58th ORDINARY SESSION OF THE AFRICAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN AND PEOPLES’ RIGHTS

(6 to 20 April 2016)
Banjul, The Gambia

Public Session Agenda

Day 1: Wednesday 6 April 2016

09:00 – 10:00 Registration of Participants

Item 1
10:00 – 12:00 Opening Ceremony (Public session)

Item 2
12:30 – 13:30 Adoption of the Agenda (Private Session)

13:30 – 15:00 LUNCH BREAK

Item 3
15:00 – 16:45 Human Rights Situation in Africa

a) Statements by State Delegates (7 mins)
b) Statement by African Union Organs (6 mins)
c) Statements by Intergovernmental and International Organizations (6 mins)
d) Statements by National Human Rights Institutions (6 mins)
e) Statements by NGOs (5 mins)
16:45 - 17:00  
**TEA/COFFEE BREAK**

**Item 4**  
Panel Discussions

17:00- 17:30  
Panel on the Launch of General Comment No. 3 on the African Charter on Human and Peoples’ Rights: The Right to Life (Article 4)

*End of Day 1*

**Day 2: Thursday 7 April 2016**

**Item 3 cont’d**

09:00 – 10:45  
Human Rights Situation in Africa cont’d

**Item 5**

10:45 – 11:00  
Update on Project 2016

11:00 – 11:15  
**TEA/COFFEE BREAK**

**Item 3 cont’d**

11:15 – 13:30  
Human Rights Situation in Africa cont’d

13:30 – 15:00  
**LUNCH BREAK**

**Item 3 cont’d**

15:00 – 16:15  
Human Rights Situation in Africa cont’d

16:15 - 16:30  
**TEA/COFFEE BREAK**

**Item 4 cont’d:**

16:30 – 17:00  
(i)  
Panel on Decriminalization of Petty Offences in Africa
17:00 – 17:30  (ii) Launch of the Report on Ending Violence and other Human Rights Violations based on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity

End of Day 2

Day 3: Friday 8 April 2016

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 – 12:00  Human Rights Situation in Africa cont’d

Item 4 cont’d

12:00 – 12:30  (i) Panel on Decriminalization of Abortion Campaign

12:30 – 13:00  (ii) Panel on the Launch of a Project to develop two sets of Guidelines: The Guidelines on ATI and Elections; ATI and Record Keeping;


13:30 – 15:00  LUNCH BREAK

End of Day 3
Day 4: Saturday 9 April 2016

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 – 12:30 Human Rights Situation in Africa cont’d

Item 6

12:30 – 13:30 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

13:30 – 15:00 LUNCH BREAK

Item 7

15:00 – 15:30 Status of Submission of State Party Reports

Item 8

Consideration of State Periodic Reports

Allocation of Time for Consideration of State Periodic Reports

- State Presentation (1 Hr)
- Commissioner Rapporteur (10 mins)
- Each Commissioner (5 mins)
- State Response (45 mins)
- Concluding remarks of Commissioner Rapporteur and Chairperson (10 mins)

15:30 - 16:30 Consideration of State Periodic Reports

(i) Presentation of the Report of the Republic of Namibia

16:30 - 16:45 TEA/COFFEE BREAK

Item 4 cont’d
16:45 - 17:15 Panel on Policing and Assemblies

End of Day 4

Day 5: Sunday 10 April 2016

13:00 – 14:30 LUNCH BREAK

Item 8 cont’d Consideration of State Periodic Reports

14:30 – 15:35 Report of the Republic of Namibia cont’d

- Questions by Commissioner Rapporteur (10 mins)
- Questions by Each Commissioner (5 mins)

Item 8 cont’d Consideration of State Periodic Reports

15:35 – 16:35 (ii) Presentation of the Report of the Republic of Mali

16:35 – 17:00 TEA/COFFEE BREAK

Item 4 cont’d
17:00 - 17:30 Panel on State Reporting Guidelines under the Maputo Protocol
End of Day 5

Day 6: Monday 11 April 2016

Item 8 cont’d  Consideration of State Periodic Reports
09:00 – 10:05  Report of the Republic of Mali cont’d
- Questions by Commissioner Rapporteur (10 mins)
- Questions by Each Commissioner (5 mins)

