61st ORDINARY SESSION OF THE AFRICAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN AND PEOPLES’ RIGHTS

(1st to 15 November 2017)
Banjul, The Gambia

Provisional Agenda of the 61st Ordinary Session

Day 1: Wednesday 1st November 2017

Item 1
09:00 – 12:00 Opening Ceremony (Public session)

Item 2
12:00-12:30 Swearing-in of New Commissioners (Public session)

Item 3
12:30-13:30
- Opening of the Exhibition
- Family Photo
- Refreshments
- Press Conference

13:30-15:00 LUNCH BREAK

Item 4
15:00-16:30 Election of the Bureau and Adoption of Agenda (Private Session)

16:30-16:45 TEA/COFFEE BREAK
Item 5

16:45-17:30 Human Rights Situation in Africa

a) Statements by State Delegates (7 mins)
b) Statements 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)

Item 6

19.30pm- Evening Gala Dinner

To include presentation of award for former President of the Gambia Sir Dawda Kairaba Jawara

End of Day 1

Day 2: Thursday 2nd November 2017

Item 7 30th Anniversary Celebrations of the African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights

09:00-09:10 Brief introduction of the Discussion Panels in commemoration of the Commission’s 30th Anniversary

09:10-09:30 Introductory Address on the evolution of the African Human Rights System - the Pre-Commission Era


09:50-11:00 Panel Discussion: Reflections on the Commission’s Beginnings and Work

11:00-11:15 TEA/COFFEE BREAK

Item 7 cont’d

11:15-13:30 Panel Discussion (Cont’d)

13:30-15:00 LUNCH BREAK
Item 5 cont’d
15:00-16:30 Human Rights Situation in Africa

16:30-16:45 TEA/COFFEE BREAK

Item 5 cont’d
16:45-17:30 Human Rights Situation in Africa

Item 8
17:30-18:00 WGIP Panel to lunch the Study on Extractive Industries, Land Rights and Indigenous Populations/Communities Rights

End of Day 2

Day 3: Friday 3rd November 2017

Item 7 cont’d.
09:00-09:30 Keynote Paper presentation (PRESENT)
Presentation of the Current Work of the Commission, including the Work of its Special Mechanisms, its Achievements and the Challenges confronting it (2010 to date)

09:30-11:00 Panel Discussion: Taking Stock of the Present

11:00-11:15 TEA/COFFEE BREAK

Item 7 cont’d
11:15-13:30 Session on Human Rights Awards Ceremony

13:30-15:00 LUNCH BREAK

End of Day 3

Day 4: Saturday 4th November 2017

Item 7 cont’d.
09:00-09:30 Keynote Paper presentation (FUTURE)
Reflections on how the Commission’s Human Rights Promotion, Protection and Interpretative mandate be implemented and strengthened

09:30-11:00  Panel I: The Way Forward

11:00-11:15  TEA/COFFEE BREAK

Item 7 cont’d.

11:15-13:00  Panel II: Youth Panel

What are the views of the Youth on the work of the Commission?

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

13:30-15:00  LUNCH BREAK

Item 5 cont’d

15:00-16:30  Human Rights Situation in Africa

16:30-16:45  TEA/COFFEE BREAK

Item 5 cont’d

16:45-17:30  Human Rights Situation in Africa

End of Day 4

Day 5: Sunday 5th November 2017

12:30-14:30  LUNCH BREAK

Item 5 cont’d

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

16:30-16:45  TEA/COFFEE BREAK

Item 5 cont’d

16:45-17:30  Human Rights Situation in Africa

End of Day 5
**Day 6: Monday 6th November 2017**

**Item 9**

09:00-09:30 Status of Submission of Periodic Reports by State Parties

**Item 10** Consideration of State Periodic Reports

- State Presentation (1 Hr)
- Commissioner Rapporteur (10 mins)
- Each Commissioner (7 mins)
- State Response (1Hrs 30 mins)
- Concluding remarks of Commissioner Rapporteur and Chairperson (10 mins)

09:30-11:00 Report of the Republic of Rwanda

(i) State Presentation *(09h30-10h30)*
(ii) Commissionner Rapporteur *(10h30-10h40)*
(iii) Other Commissioners *(10h40-12h05)*

