<b><u>Item 9 cont'd:</u></b>	<b>Consideration of State Reports</b>

- 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 50<sup>th</sup> 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 4 cont'd:**

**Panels**

**09:00 - 10:00**

Panel discussion to present the United Nations Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances Report on the Visit to the African Union Judicial and Human Rights Organs and other sub-regional bodies

**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 9 cont'd:**

**Consideration of State Reports**

**11:00 - 12:30**

**Report of the Republic of Angola: Presentation of Responses**

**Item 3 cont'd:**

**Human Rights Situation in Africa**

**12:30 - 13:30**

Human Rights Situation in Africa

**13:30 - 14:30**

*LUNCH BREAK & END OF DAY*

**END OF DAY 9**

**DAY 10: SATURDAY 26 OCTOBER 2024**

**Item 5 cont'd:**

**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

10:30 – 11:00 *TEA/COFFEE BREAK*

**Item 4 cont'd:** Panels

11:00 – 12:00 Panel of the Working Group on Extractive Industries

**Item 3 cont'd:** Human Rights Situation in Africa

12:00 – 13:30 Human Rights Situation in Africa

13:30 – 14:30 *LUNCH BREAK*

**Item 4 cont'd:** Panels

14:30 – 15:30 Panel on Hosting the Sessions of the ACHPR

**Item 3 cont'd:** Human Rights Situation in Africa

15:30 – 17:30 Human Rights Situation in Africa

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

**END OF DAY 10**

**DAY 11: SUNDAY 27 OCTOBER 2024**

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

14.30 – 17:30 Activity Reports of the Members of the Commission & Special Mechanisms

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

**END OF DAY 11**

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**ADJOURNMENT OF PUBLIC SESSION, TO RESUME ON 06 NOVEMBER 2024**

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

**Item 10:**                    **Closing Ceremony**

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

**12:00 - 13:30**                Press Conference

**END OF THE 81<sup>ST</sup> ORDINARY SESSION**

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