INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

A. General

The 61st Ordinary Session of the African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights (the Commission) will be held in the Republic of The Gambia, the seat of the Commission, from 1 - 15 November 2017.

The Commission will also be commemorating the 30th Anniversary of its operationalization during the Session. The commemorative activities, which will include a series of Panel discussions on the past, Present and the Future of the Commission, as well as an Exhibition, will be spread over the first four (4) days of the Session. The Panels will assess the impact of the Commission's work since its establishment, highlighting the achievements, challenges and prospects. Each Panel will comprise a keynote paper, followed by interactive discussions between the panelists and the plenary on the issues raised.

There will also be a Gala Dinner during which an award will be presented to H. E. Sir Dawda Kairaba Jawara, first President of the Republic of The Gambia, in recognition of his immense contribution to the African Human Rights System. Awards will also be given in recognition of the efforts of States Parties, National Human Rights Institutions and Non-governmental Organisations that have made significant contributions to the promotion and protection of human and peoples’ rights in Africa.
B. Credentials
State delegates and other participants are kindly requested to bring their official credentials, duly signed by the appropriate authorities in their countries or their respective organizations, and hand them to the Commission’s Secretariat prior to registration.

C. Registration and identification badges
Participants are advised to register and obtain identification badges in the main lobby area outside the Conference Hall, prior to the opening of the Session. For identification and security reasons, all participants are requested to wear their badges at all times during the Session.

D. Immigration requirements
Every participant arriving in The Gambia should have a valid Passport and visa. Entry visas can be obtained at any Diplomatic and Consular Mission of the Republic of The Gambia. To obtain visas, participants are advised to check the existence and the location of these Missions with the Ministry of Foreign/External Affairs of their countries.

The Secretariat kindly requests that the preliminary registration form available at the website of the Commission: www.achpr.org, should be completed and returned to the Secretariat by latest by 14 October 2017, to enable it conclude the required logistics with the Host Government and to facilitate the issuance of clearance and visas.

For participants who do not have diplomatic representations of the Republic of The Gambia in their countries, arrangements are being made for visas to be given to them on arrival at Banjul International Airport, upon presentation of their Letters of Invitation to the Session, provided they have submitted their pre-registration forms to the Secretariat by the deadline of 14 October 2017. Those who fail to do this have to make their own visa arrangements.

E. Health requirement
Participants must ensure that they have taken the necessary vaccinations and that they travel with their Vaccination Cards, as these are required before admission to the country.

F. Health facilities
Participants are kindly advised to obtain International health insurance to cover any emergency, or in case they are taken ill during the period of the Session.

G. Weather
Participants are advised to obtain weather updates on the host country and travel with appropriate clothing; sometimes, the weather is quite warm in the month of November.

H. Foreign exchange and Banks
Most major convertible currencies and Travellers’ Cheques can be exchanged in The Gambia. The local currency is the Dalasi.

There are a number of international ATMs (with 24 hour access) that accept Visa and ATM cards in The Gambia. They are located at the Banks, some of which are Standard Chartered Bank, ECOBANK, Access Bank, and Guarantee Trust Bank.
Exchange operations could be done at the airport, Bureaus de change, banks or at the hotels. Most Banks are open to the public from Mondays to Thursdays, from 8:00hrs to 16:00hrs, (GMT); and a few on Saturdays from 9:00hrs to 13:00hrs.

Please note that at the banks you will be required to present your Passport/Identity documents during exchange operations.

Travellers Cheques can be cashed in Dalasi.

