

**85<sup>th</sup> ORDINARY SESSION  
OF THE  
AFRICAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN AND PEOPLES' RIGHTS**

**Banjul, The Gambia  
21 – 30 October 2025**

**Public Session Agenda**

**DAY 1: TUESDAY, 21 OCTOBER 2025**

**Item 1:                      Opening Ceremony (*Public session*)**

**09:00 – 11:00**                      Opening Ceremony of the 85<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session & Celebration of Africa Human Rights Day (*Public*)

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

**Item 2:                      Retreat into Private Session**

**11:30 – 12:30**                      Retreat into Private Session

**- Election of new Bureau**

**Item 3:                      Commemorative event (*Public session*)**

**12:30 – 13:30**                      Celebration of African Human Rights Day (*cont'd*)

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

**Item 4:                      Situation of human rights in Africa**

**14:30 – 16:30**                      **Statements on the situation of human rights in Africa**

**(i) Key Outcomes of the Forums of National Human Rights Institutions and Non-Governmental Organisations (7 mins each)**

**(ii) 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 Intergovernmental and International Organizations (7 mins)
- d) Statements by National Human Rights Institutions (5 mins)
- e) Statements by Non-Governmental Organisations (5 mins)

**Item 5:                      Panels**

**16:30 – 17:30**                      Panel on the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination  
(*Commissioner Litha/Petrus/Partner institutions*)

**END OF DAY 1**

**DAY 2: WEDNESDAY, 22 OCTOBER 2025**

**Item 4 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:                      Human Rights Situation in Africa**

**11:30 – 13:00**                      Human Rights Situation in Africa

**Item 6:                              Relationship and cooperation with National Human Rights Institutions and Non-Governmental Organizations**

**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:                      Panels**

**14:30 – 15:30**                      Panel on Externalization of Migration Management: Legal Issues, Current Challenges, and the Responsibilities of African States  
(*Commissioner Sassi/Estelle*)

**Item 7:                              Activity Reports of the Members of the Commission & Special Mechanisms**

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

**15:30 – 17:30**                      Activity Reports of the Members of the Commission & Special Mechanisms

- (i) Chairperson of the ACHPR on activities of the outgoing 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 2

## DAY 3: THURSDAY, 23 OCTOBER 2025

### **Item 4 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:      Human Rights Situation in Africa**

**11:30 – 13:30**      Human Rights Situation in Africa

**13:30 – 14:30**      *LUNCH BREAK*

### **Item 7 cont'd:      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

## END OF DAY 3

## DAY 4: FRIDAY, 24 OCTOBER 2025

### Item 5 cont'd:

#### **Panels**

09:00 – 10:00

Panel on the Protocols on the Rights of Older Persons and Persons with Disabilities: One Year After Their Entry into Force - Lessons Learned and Future Perspectives for Enhanced Rights Protection  
(*Commissioner Abomo/Bruno*)

10:00 – 11:00

Panel on Extrajudicial Killings in the Context of the Fight Against Terrorism in Africa (*Commissioner Sow/Eric*)

11:00 – 11:30

**TEA/COFFEE BREAK**

### Item 7 cont'd:

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

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

11:30 – 12:30

Activity Reports of the Members of the Commission & Special Mechanisms

12:30 – 14:30

**LUNCH BREAK & FRIDAY PRAYERS**

### Item 4 cont'd:

#### **Human Rights Situation in Africa**

14:30 – 15:30

Human Rights Situation in Africa

### Item 8:

#### **Meeting of the Resolutions Committee (*Private session*)**

15:30 – 17:30

Meeting of the Resolutions Committee

**END OF DAY 4**

## DAY 5: SATURDAY, 25 OCTOBER 2025

### Item 9:

#### **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 Republic of Mauritius**

(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**

**Item 9 cont'd:**

**Consideration of State Reports**

**11:30 – 13:30**

**Report of the Republic of Tunisia**

(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)**

**13:30 – 14:30**

**LUNCH BREAK**

**Item 9 cont'd:**

**Consideration of State Reports**

**14:30 – 16:30**

**Report of the Arab Republic of Egypt**

(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)**

**Item 4 cont'd:**

**Human Rights Situation in Africa**

**16:30 – 17:30**

**Human Rights Situation in Africa**

**END OF DAY 5**

**DAY 6: SUNDAY, 26 OCTOBER 2025**

**Item 9 cont'd:**

**Consideration of State Reports**

**14:30 – 16:30**

**Report of the Republic of Botswana**

(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)

