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**FORUM ON THE PARTICIPATION OF NGOS IN THE 56TH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE AFRICAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN AND PEOPLES’ RIGHTS AND 30TH AFRICAN HUMAN RIGHTS BOOK FAIR**

**10-12 October, 2014**

**VENUE: NIAMEY, NIGER**

***This version: 1st September, 2014***

**DRAFT PROGRAMME - 1**

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|  | **Day One – Friday, 10th October, 2014** |
| **Time** | **Activity** |
| 08:00-08:30 | Registration/Arrival of Guests |
| 08:30-10:30 | Opening Ceremony  **Visit to Bookfair** |
| 10:30-11:00 | Adoption of Agenda and Organization of Work  Tea/Coffee Break |
| 11:00-13:00 | Theme I - Status of Democracy and Human Rights  Sub-regional updates on the situation of democracy and human rights in Africa  -Central Africa  -Eastern Africa  -Western Africa  -Northern Africa  -Southern Africa  Chair:  -*Discussion* |
| 13:00-14:00 | ***Lunch Break; Visit to Book Fair*** |
| 14:00-15:30 | Presentation of NGOs Shadow Report on **Liberia and Mozambique**  Panelists:  Chair  Discussion |
| 15:30-16:00 | ***Tea/Coffee Break , visit to Book Fair*** |
| 16:00-18:00 | *Panel on African Commission's Human Rights Approach to dealing with conflict and crisis solutions*  *Panelists:*  African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights  International Federation for Human Rights  African Center for Justice and Peace Studies (ACJPS)  Observatoire Centrafricain des Droits de l'Homme (OCDH)  South Sudan Law Society (SSLS)  Amnesty International (AI)  *Chair*  *Discussion* |
| End of day 1 |  |
|  | **Day Two – Saturday, 11th October 2014** |
|  | **Activity** |
| 09:00-09:10 | Recap of Day 1 – Rapporteur |
| 09:10-10:15 | **Theme II - Special Interest Group Discussion**  **Panel discussion 2 - Criminalizing Free Speech in Africa**  **Panelists:**  -Adv. Pansy Tlakula - Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Expression and Access to Information in Africa  -Ms. Ololade Shyllon - Programme Manager Freedom of Expression and Access to information, Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria  -Ms. Justine Limpatlaw - Media Lawyer, Southern African Litigation Centre  -Mr. Simon Delaney - Media Lawyer, Southern African Litigation Centre  -Ms. Zoe Titus -Regional Director, Media Institute of Southern Africa  **Chair** |
| 10:15-11:15 | **Panel discussion 3** on Truth Commissions: An effective tool for transitional justice or an exercise in futility?  **Panelists:**  -Andrew Songa- Programme Officer, Kenya Human Rights Commission  -Sufiya Bray- Centre for the Study of Violence  -Commissioner Pacifique Manirakiza- African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights  **Chair** |
| 11:15-11:30 | ***Tea/Coffee Break , visit to Book Fair*** |
| 11:30-13:00 | **Panel discussion 4 on Advancing Women's Land and Property Rights in Africa**  Panelist:  Chair |
| 13:00:14:00 | *Lunch Break; Visit to Book Fair* |
| 14:00- 16:00 | Special Interest Groups Discussions   1. Prisons and Conditions of Detention in Africa 2. Rights of Women in Africa 3. Human Rights Defenders in Africa 4. Freedom of Expression and Access to Information in Africa 5. Prevention of Torture in Africa 6. Refugees, Asylum Seekers, Internally Displaced Persons and Migrants in Africa 7. Indigenous Populations/Communities in Africa 8. Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in Africa 9. Death Penalty and Extra-Judicial, Summary or Arbitrary Killings in Africa 10. Rights of Older Persons and People with Disabilities in Africa 11. People Living with HIV (PLHIV) and those at Risk, Vulnerable to and Affected by HIV 12. Extractive Industries; Environment and Human Rights Violations 13. Policing and Human Rights 14. Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) 15. Freedom of Association and Assembly   P/S: Kindly note that the list is not exhaustive. |
| 16:00-16:30 | ***Tea /Coffee Break: Visit to Book Fair*** |
| 16:30-18:00 | Report from Special Interest Group Discussions  Chair: |
| End of Day 2 |  |
| DAY 3 –Sunday, 12 October, 2014 |  |
| **Time** | **Activity** |
| 09:00-09:10 | **Recap of Day 2 – Rapporteur** |
| 09:10-10:30 | **Theme III - Networking for Human Rights**  **- Panel discussion 5 on Corruption in Africa**  **Panelists:**  -Adolphe Lawson, African Union Advisory Board on Corruption  **Chair:**  ***Resolutions and Recommendations Draft Committee Meeting*** |
| 10:30-12:00 | **Panel discussion 6 - Advocacy and Technical Support for Freedom of Expression under the African Union Human Rights Strategy**  **Chair:**  Stephanie Muchai, ARTICLE 19 Eastern Africa  Henry Maina – ARTICLE 19 Eastern Africa  Arthur Gwagwa - Zimbabwe Human Rights NGO Forum  Peter Ngumi – Attorney General’s Office Kenya  ***Resolutions and Recommendations Draft Committee Meeting con't*** |
| 12:00-13:00 | **Lunch - Visit to Book Fair** |
| 13:00-14:00 | Panel discussion 7 on Advocacy Strategies around the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights  Presenter:  Chair |
| 14:00-15:00 | **Evaluation** |
| 15:00-17:00 | Presentation and adoption of Resolutions and Recommendations |
| 18:00 | Closing Ceremony  Chair  Press conference |
|  | **End of Programme** |