Item 8 cont’d  Consideration of State Periodic Reports
10:05 – 11:00  
- State Response (Republic of Namibia) (cont’d)
- Concluding remarks of Commissioner Rapporteur and Chairperson

11:00 – 11:15  TEA/COFFEE BREAK

Item 8 cont’d  Consideration of State Periodic Reports
11:15 – 12:15  (iii) Presentation of the Report of Republic of South Africa

Item 8 cont’d  Consideration of State Periodic Reports
- Questions by Commissioner Rapporteur (10 mins)
- Questions by Each Commissioner (5 mins)

13:20 – 15:15  LUNCH BREAK
Item 4 cont’d

15:15 – 15:45
(i) Panel with State Representatives on the Importance of Sexual and Reproductive Rights in the ‘Year of Human Rights with special focus on the Rights of Women’

15:45 - 16:15
(ii) Panel with State Representatives on the Commission’s new Principles and Guidelines on Human Rights while Countering Terrorism in Africa;

16:15 - 16:45
(iii) Panel on the Death Penalty.

16:45 - 17:00  TEA/COFFEE BREAK

Item 4 cont’d

17:00– 17:30
(iv) Panel on the Role of the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on ESCR in advancing Equality and Human Rights for all;

End of Day 6

Day 7: Tuesday 12 April 2016

Item 8 cont’d  Consideration of State Periodic Reports

09:00 – 09:55
- State Response (Republic of Mali) (cont’d)
- Concluding remarks of Commissioner Rapporteur and Chairperson

Item 8 cont’d  Consideration of State Periodic Reports

09:55 – 10:50
State Response (Republic of South Africa) (cont’d)
- Concluding remarks of Commissioner Rapporteur and Chairperson

10:50 – 11:00  TEA/COFFEE BREAK

Item 9  Activity Reports of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Members of the Commission & Special Mechanisms
(Presentations - 20 mins, Interventions – States 5 mins, NGOs & NHRIs 3 mins)

11:15 - 13:30

(i) Chairperson of the Working Group on Communications.
(ii) Chairperson of the Working Group on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in Africa;
(iii) Chairperson of the Committee for the Prevention of Torture in Africa;
(iv) Special Rapporteur on Prisons, Conditions of Detention and Policing in Africa;
(v) 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;
(vi) Chairperson of the Working Group on the Rights of Older Persons and People with Disabilities in Africa;
(viii) Special Rapporteur on Refugees, Asylum Seekers, Internally Displaced Persons and Migrants in Africa;
(ix) Chairperson of the Working Group on Death Penalty and Extrajudicial, Summary or Arbitrary Killings in Africa;
(x) Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Women in Africa;
(xi) Special Rapporteur on Human Rights Defenders in Africa;
(xii) Vice-Chairperson & Chairperson of the Working Group on Indigenous Populations/Communities in Africa;
13:30 – 15:00  **LUNCH BREAK**

**Item 9 cont’d**

15:00 – 16:45  Activity Reports of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Members of the Commission & Special Mechanisms cont’d

16:45- 17:00  **TEA/COFFEE BREAK**

17:00 – 17:30  Activity Reports of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Members of the Commission & Special Mechanisms cont’d

*End of day 7*

**Day 8: Wednesday 13 April 2016**

**Item 9 cont’d**

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

11:00 – 11:15  **TEA/COFFEE BREAK**

**Item 9 cont’d**

11.15 – 13:30  Activity Reports of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Members of the Commission & Special Mechanisms cont’d
13:30 – 15:00  LUNCH BREAK

Item 9 cont’d

15:00 – 16:45  Activity Reports of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Members of the Commission & Special Mechanisms cont’d

16:45 - 17:00  TEA/COFFEE BREAK

Item 4 cont’d

17:00 – 17:30  Panel on the Launch of EU Support to 3 Special Mechanisms of the Commission

End of Day 8

Adjournment of Public Session, to resume again on 20 April 2016

Day 15: Wednesday 20 April 2016 - 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 58TH ORDINARY SESSION