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CSO Forum

Civil Society Forum on the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child



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**FORUM ON THE PARTICIPATION OF NGOS IN THE 59TH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE AFRICAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN AND PEOPLES' RIGHTS AND 33RD AFRICAN HUMAN RIGHTS BOOK FAIR
17-19 OCTOBER, 2016
BANJUL, THE GAMBIA**

(As of 10.10.16)

DRAFT PROGRAMME - 1

Day One – 17th October, 2016

Time	Activity
08:00-09:00	Registration/Arrival of Guests
09:00-10:15	Opening Ceremony – Joint Event (NGOs /CSOs Forum) Tea/Coffee Break/ Visit to Bookfair
10:15-10:30	Adoption of Agenda and Organization of Work – Joint Event (NGOs /CSOs Forum)
10:30-12:00	Theme I – Overview of the status of Democracy and Human Rights in Africa – Joint Event (NGOs /CSOs Forum) Update from Sub-regional Focal Points on Democracy, Human Rights and the Rule of Law in Africa Chair: - Central Africa, Eastern Africa, Northern Africa, Western Africa- (focus on Ivory Coast*) and Southern Africa – (focus on Mauritius*) *: State Party Reports to be examined at the 59 th Session
12:00-13:30	Panel 1: Joint Session Gender Based Violence reports of Cameroon, Mali, Mauritania and Senegal - PANOS

13:30-14:30	Lunch Break; Visit to Book Fair
14:30-16:00	<p>Panel 2 – Parallel Session: NGOs Forum: Abolition of the mandatory death penalty in Africa: An immediate step towards full realization of the right to life – FIACAT, FIDH, ICJ Kenya, World Coalition Against the Death Penalty, African Prison Project Presenters: Muluka Miti-Drummond (International Bar Association Human Rights Institute Susan Kigula (Africa Prison Reform) Anita Nyanjong (ICJ Kenya) Paul Angaman (FIACAT)</p> <p>CSOs Forum: Situation analysis of effects of conflicts and crisis on children’s survival and development rights and possible interventions</p>
16:00-17:30	<p>Panel 3: Parallel Session: NGOs Forum: Model Law for the Recognition And Protection Of Human Rights Defenders - ISHR CSOs Forum: Testimonies of affected children and their care givers to galvanize regional networks to help prevent conflict and crisis in their region, and where occurs to facilitate rehabilitation and reintegration of children victims into the societies – Survivors, young persons who were involved in armed conflict as children Chair:</p>
End of day 1	
Day Two – 18th October, 2016	
	Activity
08:45-09:00	Recap of Day 1 – Rapporteur
09:00-10:30	<p>Theme II - Special Interest Group Discussion – Parallel Session Panel 4: NGOs Forum: The Costs of Conflict Related Sexual Violence / Comprehensive Redress for Conflict-Related Sexual Violence - OXFAM, REDRESS CSOs Forum: Capacity building for the child rights CSOs on stronger human rights legal frame works such as the Paris Principles and the Beijing rules other than just the Penal Code to protect Child Rights in conflict and crisis.</p> <p>Chair</p>

10:30-10:45	<i>Tea/Coffee Break , visit to Book Fair</i>
10:45-12:00	<p>Panel 5: Parallel Session:</p> <p>NGOs Forum: The Protocol to the African Charter on statelessness and certain aspects of the Right to Nationality in Africa and its expected impact on women’s rights - IHRDA</p> <p>CSOs Forum - Capacity building on how the CSOs can engage with the Media in their respective Region as key player in prevention of conflict and armed crisis and reintegration of victim.</p> <p><i>Chair</i></p>
12:00-13:30	<p>Panel 6 – Joint Session</p> <p>What does an AU Passport mean to you?: Freedom of Movement for Africans across Africa - CCPAU</p> <p>Chair</p> <p>Discussion</p>
13:30-14:30	<i>Lunch Break; Visit to Book Fair</i>
14:30- 16:30	<p>Special Interest Groups Discussions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prisons, Conditions of Detention / Policing in Africa 2. Rights of Women in Africa 3. Human Rights Defenders /Freedom of Association and Assembly 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. Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) 14. Freedom of Conscience and Belief 15. Climate Change and Human Rights in Africa 16. Peace & Security

	<p>17. Anti-Corruption 18. ICTs and Human Rights 19. Rights of Youth and Children</p> <p>P/S: As per Special Mechanisms of the African Commission (from 1-12). List not exhaustive, other interest groups.</p>
16:30-18:00	Report from Special Interest Group Discussions: Joint Session – NGO / CSO Forum Chair:
18:00	Tea/Coffee
End of Day 2	
	Day 3 – 19th October, 2016
Time	Activity
08:45-09:00	Recap of Day 2 – Rapporteur
09:00-10:45	<p>Theme III - Networking for Human Rights in Africa Panel 7: Joint Session: Promoting and Protecting civil society participation in Africa – ACDHRS, CIVICUS, OHCHR Chair Final Communique/Resolutions/Recommendations / Drafting Committee Meeting commences</p>
10:45-11:00	Tea/Coffee Break
11:00-12:30	<p>Panel 8 – Joint Session Strengthening national, sub-regional and regional networks of civil society organizations in Central Africa: Lessons learned from other sub-regions and way forward United Nations Regional Office for Central Africa (UNOCA) / West Africa Network for Peace Building (WANEP) Chair</p>
12:30-14:00	<p>Panel 9: Parallel Session NGOs Forum: Amplifying Voices, Building Synergy: Strategies that Work to Advance the Rights of Women - AJWS CSOs Forum – Recommendation to the ACERWC to use in its interface with not only the state parties but the entire African Union to prevent conflict in Africa and to make perpetrators accountable.</p>

	Report and handover of the CSO Forum Coordinating Committee from current Committee to incoming Committee Chair
14:00-15:00	Lunch - Visit to Book Fair
15:00-17:00	Joint Session: CSO Forum / NGO Forum <i>Presentation and adoption of Final Communique, Resolutions and Recommendations</i> Chair Evaluation
17:00-18:00	Joint Session Closing Ceremony: Chair
18:00	Refreshment // END

