69th ORDINARY SESSION OF THE AFRICAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN AND PEOPLES’ RIGHTS
15 November to 5 December 2021

Public Session Agenda

**Day 1: Monday 15 November 2021**

**Item 1**
09:00 – 11:30  Opening Ceremony (Public session)

11:30 – 11:45  TEA/COFFEE BREAK

**Item 2**
11:45 – 13:00  Retreat into Private Session

- Election of new Bureau
- Adoption of the Agenda

**Item 3**
13:00 – 14:00  Re-convening of the Public Session

Human Rights Situation in Africa
a) Statements by State Delegates (7 mins)
b) Statement by African Union Organs with a Human Rights Mandate (5 mins)
c) Statements by Intergovernmental and International Organizations (5 mins)
d) Statements by National Human Rights Institutions (5 mins)
e) Statements by NGOs (5 mins)

*End of Day 1*
**Day 2: Tuesday 16 November 2021**

**Item 3 cont’d:**
09:00 – 11:00  Human Rights Situation in Africa cont’d

11:00 – 11:15  TEA/COFFEE BREAK

**Item 3 cont’d:**
11:15 – 13:45  Human Rights Situation in Africa cont’d

*End of Day 2*

**Day 3: Wednesday 17 November 2021**

**Item 3 cont’d**
09:00 – 11:00  Human Rights Situation in Africa cont’d

11:00 – 11:15  TEA/COFFEE BREAK

**Item 4 cont’d**  
Panels & Launches

**Item 3 cont’d**
12:30 – 14:00  Human Rights Situation in Africa cont’d

*End of Day 3*

**Day 4: Thursday 18 November 2021**

**Item 5**
09:00 – 10:00  Activity Reports of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Members of the Commission & Special Mechanisms (Presentations – 20mins, Interventions – States 5 mins, NGOs & NHRIs 3 mins)

(i) Chairperson &; Chairperson of the Working Group on Extractive Industries, Environment and Human Rights Violations in Africa;

(ii) Vice-Chairperson & Special Rapporteur on Human Rights Defenders in Africa and Focal Point On Reprisals In Africa;

(iii) Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Women in Africa;
(iv) Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Expression and Access to Information in Africa;
(v) Special Rapporteur on Prisons, Conditions of Detention and Policing in Africa;
(vi) Special Rapporteur on Refugees, Asylum Seekers, Internally Displaced Persons and Migrants in Africa;
(vii) Chairperson of the Working Group on the Rights of Older Persons and People with Disabilities in Africa;
(viii) Chairperson of the Working Group on Death Penalty and Extrajudicial, Summary or Arbitrary Killings in Africa;
(ix) Chairperson of the Committee for the Prevention of Torture in Africa;
(x) 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;
(xi) Chairperson of the Working Group on Indigenous Populations/Communities and Minorities in Africa
(xii) Chairperson of the Working Group on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in Africa;
(xiii) Chairperson of the Working Group on Communications.

Item 6  Relationship and Cooperation with National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)

10:00 – 11:00  Relationship and cooperation between the ACHPR and NHRIs/Consideration of Applications for Affiliate Status from NHRIs
-Relationship and cooperation between the ACHPR and NGOs/Consideration of Applications for Observer Status from NGOs

11:00 – 11:15  TEA/COFFEE BREAK

Item 4 cont’d  Panels & Launches
11:15 – 12:45  Panel on the situation of human rights defenders in exile

Item 4 cont’d  Panels & Launches
12:45 – 14:00  Assessment of the implementation of the Global Compact on Migration by key actors in Africa

End of Day 4

Day 5: Friday 19 November 2021

Item 3 cont’d  Human Rights Situation in Africa cont’d

Item 7  Status of Submission of State Party Reports
10:45 – 11:00  Status of Submission of State Party Reports

11:00 – 11:15  TEA/COFFEE BREAK
Item 8  Consideration of State Periodic Reports
   - State Presentation (1 Hr)
   - Commissioner Rapporteur (7 mins)
   - Each Special Mechanism (5 mins)
   - State Response (1Hr)
   - Concluding remarks of Commissioner Rapporteur and Chairperson (10 mins)


13:30  LUNCH BREAK/END OF DAY

End of Day 5

Day 6: Saturday 20 November 2021

Item 3 cont’d
09:00 – 09:30  Human Rights Situation in Africa cont’d

Item 5 cont’d
09:30 – 10:00  Activity Reports of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Members of the Commission & Special Mechanisms cont’d

Item 8 cont’d
10:00 – 11:00  Report of the Republic of Benin (State Response)

11:00 – 11:15  TEA/COFFEE BREAK

Item 5 cont’d
11:15 – 13:30  Activity Reports of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Members of the Commission & Special Mechanisms cont’d

End of Day 6

Day 7: Sunday 21 November 2021

Reading day: Preparation and review of working materials of the session

End of Day 7

Day 8: Monday 22 November 2021

Item 4 cont’d  Panels & Launches
09:00 – 09:45  Launch of Newsletter 15 on Police and Human Rights in Africa

Item 4 cont’d  Panels & Launches
09:45 – 11:00  Panel discussion on the Study of the Working Group on Extractive Industries/Launch of the Newsletter of the Working Group

11:00 – 11:15  TEA/COFFEE BREAK

Item 8 cont’d:

End of Day 8

Day 9: Tuesday 23 November 2021

Item 5 cont’d:
09:00 – 10:00  Activity Reports of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Members of the Commission & Special Mechanisms cont’d

Item 9 cont’d
10:00 – 11:00  Report of the Republic of Namibia (State response)

11:00 – 11:15  TEA/COFFEE BREAK

Item 4 cont’d  Panels & Launches
11:15 – 13:00  Panel of CPTA: Presentation and discussion of the Study on Jurisprudence relating to Article 5 of the Charter and the Report on the production, trade and use of tools of torture in Africa

Item 9 cont’d:
13:00- 13:30  Activity Reports of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Members of the Commission & Special Mechanisms cont’d

End of day 9

Day 10: Wednesday 24 November 2021

Item 5 cont’d:  
09:00 – 11:00  Activity Reports of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Members of the Commission & Special Mechanisms cont’d

11:00 – 11:15  TEA/COFFEE BREAK

Item 8 cont’d:
11.15 – 13:30  Consideration of the Report of Eswatini

13:30 – 15:00  LUNCH BREAK
End of Day 10

Day 11: Thursday 25 November 2021

Item 5 cont’d:
09:00 – 10:00 Activity Reports of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Members of the Commission & Special Mechanisms cont’d

Item 4 cont’d Panels & Launches
10:00 – 11:15 Death Penalty in Africa and States’ Commitments

11:15 – 11:30 TEA/COFFEE BREAK

Item 5 cont’d:
11.30 – 13:00 Activity Reports of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Members of the Commission & Special Mechanisms cont’d

Item 8 cont’d:
13:00 – 14:00 Report of the of Eswatini (State response)

End of Day 11

Adjournment of Public Session, to resume on 5 December 2021

Day 21: Sunday 5th December 2021 - Public Session

Closing Ceremony

09:00 – 12:00 Reading of the Final Communiqué and Closing Ceremony

12:00 – 13:00 Press Conference

END OF THE 69th ORDINARY SESSION