MEDIA ADVISORY

71st Ordinary Session of the African Commission on Human & Peoples’ Rights (ACHPR)

Convened in terms of Article 64 (2) of the African Charter on Human and Peoples’ Rights, read together with Rules 27 and 28 of the Rules of Procedure of the ACHPR, 2020

INVITATION TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MEDIA

WHAT: 71st Ordinary Session of the African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights (ACHPR)

WHEN: 21 April – 30 April, 2022 (Public Session) at 09:00 a.m. (GMT) / 12:00 p.m. (EAT) 11:00 a.m. (CAT) and 13 May 2022 from 9:00 am – 11:30 a.m.

VENUE: Virtual Session, Zoom Webinar
Zoom link https://Zoom.Us/Webinar/Register/WN_qoJfD5veQM2QPW7Dyx6mzg

WHO: Media Representatives

Journalists are invited to participate in the Session and may submit questions in advance on ACHPR website using the following link: https://Zoom.Us/Webinar/Register/WN_qoJfD5veQM2QPW7Dyx6mzg
They should indicate their full name and the name of their media organization. Questions may also be submitted on the Zoom Chat during the course of the Session.

INFORMATION NOTE:

1. The African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (ACHPR) is the premier human rights body of the African Union, established under Article 30 of the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights (the African Charter), the founding treaty of the African Human Rights system, for the promotion and protection of human rights in Africa.

2. The ACHPR is an autonomous treaty body of the African Union, and is composed of eleven (11) Commissioners pursuant to Article 31 of the African Charter, who are elected by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the African Union. The Commissioners sit in their personal capacity and in an independent and impartial manner.
3. The mandate of the ACHPR is defined in Article 45 of the African Charter and includes: the promotion and protection of human and peoples' rights on the continent; the interpretation of any provision of the African Charter, at the request of a State Party, an OAU institution or an African Organization recognized by the African Union; and the formulation of principles and rules on fundamental freedoms on which African governments can base their legislation.

4. The ACHPR meets four times a year in Ordinary Session and may hold Extra-Ordinary Sessions. Since its inception, the ACHPR has held seventy (70) Ordinary Sessions and thirty-five (35) Extraordinary Sessions.

5. During the Public Session of the 71st Ordinary Session, to be held virtually from 21 April to 30 May, 2022. The Commission will be deliberating on numerous human rights issues including: matters arising from statements from various stakeholders on the human rights situation in Africa, its relationship and cooperation with National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), and granted Affiliate Status to National Human Rights Institutions, Specialized Institutions and Observer Status to NGOs, and Panel discussions on various human rights issues.

6. In accordance with Article 62 of the African Charter, which requires States Parties to submit Periodic Reports to the ACHPR every two years, the Commission will examine one (1) State Report namely: Kenya, Combined report of the 12th and 13th Periodic Reports, to be presented by its Delegation.

7. Thereafter, the ACHPR will retreat into Private Sittings where it will deliberate and take decisions on various reports, and on registered complaints of human rights violations [Communications].

**NOTE FOR EDITORS:**

Further information on the ACHPR can be obtained from the ACHPR's website at [www.achpr.org](http://www.achpr.org)

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