

## 83<sup>rd</sup> ORDINARY SESSION OF THE AFRICAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN AND PEOPLES' RIGHTS

Banjul, The Gambia  
2-22 May 2025

### Draft Public Session Agenda (2 - 12 May 2025)

#### DAY 1: FRIDAY 02 May 2025

**Item 1:** Opening Ceremony

09:00 – 11:00 Opening Ceremony

11:00 – 11:30 *OFFICIAL PICTURES & TEA/COFFEE BREAK*

**Item 2:** Retreat into Private Session/Adoption of Agenda

11:30 – 12:30 Adoption of the Public Session Agenda

**Item 3:** Statements on Human Rights Situation in Africa

12:30 - 13:30 Statements on Human Rights Situation in Africa

- a) Statements by State Delegates (7 mins)
- b) Statement by African Union Organs with a Human Rights Mandate (7 mins)
- c) Statements by Inter-governmental and International Organizations (7 mins)
- d) Statements by National Human Rights Institutions (5 mins)
- e) Statements by Non-Governmental Organisations (5 mins)

13:30 – 15:00 *LUNCH BREAK*

**Item 3 cont'd:** Human Rights Situation in Africa

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

**Item 4:** Panels

16:30 – 17:30 Panel on Silencing violence against human rights defenders

## END OF DAY 1

### DAY 2: SATURDAY 03 MAY 2025

**Item 3 cont'd: Human Rights Situation in Africa**

**09:00 – 11:00** Human Rights Situation in Africa

**11:00 – 11:30** *TEA/COFFEE BREAK*

**Item 4 cont'd: Panels**

**11:30 – 12:30** Panel on the current human rights situation in Sudan

**Item 3 cont'd: Human Rights Situation in Africa**

**12:30 – 13:30** Human Rights Situation in Africa

**13:30 – 14:30** *LUNCH BREAK*

**Item 3 cont'd: Human Rights Situation in Africa**

**14:30 – 17:30** Human Rights Situation in Africa

## END OF DAY 2

### DAY 3: SUNDAY 04 MAY 2025

**13:30 – 14:30** *LUNCH BREAK*

**Item 5: Activity Reports of the Members of the Commission & Special Mechanisms**

Presentation (**15mins**), Interventions: States (**5 mins**), NGOs & NHRIs (**3 mins**)

**14:30 – 17:30** Activity Reports of the Members of the Commission & Special Mechanisms

- (i) Chairperson of the ACHPR on activities of the Chairperson & Special Rapporteur on Human Rights Defenders and Reprisals in Africa.
- (ii) Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Women in Africa.
- (iii) Special Rapporteur on Prisons, Conditions of Detention and Policing in Africa.
- (iv) Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Expression and Access to Information in Africa.

- (v) Special Rapporteur on Refugees, Asylum Seekers, Internally Displaced Persons and Migrants in Africa.
- (vi) 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.
- (vii) Chairperson of the Working Group on the Rights of Older Persons and People with Disabilities in Africa.
- (viii) Chairperson of the Committee for the Prevention of Torture in Africa.
- (ix) Chairperson of the Working Group on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in Africa.
- (x) Chairperson of the Working Group on Death Penalty and Extrajudicial, Summary or Arbitrary Killings and Enforced Disappearances in Africa.
- (xi) Chairperson of the Working Group on Indigenous Populations/Communities in Africa.
- (xii) Chairperson of the Working Group on Extractive Industries, Environment and Human Rights Violations in Africa.
- (xiii) Chairperson of the Working Group on Communications.

