15th Extra-Ordinary Session of the African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights

Banjul, The Gambia
7-14 March 2014

Draft Agenda

Friday 07 March

Item 1

09:00 - 09:10 Welcoming Remarks

Item 2

09:10 - 09:30 Consideration and Adoption of the Draft Agenda

Item 3: Consideration of Communication on Merits

09:30 - 11:00 Communication 287/04 - Titanji Duga Ernest (on behalf of Cheonumu Martin and others) v Cameroon (Merits)

By Commissioner Reine Alapini Gansou

11:00 - 11:15 Coffee/Tea Break

Item 3 continued Consideration of Communications on Merits

11:15 - 13:30 Communication 379/09 - Monim Elgak, Osman Hummeida and Amir Suliman v Sudan (Merits)

By Commissioner Lawrence Murugu Mute
Saturday 08 March

Item 4

09:00 - 09:30 Report of the Chairperson of the Commission on the AU Policy Organ Meetings

Item 5

09:30 - 10:15 Report of the Working Group on Communications (WGC)

Item 6 Consideration of Communications on Admissibility

10:15 - 11:00 Communication 318/06 - Open Society Justice Initiative v. Côte d’Ivoire (Admissibility)

By Commissioner Kayitesi Zainabo Sylvie

11:00 - 11:15 Coffee/Tea Break

11:15 - 12:15 Communication 341/07 - Equality Now v Ethiopia (Admissibility)

By Commissioner Lawrence Murugu Mute

12:15 - 13:30 Communication 344/07 - INTERIGHTS v Egypt (Admissibility)

By Commissioner Maya Sahli-Fadel

13:30 - 15:00 Lunch

Item 6 continued Consideration of Communications on Admissibility

15:00 - 16:00 Communication 383/10 - Al-Assad v Djibouti (Admissibility)

By Commissioner Kayitesi Zainabo Sylvie

16:00 – 16:30 Communication 385/10 - ICJ-Kenya v Kenya (Admissibility)

By Commissioner Pacifique Manirakiza
16:30-16:45  Coffee/Tea Break

16:45-17:30  Communication 388/10 - Ntiroranya Adrien v Burundi (Admissibility)

   By Commissioner Kayitesi Zainabo Sylvie

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Sunday 09 March

Morning Free

13:30 - 14:30  Lunch

Item 6 continued  Consideration of Communications on Admissibility

14:30 - 15:30  Communication 393/10 – Institute for Human Rights and Development in Africa and others v Democratic Republic of Congo (Admissibility)

   By Commissioner Reine Alapini Gansou

15:30-16:30  Communication 396/11 – Mr El Sharkwai (represented by EIPR and OSJI) v Egypt (Admissibility)

   By Commissioner Maya Sahli-Fadel

16:30-16:45  Coffee/Tea Break

16:45-17:30  Communication 406/11 – The Law Society of Swaziland v. Kingdom of Swaziland

   By Commissioner Faith Pansy Tlakula

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Monday 10 March

Item 6 continued  Consideration of Communications on Admissibility

09:00 - 09:45  Communication 414/12 - Lawyers for Human Rights v. Swaziland (Admissibility)
By Commissioner Faith Pansy Tlakula

09:45-10:30  Communication 415/12 - E. N. Etonde Ekoto v. Cameroon (Admissibility)

By Commissioner Reine Alapini Gansou

10:30 - 11:15  Communication 416/12 - Jean Marie ATANGANA MEBARA v Cameroon (Admissibility)

By Commissioner Reine Alapini Gansou

11:15 - 11:30  Coffee/Tea Break

11:30- 12:15  Communication 431/12 - Thomas Kwayelo v Uganda (Admissibility)

By Commissioner Lucy Asuagbor

Item 7  Application for Re-Listing

12:15-12:45  Communication 391/10 – Abdelrahman Mohamed Gassim and Nine Others (represented by East and Horn of Africa Human Rights Defenders Project) v. Republic of Sudan (Request for Re-Listing)

Item 8  Request to add other Complainants

12:45 – 13:30  Communication 452/13 – Ali Askouri and Abdel-Hakeem Nasr (on behalf of persons affected by the construction of the Merowe and Kajbar Dams) v. The Republic of Sudan (Request for the Addition of two more Complainants)

13:30 - 15:00  Lunch

Item 9
15:00 – 15:30  Cases before the Court

Item 10

15:30 - 16:00  Submission of Amicus curiae by Special Mechanisms of the Commission

Item 11

16:00-16:30  Guidelines on Conditions of Police Custody and Pre-trial Detention in Africa

16:30-16:45  Coffee/Tea Break

Item 12  Consideration and Adoption of Concluding Observations on the:

16:45-17:30  i) Initial and Periodic Report of the Gabonese Republic

ii) Periodic Report of the Republic of Cameroon

Tuesday 11 March

Item 13  Consideration and Adoption of Draft Reports

09:00 - 10:00  i) Report of the Mission of the Working Group on Indigenous People to United Republic of Tanzania

10:00 – 11:00  ii) Report on the Situation of Women Human Rights Defenders in Africa

11:00 - 11:15  Coffee/Tea Break

Item 14

11:15 - 12:00  Update on insurance cover for Commissioners

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15:00 - 15:30 Project 2016 - the African Year of Human Rights

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**Item 18**

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**Item 19**

16:45 – 17h30 i) Resolutions  
                      ii) Activity Reports of the Commission

**Wednesday 12 March**

**Item 20**

09:00 - 09:45 2014 Budget- Execution and Allocation

**Item 21**

09:45 – 11:00 Draft 2015 Budget

11:00 - 11:15 Coffee/Tea Break

**Item 22**

11:15 - 12:15 Draft Strategic Plan 2014 - 2017
Item 23
12:15 – 13:30 Consideration of the Final Communiqué of the 15th EOS

13:30 - 15:00 Lunch

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15:00 – 16:15 Draft Agenda of the 55th Ordinary Session

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16:15 -17:00 Consideration of the Report of the 15th EOS

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17:00 -17:30 Open Letter from South Sudanese CSOs

Thursday 13 March

Item 27
09:00 – 11:00 Law, policies and procedures related to communications before the African Commission (identifying reasons for backlog; measures taken), and knowledge sharing on best practices/procedure in European and inter-American human rights systems with relation to:
• seizure and striking out
• admissibility
• provisional measures

11:00 - 11:30 Coffee/Tea Break

Item 28
11:30 – 13:30 Review of merits decisions of African Commission, with particular
focus on the use of comparative international human rights law
- Jurisprudential trends in the European human rights system
- Jurisprudential trends in the inter-American human rights system

13:30 - 15:00  Lunch

Item 29

15:00 – 1700  Relationship with/possible referral of cases to the African Court, in the light of the experience of the Inter-American system and the European system prior to 1998:
- Rule 118(1) – importance of establishing (non)compliance
- Rule 118(2) – provisional measures - issue of compliance
- Rule 118(3) – meaning of provision
- Rule 118(4) – principles to guide Commission’s discretion

Friday 14 March

Item 30

09:00 - 11:00  Relationship with/possible referral of cases to the African Court, in the light of the experience of the Inter-American system and the European system prior to 1998, cont’d
  Process of finalizing and publicizing cases; Annual Report

11:00 - 11:30  Coffee/Tea Break

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13:30 - 15:00  Lunch
**Item 32**

15:00 – 17:00

- Consensus points on improvement of Communications procedure
- Proposals for amendments to the Commission’s 2010 Rules of Procedure

**Item 33**

17:00 - 17:30  Closing of the 15th EOS

**END OF THE 15 EOS**