**Item 5 cont'd:**

**Panels**

**16:30 – 17:30**

Panel on the Study of the Use of Force and Launch of Newsletter Number 18 on Police and Human Rights  
(*Commissioner Manuela/Pedro*)

**END OF DAY 6**

**DAY 7: MONDAY, 27 OCTOBER 2025**

**Item 9 cont'd:**

**Consideration of State Reports**

**09:00 – 10:30**

**Presentation of Responses – Republic of Mauritius**

**Item 4 cont'd:**

**Human Rights Situation in Africa**

**10:30 – 11:00**

Human Rights Situation in Africa

**11:00 – 11:30**

***TEA/COFFEE BREAK***

**Item 9 cont'd:**

**Consideration of State Reports**

**11:30 – 13:00**

**Presentation of Responses – Republic of Tunisia**

**Item 4 cont'd:**

**Human Rights Situation in Africa**

**13:00 – 13:30**

Human Rights Situation in Africa

**13:30 – 14:30**

***LUNCH BREAK***

**Item 9 cont'd:**

**Consideration of State Reports**

**14:30 – 16:00**

**Presentation of Responses – Arab Republic of Egypt**

**16:00 – 17:30**

**Presentation of Responses – Republic of Botswana**

**END OF DAY 7**

## DAY 8: TUESDAY, 28 OCTOBER 2025

### **Item 5 cont'd:**

### **Panels**

- 09:00 – 10:00** Panel of the Working Group on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in Africa (*Commissioner Mwandenga/Aminata*)
- 10:00 – 11:00** Panel on Strategies for advancing the implementation of ACHPR Decisions: Reflections, Experiences and New Directions (*Chairperson Working Group on Communications/ Dr. Victor Ayeni/Partner institutions*)
- 11:00 – 11:30** **TEA/COFFEE BREAK**

### **Item 5 cont'd:**

### **Panels**

- 11:30 – 12:30** Panel on Advocacy for Ratification of Treaties under ACHPR's oversight (AU Convention on the Elimination of Violence Against Women and Girls; Protocol on the Rights of Citizens to Social Security; Protocol on the Eradication of Statelessness; Protocol on Older Persons in Africa; Protocol on Persons with Disabilities in Africa) (*Comm. Sallah-Njie/Comm. Abomo/Comm. Mwandenga/Comm. Sassi/Irene/Aminata/Estelle/Bruno*)

### **Item 4 cont'd:**

### **Human Rights Situation in Africa**

- 12:30 – 13:30** Human Rights Situation in Africa
- 13:30 – 14:30** **LUNCH BREAK**

### **Item 7 cont'd:**

### **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

**END OF DAY 8**

## DAY 9: WEDNESDAY, 29 OCTOBER 2025

### **Item 4 cont'd:**

### **Human Rights Situation in Africa**

- 09:00 – 11:00** Human Rights Situation in Africa
- 11:00 – 11:30** **TEA/COFFEE BREAK**

**Item 10:**                    **Consideration and adoption of documents** (Private Session)

**11:30 – 13:30**                Consideration and adoption of:

- (i)     Resolutions
- (ii)    Combined 58<sup>th</sup> and 59<sup>th</sup> Activity Report of the Commission
- (iii)   Final Communique of the 85<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session

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

**Item 10:**                    **Consideration and adoption of documents** (Private Session) cont'd

**14:30 – 17:30**                Consideration and adoption of documents cont'd

**END OF DAY 9**

## **DAY 10: THURSDAY, 30 OCTOBER 2025**

**Item 11:**                    **Closing Ceremony**

**10:00 – 11:30**                Closing Ceremony

- (i)     Reading of the Final Communique of the 85<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session
- (ii)    Closing Ceremony

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

**END OF DAY 10**

**END OF THE 85<sup>th</sup> ORDINARY SESSION**