### END OF DAY 3

### DAY 4: MONDAY 05 May 2025

**Item 6:**                      **Second Joint Forum of the Special Mechanisms of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights**

**9:00 – 10:30**                      **Second Joint Forum of the Special Mechanisms**

**10:30 – 11:00**                      ***TEA/COFFEE BREAK***

**Item 6 cont'd**  
**11:00 – 13:30**                      **Second Joint Forum of the Special Mechanisms**

**13:30 – 14:30**                      ***LUNCH BREAK***

**Item 6 cont'd**  
**14:30 – 17:30**                      **Second Joint Forum of the Special Mechanisms**

### END OF DAY 4

### DAY 5: TUESDAY 6 MAY 2025

**Item 6 cont'd**

**9:00 – 10:30**                      **Second Joint Forum of the Special Mechanisms**

**10:30 – 11:00**                      ***TEA/COFFEE BREAK***

**Item 6 cont'd**

**11:00 – 13:30                      Second Joint Forum of the Special Mechanisms**

**13:30 – 14:30                      *LUNCH BREAK***

**Item 6 cont'd**

**14:30 – 17:30                      Second Joint Forum of the Special Mechanisms**

**END OF DAY 5**

**DAY 6: WEDNESDAY 7 MAY 2025**

**Item 3 cont'd:                      Human Rights Situation in Africa**

**09:00 – 11:00                      Human Rights Situation in Africa**

**11:00 – 11:30                      *TEA/COFFEE BREAK***

**Item 4 cont'd:                      Panels**

**11:30 – 12:30                      Panel on extrajudicial killings in the fight against terrorism in Africa**

**12:30 – 13:30                      Panel on the African Union Convention on Ending Violence Against Women & Launching of the SRRWA's Women empowerment Newsletter.**

**13:30 – 14:30                      *LUNCH BREAK***

**Item 3 cont'd:                      Human Rights Situation in Africa**

**14:30 – 16:30                      Human Rights Situation in Africa**

**Item 4 cont'd:                      Panels**

**16:30 – 17:30                      Panel on the Need for a Torture-Free Trade Treaty**

**END OF DAY 6**

**DAY 7: THURSDAY 8 MAY 2025**

**Item 5 cont'd:                      Activity Reports of the Members of the Commission & Special Mechanisms**

**09:00 – 11:00                      Presentation (15mins), Interventions: States (5 mins), NGOs & NHRIs (3 mins)**

**11:00 – 11:30**

**TEA/COFFEE BREAK**

**Item 3 cont'd:**

**Human Rights Situation in Africa**

**11:30 – 13:00**

Human Rights Situation in Africa

**Item 7:**

**Relationship and cooperation with National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)**

**13:00 – 13:30**

- a) Paper on the relationship and cooperation between the ACHPR and NHRIs
- b) Paper on the relationship and cooperation between the ACHPR and NGOs

**13:30 – 14:30**

**LUNCH BREAK**

**Item 5 cont'd**

**Activity Reports of the Members of the Commission & Special Mechanisms**

**14:30 – 17:30**

Activity Reports of the Members of the Commission & Special Mechanisms (Presentation **(15mins)**, Interventions: States **(5 mins)**, NGOs & NHRIs **(3 mins)**)

**END OF DAY 7**

## **DAY 8: FRIDAY 9 MAY 2025**

**Item 8:**

**Consideration of State Reports**

**09:00 – 09:15**

Paper on the status of submission of State Party Reports

**09:15 – 11:00**

**Report of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia**  
(Presentation & Questions)

- Welcome Remarks by the Chairperson **(5 mins)**
- State Presentation **(1 Hr)**
- Questions by Commissioner Rapporteur **(10 mins)**
- Questions by Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Women in Africa (SRRWA), on the Maputo Protocol (where applicable) **(10 mins)**
- Questions by Special Rapporteur on Refugees, Asylum Seekers, Internally Displaced Persons and Migrants (where applicable) **(10 mins)**
- Questions by other Special Mechanisms **(7 mins)**

**11:00 – 11:30**

**TEA/COFFEE BREAK**

<b><u>Item 8 cont'd:</u></b>	<b>Consideration of State Reports</b>
<b>11:30 – 12:45</b>	<b>Report of the Republic of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia</b>
<b><u>Item 3 cont'd:</u></b>	<b>Human Rights Situation in Africa</b>
<b>12:45 – 13:30</b>	Human Rights Situation in Africa
<b>13:30 – 14:30</b>	<b><i>LUNCH BREAK</i></b>

