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**89th ORDINARY SESSION
OF THE
AFRICAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN AND PEOPLES' RIGHTS**

**Dakar, Senegal
12 to 21 October 2026**

Public Session Agenda

DAY 1: MONDAY, 12 October 2026

- Item 1:** **Opening Ceremony (*Public Session*)**
- 09:00 – 11:00** Opening Ceremony of the 89th Ordinary Session (*Public Session*)
- 11:00 – 11:30** **OFFICIAL PICTURES & TEA/COFFEE BREAK**
- Item 2:** **Press Conference (*Public Session*)**
- 11:30 – 12:15** Press Conference (Chairperson, Vice Chairperson & Commissioners)
- 12:15 – 14:30** **LUNCH BREAK**
- Item 3:** **Relationship and cooperation with National Human Rights Institutions and Non-Governmental Organizations**
- 14:30 – 15:00**
- (i) Update on the relationship and cooperation between the ACHPR and NHRIs
 - (ii) Update on the relationship and cooperation between the ACHPR and NGOs
- Item 4:** **Situation of Human Rights in Africa**
- 15:00 – 16:30**
- (i) Key Outcomes of the Forums of Member States, 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: Panel Discussions

16:30 – 17:30 Situation of Human Rights Defenders in West Africa (*1 hour*)

END OF DAY 1

DAY 2: TUESDAY 13 OCTOBER 2026

Item 5 cont'd: Panel Discussions.

09:00 – 10:00 Advancing Women and Girls' Rights Through Litigation: Launch of the Tripartite Study on Challenges Before AU Human Rights Organs (*1 hour*)

Item 4 cont'd: Human Rights Situation in Africa

10:00 – 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: 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 & Chairperson of the Working Group on Death Penalty and Extrajudicial, Summary or Arbitrary Killings and Enforced Disappearances 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) Special Rapporteur on Human Rights Defenders and Reprisals in Africa.
- (vii) 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.
- (viii) Chairperson of the Working Group on the Rights of Older Persons and People with Disabilities in Africa.
- (ix) Chairperson of the Committee for the Prevention of Torture in Africa.
- (x) Chairperson of the Working Group on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights 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: WEDNESDAY, 14 OCTOBER 2026

Item 5 cont'd: Panel Discussions.

09:00 – 10:00 Celebrating 65 Years of the Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness: *Advancing the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on Specific Aspects of the Right to a Nationality and the Eradication of Statelessness in Africa (1 hour)*

10:00 – 11:00 The impact of water and basic sanitation on the living conditions of prisoners in African prisons and Launch of the Newsletter on Human Rights and Policing (1 hour)

11:00 – 11:30 *TEA/COFFEE BREAK*

Item 4 cont'd: Human Rights Situation in Africa

11:30 – 12:30 Human Rights Situation in Africa

Item 7 cont'd: Activity Reports of the Members of the Commission & Special Mechanisms.

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

12:30 – 13:30 Activity Reports of the Members of the Commission & Special Mechanisms (cont'd)

13:30 – 14:30 **LUNCH BREAK**

Item 5 cont'd: **Panel Discussions.**

14:30 – 15:30 Panel & Launch: Study on the Impact of Climate Change on Human and Peoples' Rights in Africa (*1 hour*)

Item 8: **Private Session – Amicable Settlement**

15:30 – 17:30 Amicable settlement of an Inter-State Communication (*Closed Session*)

END OF DAY 3

DAY 4: THURSDAY, 15 OCTOBER 2026

Item 9: **Status update on Ratification of Treaties, Implementation of Decisions/Recommendations & Submission of State Party Reports**

09:00 – 10:00

- (i) Presentation on the status of ratification of Treaties under ACHPR Monitoring
- (ii) Presentation of the status of implementation of ACHPR Decisions/Recommendations
- (iii) Presentation on the status of submission of State Party Reports

Item 10: **Consideration of State Reports**

10:00 – 11:00 **State Report of the Republic of Mauritius**

(Presentation & Questions)

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

11:00 – 11:30 **TEA/COFFEE BREAK**

Item 10 cont'd: **Consideration of State Reports**

11:30 – 13:30 State Report of the Republic of Mauritius (cont'd)

13:30 – 14:30 **LUNCH BREAK**

Item 7 cont'd: **Activity Reports of the Members of the Commission & Special Mechanisms.**

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

14:30 – 17:30 Activity Reports of the Members of the Commission & Special Mechanisms (cont'd)

END OF DAY 4

DAY 5: FRIDAY, 16 OCTOBER 2026

Item 10 cont'd: Consideration of State Reports.

09:00 – 11:00 **State Report of the Republic of Zambia**

(Presentation & Questions)

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

11:00 – 11:30 **TEA/COFFEE BREAK**

Item 10 cont'd: Consideration of State Reports

11:30 – 12:30 State Report of the Republic of Zambia (cont'd)

12:30-13:30 Presentation of Responses – State Report of the **Republic of Mauritius**

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

Item 11: **Meeting of the Resolutions Committee (Private session)**

14:30 – 17:30 Meeting of the Resolutions Committee

END OF DAY 5

DAY 6: SATURDAY, 17 OCTOBER 2026

Item 10 cont'd: Consideration of State Reports.