11:00-11:15 TEA/COFFEE BREAK

**Item 10 cont’d**

11:15-12:05 Report of the Republic of Rwanda cont’d

**Item 5 cont’d**

12:05-13:30 Human Rights Situation in Africa

13:30 - 15:00 LUNCH BREAK

**Item 10 cont’d**

15:00-16:30 Report of the Republic of DRC

(i) State Presentation *(15h00-16h00)*
(ii) Commissionner Rapporteur *(16h00-16h10)*
(iii) Other Commissioners *(16h10-17h30)*

16:30-16:45 TEA/COFFEE BREAK

**Item 10 cont’d**

16:45-17:30 Report of the Republic of DRC (cont’d)

*End of Day 6*
Day 7: Tuesday 7th November 2017

Item 10 cont’d

09:00-11:00  Report of the Republic of Niger
(i) State Presentation (09h00-10h00)
(ii) Commissionner Rapporteur (10h00-10h10)
(iii) Other Commissioners (10h10-11h35)

11:00-11:15  TEA/COFFEE BREAK

Item 10 cont’d


Item 10 cont’d

11:35-13:30  Consideration of State Periodic Reports
- State Response (Republic of Rwanda) (11:35-13:05)
- Concluding remarks of Commissioner Rapporteur and Chairperson (13:05-13:15)

13:30-15:00  LUNCH BREAK

Item 10 cont’d  Consideration of State Periodic Reports

15:00-16:40  Consideration of State Periodic Reports
- State Response (Republic of DRC) (15:00-16:30)
- Concluding remarks of Commissioner Rapporteur and Chairperson (16:30-16:40)

16:40-16:55  TEA/COFFEE BREAK

Item 11

16:55-17:45  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

End of day 7
Day 8: Wednesday 8th November 2017

Item 5 cont’d

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

Item 10 cont’d

10:00-11:00 Consideration of State Periodic Reports
   - State Response (Republic of Niger) (09:00-10:30)
   - Concluding remarks of Commissioner Rapporteur and Chairperson (10:30-10:40)

11:00-11:15 TEA/COFFEE BREAK

Item 10 cont’d

11:15-12:00

Item 12 Activity Reports of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Members of the Commission & Special Mechanisms
   (Presentations - 20 mins, Interventions - States 5 mins per speaker, NGOs & NHRIs 3 mins per speaker)

12:00 – 12:45 Outgoing Chairperson of the Commission and Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Expression and Access to Information in Africa

12:45-13:30 Chairperson of the Working Group on Indigenous Populations

13:30-15:00 LUNCH BREAK

Item 12(cont’d) Activity Reports of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Members of the Commission & Special Mechanisms

15:00-15:45 Outgoing Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Human Rights Defenders in Africa

15:45-16:30 Chairperson of the Working Group on Older Persons and Persons with Disabilities

16:30-16:45 TEA/COFFEE BREAK

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16:45-17:30 Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Women in Africa

End of Day 8
Day 9: Thursday 9th November 2017

Item 12 cont’d: Activity Reports of Members of the Commission & Special Mechanisms (cont’d.)

09:00-09:45

09:45-10:30 Chairperson of the Working Group on the Death Penalty and Extrajudicial, Summary or Arbitrary Killings in Africa

10:30-11:15 Outgoing Special Rapporteur on Prisons, Conditions of Detention and Policing in Africa

11:15 -11:30 TEA/COFFEE BREAK

Item 12 cont’d: Activity Reports of Members of the Commission & Special Mechanisms (cont’d.)

11:30-12:15 Special Rapporteur on Refugees, Asylum Seekers, Displaced Persons and Migrants in Africa

12:15-13:00 Chairperson of the Committee for the Prevention of Torture in Africa

13:00-13:45 Chairperson of the Working Group on Economic and Social Rights

13:30 – 15:00 LUNCH BREAK

Item 12 cont’d: Activity Reports of Members of the Commission & Special Mechanisms (cont’d.)

15:00-15:45 Chairperson of the Working Group on Extractive Industries, Environment and Human Rights Violations in Africa

15:45-16:30 Chairperson of the Committee on the Rights of People Living with HIV, and Those at Risk, Vulnerable to, and Affected by HIV

16:30-16:45 TEA/COFFEE BREAK

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16:45–17:30 Chairperson of the Working Group on Communications

End of Day 9
Adjournment of Public Session, to resume again on 15th November 2017

Day 15: Wednesday 15th November 2017 - Public Session

Closing Ceremony

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

END OF THE 61ST ORDINARY SESSION