## END OF DAY 8

## DAY 9: SATURDAY 10 MAY 2025

<b><u>Item 8 cont'd:</u></b>	<b>Consideration of State Reports</b>
<b>9:00 – 11:00</b>	<b>Report of the Republic of Zimbabwe</b> (Presentation & Questions) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Welcome Remarks by the Chairperson <b>(5 mins)</b></li> <li>- State Presentation <b>(1 Hr)</b></li> <li>- Questions by Commissioner Rapporteur <b>(10 mins)</b></li> <li>- Questions by Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Women in Africa (SRRWA), on the Maputo Protocol (where applicable) <b>(10 mins)</b></li> <li>- Questions by Special Rapporteur on Refugees, Asylum Seekers, Internally Displaced Persons and Migrants (where applicable) <b>(10 mins)</b></li> <li>- Questions by other Special Mechanisms <b>(7 mins)</b></li> </ul>
<b>11:00 – 11:30</b>	<b><i>TEA/COFFEE BREAK</i></b>
<b><u>Item 8 cont'd</u></b>	
<b>11:30 – 12:30</b>	<b>Report of the Republic of Zimbabwe</b>
<b><u>Item 4 cont'd:</u></b>	<b>Panels</b>
<b>12:30 – 13:30</b>	Panel on Lessons from the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda and Current Challenges: Human Rights in Conflict Situations and Transitional Justice
<b>13:30 – 14:30</b>	<b><i>LUNCH BREAK</i></b>
<b><u>Item 4 cont'd</u></b>	

**14:30 – 15:30** Panel on Justice for Africans and People of African Descent Through Reparations

**Item 3 cont'd:** **Human Rights Situation in Africa**

**15:30 – 16:30** Human Rights Situation in Africa

**Item 5 cont'd** **Activity Reports of the Members of the Commission & Special Mechanisms**

**16:30 – 17:30** Activity Reports of the Members of the Commission & Special Mechanisms (Presentation **(15mins)**, Interventions: States **(5 mins)**, NGOs & NHRIs **(3 mins)**)

**END OF DAY 9**

#### **DAY 10: SUNDAY 11 MAY 2025**

**13:30 – 14:30** *LUNCH BREAK*

**Item 5 cont'd** **Activity Reports of the Members of the Commission & Special Mechanisms**

**14:30 – 17:30** Activity Reports of the Members of the Commission & Special Mechanisms (Presentation **(15mins)**, Interventions: States **(5 mins)**, NGOs & NHRIs **(3 mins)**).

**END OF DAY 10**

#### **DAY 11: MONDAY 12 MAY 2025**

**Item 8 cont'd:** **Consideration of State Reports**

**09:00 – 11:00** **Report of Ethiopia: Presentation of Responses**

**11:00 – 11:30** *TEA/COFFEE BREAK*

**Item 8 cont'd:**

**11:30 – 13:30** **Report of Zimbabwe: Presentation of Responses**

**13:30 – 14:30** *LUNCH BREAK*

**Item 5 cont'd** **Activity Reports of the Members of the Commission & Special Mechanisms**

**14:30 – 16:00**                      Activity Reports of the Members of the Commission & Special Mechanisms (Presentation **(15mins)**), Interventions: States **(5 mins)**, NGOs & NHRIs **(3 mins)**.

**16:00 – 17:00**                      Closing of the Public Session

**END OF DAY 11**

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**ADJOURNMENT OF PUBLIC SESSION, TO RESUME ON 22 MAY 2025**

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**DAY 20: THURSDAY 22 MAY 2025**  
**CLOSING CEREMONY**  
*(open to the public)*

**Item 9:**                      **Closing Ceremony**

**10:00 – 11:30**                      Reading of the Final Communiqué and Closing Ceremony

**12:00 – 13:30**                      Press Conference

**END OF THE 83<sup>rd</sup> ORDINARY SESSION**

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