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Arusha, United Republic of Tanzania

20 October – 09 November 2023

Draft Public Session Agenda

(20 October – 31 October & 09 November 2023)

DAY 1: FRIDAY, 20 OCTOBER 2023

Item 1: Opening Ceremony

10:00 – 12:00 Opening Ceremony (Public session)

12:00 – 12:30 *OFFICIAL PICTURES/TEA/COFFEE BREAK*

Item 2: Retreat into Private Session (Private Session)

12:30 – 13:30 Retreat into Private Session (Private Session)

- Election of new Bureau
- Adoption of the Public Session Agenda
- Redistribution of Special Mechanisms and Country Rapporteurships

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

END OF DAY 1

DAY 2: SATURDAY, 21 OCTOBER 2023

Item 4: Africa Human Rights Day celebration, with a focus on Maputo Protocol@20

09:00 – 10:30 Africa Human Rights Day Commemorative High-Level Panel on Maputo@20: A call for universal ratification, implementation, domestication, and reporting of the Maputo Protocol

10:30 – 11:00 *TEA/COFFEE BREAK*

Item 5: Africa Human Rights Day celebration, with a focus on Maputo Protocol@20

11:00 – 12:30 Africa Human Rights Day Commemorative High-Level Panel on Maputo@20: A call for universal ratification, implementation, domestication, and reporting of the Maputo Protocol

Item 3: Statements on Human Rights Situation in Africa

12:30 - 13:30

- (i) Key Outcomes of the Pre-77th OS Forums of National Human Rights Institutions and Non-Governmental Organisations **(7 mins each)**
- (ii) Statement by Mr. Clement Voulé, outgoing UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights to Freedom of Peaceful Assembly and of Association **(7 mins)**
- (iii) 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 Intergovernmental and International Organizations **(7 mins)**
 - d) Statements by National Human Rights Institutions **(5 mins)**
 - e) Statements by Non-Governmental Organisations **(5 mins)**

13:00 - 14:30

LUNCH BREAK

Item 3 cont'd: Human Rights Situation in Africa

14:30 - 15:00

Human Rights Situation in Africa

Item 5: Launch of ACHPR Documents

15:00 - 17:30

Launch of ACHPR Documents

- (i) Joint Launch of the African Guiding Principles on the Human Rights of All Migrants, Refugees and Asylum Seekers and the Study on the African responses on Migration
- (ii) Launch of the Study on the use of force by law enforcement officers and prison guards: Presentation of the Training tool on the use of force
- (iii) Launch of the Newsletter on Maputo@20: A Celebration of 20 Years of the Rights of Women and Girls in Africa
- (iv) Joint Launch of the Report on the Jurisprudence on Article 5 of the African Charter and CPTA's 2023 Newsletter

17:30

TEA/COFFEE BREAK/END OF DAY

END OF DAY 2

DAY 3: SUNDAY, 22 OCTOBER 2023

Item 3 cont'd: Human Rights Situation in Africa

14:30 - 16:30 Human Rights Situation in Africa

Item 6: **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

- (i) Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Women in Africa;
- (ii) Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Expression and Access to Information in Africa;
- (iii) 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;
- (iv) Chairperson of the Working Group on the Rights of Older Persons and People with Disabilities in Africa;
- (v) Special Rapporteur on Prisons, Conditions of Detention and Policing in Africa;
- (vi) Chairperson of the Committee for the Prevention of Torture in Africa;
- (vii) Chairperson of the Working Group on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in Africa;
- (viii) Chairperson of the Working Group on Death Penalty and Extrajudicial, Summary or Arbitrary Killings and Enforced Disappearances in Africa;
- (ix) Chairperson of the Working Group on Communications;
- (x) Chairperson of the Working Group on Indigenous Populations/Communities in Africa;
- (xi) Chairperson of the Working Group on Extractive Industries, Environment and Human Rights Violations in Africa;
- (xii) Vice Chairperson of the ACHPR & Special Rapporteur on Refugees, Asylum Seekers, Internally Displaced Persons and Migrants in Africa;
- (xiii) Chairperson of the ACHPR on activities of the Chairperson, the Bureau & Special Rapporteur on Human Rights Defenders and Reprisals in Africa.

END OF DAY 3

DAY 4: MONDAY, 23 OCTOBER 2023

Item 6 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, contd.

10:30 - 11:00 *TEA/COFFEE BREAK*

Item 8: **Consideration of Applications for Observer and Affiliate Status**

- 11:00 – 12:00** Relationship and Cooperation with National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)
- a) Relationship and cooperation between the ACHPR and NHRIs
 - Consideration of Applications for Affiliate Status from NHRIs
 - b) Relationship and cooperation between the ACHPR and NGOs:
 - Consideration of Applications for Observer Status from NGOs

Item 7: Panels

- 12:00 – 13:00** Panel on Ratification of the Protocol to the African Charter on Social Protection in Africa & Dissemination of General Comment No 7 on State Obligations under the African Charter in the context of private provision of social services

13:00 – 14:30 *LUNCH BREAK*

Item 3 cont'd: Human Rights Situation in Africa

- 14:30 – 16:30** Human Rights Situation in Africa

Item 7 cont'd: Panels

- 16:30 – 17:30** Panel on Stakeholders' consultation in relation to the draft Report of the Study on the Impact of Climate Change on Human and Peoples' Rights in Africa

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

END OF DAY 4

DAY 5: TUESDAY, 24 OCTOBER 2023

Item 6 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, contd.