I. The Secretariat has been able to identify the following Courier Services:
   **DHL World Express**
   Mamadi Manjang Highway
   Tel.: 439 6658 / 439 7529

   **TNT International Express**
   First Floor, Christ Church Business Complex
   Off Seyerr Jobe Avenue; behind Atlas Petrol Station, Serekunda
   Tel.: +220 4399 119 / 9913 531 / 7709797
   E-mail: roc.tnt@gambianet.gm

J. Mobile-phone Sim Card Providers:
   **AFRICELL**
   **COMMIIUM**
   **GAMCEL**
   **QCELL**

K. Electricity:
The voltage in The Gambia is 220V AC, accessible with three pins normal plug.

L. Documents

Participants are advised to seek written authorization from the Executive Secretary for the distribution of their documents at the conference area. Kindly note that no documents will be circulated without the written authorization of the Secretariat to the Commission.

You may contact the Secretariat at the following address:

31 Bijilo Annex Layout, Kombo North District, Western Region,
P. O. Box 673, Banjul, The Gambia
Tel: (220) 4410505 / 4410506; Fax: (220) 4410504
E-mail: au-banjul@africa-union.org
Web www.achpr.org

M. Hotel accommodation
For reservations, you may contact the hotels on the list below directly. Please kindly note that the list is not exhaustive – it is just indicative of the facilities within the immediate catchment area of the Session venue that the Secretariat has been able to identify so far. You may also consult the website of The Gambia Tourism Authority for other options.
# List of some hotels and guest houses

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<td>Tel.: +220 449 404/ 449 7672 / 449 7429, Fax: +220 4495645, Email: <a href="mailto:info@ngalalodge.com">info@ngalalodge.com</a>, Website: <a href="http://www.ngalalodge.com">www.ngalalodge.com</a></td>
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(Off Bertil Harding Highway), Greater Banjul area | Tel no: +220 446 3079  
Fax: +220 4463081  
Email: info@bamboohotel.gm  
reservations@bamboohotel.gm  
General Manager: Modou Jagne  
Website: www.bamboohotel.gm |

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Katrin and Farimang  
P.O. Box 4504, Bakau  
Tel: (+220) 890 0020  
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Kombo Coastal Road, Bijilo | Tel no: +220 8905832 / 9905787 / 9990265 / 6390777  
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Bertil Harding Highway, Kololi  
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Gambia: +220 9907957/ 7721767  
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Mob +220-776 3856  
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51 Brufut Heights, Near Tranquil  
Western Region, Kombo North, The Gambia  
Tel.: +220 2487430  
Email: info@oceanvillageheights.com  
Website: www.oceanvillageheights.com

29. AKKWA SUITES  
Kerr Serign, (near Kololi / Senegambia)  
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Tel.: +220 3131725

30. FRIENDSHIP HOSTEL  
Tel: +220 4495830

31. BAKOTU HOTEL  
Kotu Creek  
PO Box 532, Banjul, 2 Kotu Stream Road, Kotu Beach  
Tel: (+220) 446 5555 (Switchboard)  
Tel: 446 5999 (Main Reception)  
Email: info@bakotuhotel.com  
bookings@bakotuhotel.com  
Website: www.bakotuhotel.com

32. BABULA’S RESIDENCE  
Kerr Serign, (near Kololi / Senegambia)  
Tel: +220 8805617 or 7788969 / 4461041 or 6788969  
Fax: +220 446 1041  
Website: www.babula.info

33. OMAKAN HOTEL  
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Telephone number: (+220) 7683 658/ 7683 672  
Email: frontdesk@omakanhotel.com  
peter@omakanhotel.com  
Website: www.omakanhotel.com

34. LEMON CREEK HOTEL RESORT  
Kombo Airport Highroad, Bijilo  
Elton Petrol Station junction  
Tel.: 220 6611800; 6611200; 6611 500  
Mail: lemon.creek@hotmail.com  
info@lemoncreek.net  
www.lemoncreek.net

35. LUIGIS COMPLEX  
Tel: +220 4460 282; E-mail: luigiscomplex@gmail.com

36. GAMBIA PASTORAL INSTITUTE (GPI)  
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Tel.: +220 439 4847

37. RIYAN APARTMENTS  
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Website : gambiariyanapartments.blog.com

38. Balmoral Apartments  
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