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All National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) in Africa

**INVITATION TO THE 87TH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE AFRICAN COMMISSION
ON HUMAN AND PEOPLES' RIGHTS (ACHPR)**

I have the honour to inform all National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) that the public segment of the 87th Ordinary Session of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (the Commission) will be held at the Sir Dawda Kairaba Jawara International Conference Center (SDKJ-ICC) in Banjul, Republic of The Gambia from **11 to 20 May 2026**, and that they are invited to attend the Ordinary Session **in-person**.

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 – 87th Ordinary Session**" no later than **11 April 2026**. 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 The Gambia in their countries of residence, measures shall be taken by the ACHPR to facilitate the issuance of visas upon arrival in The 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 links provided on the website and restated below. Statements may also be e-mailed to achpr.session@africanunion.org and copying Chikombai@africanunion.org as soon as possible, as this is a pre-requisite for taking the floor.

- **ITEM 3: Human Rights Situation in Africa**

Web link: <https://forms.office.com/r/RchThYnz9M>

- **ITEM 5: Activity Reports of Commissioners and Special Mechanisms (Interventions)**

Web link: <https://forms.office.com/r/cNew4UnDL6>

- **ITEM 6: Panels and Launches**

Web link: <https://forms.office.com/r/iWeYQE1TBz>

We look forward to your participation in the Session and welcoming you in The Gambia.

Sincerely

Signed by:

Abiola Idowu-Ojo

Mrs. Abiola Idowu-Ojo
Executive Secretary, ACHPR