10:30 – 11:00 *TEA/COFFEE BREAK*

Item 7 cont'd: Panels

- 11:00 – 12:00** Panel on the 10th anniversary of the Model Law on Access to Information for Africa

12:00 – 13:00 Joint Panel of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (ACHPR) and the African Union Advisory Board Against Corruption and signing of the Memorandum of Understanding

13:00 – 14:30 *LUNCH BREAK*

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

14:30 – 16:30 Human Rights Situation in Africa

Item 7 cont'd: **Panels**

16:30 – 17:30 Joint Panel on Enforced Disappearances during Elections (with the UN WG on Enforced Disappearances)

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

END OF DAY 5

DAY 6: WEDNESDAY, 25 OCTOBER 2023

Item 7 cont'd: **Panels**

09:00 – 10:30 Panel hosted by the Government of Tanzania on Best Practices in Tanzania on Women's Empowerment

10:30 – 11:00 *TEA/COFFEE BREAK*

Item 7 cont'd: **Panels**

11:00 – 12:00 Panel on the situation of Human Rights Defenders

12:00 – 13:00 Joint Panel on Addis Ababa RoadMap in light of the 75th Anniversary of the UDHR, with a focus on Exploring OHCHR/ACHPR Collaborations on Mainstreaming Human Rights into AfCFTA Implementation

13:00 – 14:30 *LUNCH BREAK*

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

14:30 – 17:30 Human Rights Situation in Africa

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

END OF DAY 6

DAY 7: THURSDAY, 26 OCTOBER 2023

Item 6 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, contd.

10:30 - 11:00 *TEA/COFFEE BREAK*

Item 7 cont'd: **Panels**

11:00 - 12:00 Panel on the Situation of People Living With HIV/AIDS in Africa

12:00 - 13:00 Panel on the 2nd Regional Forum on the State of Extractive Industries, Human Rights and the Environment in Africa

13:00 - 14:30 *LUNCH BREAK*

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

14:30 - 16:00 Human Rights Situation in Africa

Item 7 cont'd: **Panels**

16:00 - 17:30 Panel hosted by the Government of Tanzania on Legal Aid and Access to Justice

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

END OF DAY 7

DAY 8: FRIDAY, 27 OCTOBER 2023

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

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

10:30 - 11:00 *TEA/COFFEE BREAK*

Item 7 cont'd: **Panels**

11:00 - 12:00 Panel on Indigenous Populations in Africa: Sharing experiences

Item 6 cont'd: **Activity Reports of the Members of the Commission & Special Mechanisms**
Presentation (15mins), Interventions: States (5 mins), NGOs & NHRIs (3 mins)

12:00 – 13:30 Activity Reports of the Members of the Commission & Special Mechanisms, contd.

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

END OF DAY 8

DAY 9: SATURDAY, 28 OCTOBER 2023

Item 7 cont'd: Panels

09:00 – 10:30 Panel hosted by the Government of Tanzania on Freedom of Expression

10:30 – 11:00 **TEA/COFFEE BREAK**

Item 7 cont'd: Panels

11:00 – 12:00 Joint Panel of the ACHPR and the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights under the Joint Roadmap on Complementarity

Item 3 cont'd: Human Rights Situation in Africa

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

Item 8: Consideration of State Reports

12:30 – 13:00 **Status of Submission of State Party Reports**

13:00 – 14:30 **LUNCH BREAK**

Item 8 cont'd: Consideration of State Reports

14:30 – 17:30 **Report of the Republic of Uganda**
(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 9

DAY 10: SUNDAY, 29 OCTOBER 2023

Item 8 cont'd: **Consideration of State Reports**

- 14:30 - 17:30** Report of the **State of Eritrea**
(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**)

END OF DAY 10

DAY 11: MONDAY, 30 OCTOBER 2023

Item 8 cont'd: **Consideration of State Reports**

09:00 - 10:30 Report of the **Republic of Uganda**
(Presentation of Responses)

10:30 - 11:00 *TEA/COFFEE BREAK*

Item 8 cont'd: **Consideration of State Reports**

11:00 - 12:30 Report of the **State of Eritrea**
(Presentation of Responses)

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

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

13:00 - 14:30 *LUNCH BREAK*

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

14:30 - 17:30 Human Rights Situation in Africa

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

END OF DAY 11

DAY 12: TUESDAY, 31 OCTOBER 2023

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

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

10:30 – 11:00 *TEA/COFFEE BREAK*

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

11:00 – 13:30 Human Rights Situation in Africa

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

END OF DAY 12

ADJOURNMENT OF PUBLIC SESSION, TO RESUME ON 09 NOVEMBER 2023

**DAY 21: THURSDAY 09 NOVEMBER 2023
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 of the Chairperson with the Media

END OF THE 77TH ORDINARY SESSION