09:00 – 11:00 State Report of the Republic of Cameroon

(Presentation & Questions)

- (i) Welcome Remarks by the Chairperson (5 mins)
- (ii) State Presentation (1 Hr)
- (iii) Questions by Commissioner Rapporteur (10 mins)
- (iv) Questions by Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Women in Africa (SRRWA), on the Maputo Protocol (10 mins)
- (v) Questions by Special Rapporteur on Refugees, Asylum Seekers, Internally Displaced Persons and Migrants (10 mins)
- (vi) Questions by the Chairperson of the Working Group on Older Persons and Persons with Disabilities (10 mins)
- (vii) Questions by other Special Mechanisms (7 mins)

11:00 – 11:30 TEA/COFFEE BREAK

Item 10 cont'd: Consideration of State Reports

11:30 – 12:30 State Report of the Republic of Cameroon (cont'd)

12:30-13:30 Presentation of Responses – State Report of the Republic of Zambia

13:30 – 14:30 LUNCH BREAK

Item 10 cont'd: Consideration of State Reports.

14:30 – 17:30 State Report of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau

(Presentation & Questions)

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

END OF DAY 6

DAY 7: SUNDAY, 18 OCTOBER 2026 (Half day)

13:30 – 14:30

LUNCH BREAK

Item 10 cont'd: Consideration of State Reports

14:30 – 15:30

Presentation of Responses – State Report of the Republic of Cameroon

Item 10 cont'd:

Consideration of State Reports.

15:30 – 16:30

Presentation of Responses – State Report of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau

Item 4 cont'd:

Human Rights Situation in Africa

16:30 – 17:30

Human Rights Situation in Africa

END OF DAY 7

DAY 8: MONDAY, 19 OCTOBER 2026 (Half day)

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 12:

Consideration and adoption of documents (Private Session)

11:30 – 13:30

Consideration and adoption of:

- i. Resolutions
- ii. Final Communiqué of the 89th Ordinary Session
- iii. Other Documents

13:30 – 14:30

LUNCH BREAK

Item 13:

Capacity-Building Session on International Humanitarian Law

14:30 – 17:30

Capacity-Building Session on International Humanitarian Law

(Organised in collaboration with the International Committee of the Red Cross - ICRC)

END OF DAY 8

DAY 9: TUESDAY, 20 OCTOBER 2026

Item 14: 3rd Edition of the Joint Special Mechanisms Forum of the ACHPR: 45 Years of Adoption and 40 Years of Operationalization of the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights

09:00 – 11:00 Commemorative Joint Special Mechanisms Forum

11:00 – 11:30 *TEA/COFFEE BREAK*

Item 14 cont'd: 3rd Edition of the Joint Special Mechanisms Forum of the ACHPR: 45 Years of Adoption and 40 Years of Operationalization of the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights.

11:30 – 13:30 Commemorative Joint Special Mechanisms Forum –cont'd

13:30 – 14:30 *LUNCH BREAK*

Item 14 cont'd: 3rd Edition of the Joint Special Mechanisms Forum of the ACHPR: 45 Years of Adoption and 40 Years of Operationalization of the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights.

14:30 – 17:30 Commemorative Joint Special Mechanisms Forum –cont'd

END OF DAY 9

DAY 10: WEDNESDAY, 21 OCTOBER 2026

Item 14 cont'd: 3rd Edition of the Joint Special Mechanisms Forum of the ACHPR: 45 Years of Adoption and 40 Years of Operationalization of the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights.

09:00 – 11:00 Commemorative Joint Special Mechanisms Forum

11:00 – 11:30 *TEA/COFFEE BREAK*

Item 14 cont'd: 3rd Edition of the Joint Special Mechanisms Forum of the ACHPR: 45 Years of Adoption and 40 Years of Operationalization of the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights.

11:30 – 13:30 Commemorative Joint Special Mechanisms Forum

13:30 – 14:30 *LUNCH BREAK*

Item 14 cont'd: **3rd Edition of the Joint Special Mechanisms Forum of the ACHPR:
45 Years of Adoption and 40 Years of Operationalization of the
African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights.**

14:30 – 15:30 **Commemorative Joint Special Mechanisms Forum – Final Session &
Adoption of Outcomes**

Item 15: **Closing Ceremony**

15:30 –17:00 **Closing Ceremony**

- (i) Reading of the Final Communiqué of the 89th Ordinary Session
- (ii) Closing Ceremony

Item 16: **Press Conference**

17:00 – 17:30 **Press Conference (Chairperson, Vice Chairperson & Commissioners)**

END OF DAY 10

END OF THE 89th ORDINARY SESSION