



FORUM ON THE PARTICIPATION OF NGOS IN THE 67TH ORDINARY SESSION OF
THE AFRICAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN AND PEOPLES' RIGHTS
9-11 NOVEMBER, 2020 - ZOOM WEBINAR

**THEME: POST COVID19: REBUILDING A JUST AND PEACEFUL SOCIETY
IN AFRICA BASED ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND GOOD GOVERNANCE**

DRAFT AGENDA: 6.11.2020

Day 1: Monday, 9th November, 2020 / Time: 9:30am–13:00 pm GMT / 12:30pm–16:00 pm EAT

Time	Activity
9:30-10:00	<p>Opening Session</p> <p>Thematic focus of Speakers: <i>“Post COVID19: Rebuilding a just and peaceful society in Africa based on human rights and good governance”</i></p> <p>Moderator: Mrs. Hannah Forster – Executive Director, ACDHRS (tribute to late Abdoul Gadiro Diallo, former NGOs Forum Steering Committee Member who passed away on 27th Oct. 2020)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ms. Maximillienne Ngo Mbe - NGOs Forum Steering Committee- Statement: ACDHRS Governing Council- Hon. Commissioner Solomon Ayele Dersso – Chairperson, ACHPR (focus on ACHPR’s actions towards realizing the theme)- H. E. Minata Samate Cessouma – Political Affairs Commissioner, African Union Commission (focus on AU’s action towards realizing the theme)- Opening Statement - Mr. Mamadou Saliou Sow – Secretariat for Human Rights and Good Governance, Ministry of Justice, Senegal (focus on Senegal’s strategies to fulfil the theme)
10:00-11:30	<p>SESSION 1: Responses to COVID-19 as pertaining to human and peoples’ rights: lessons learnt and recommendations</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Gilbert Sebihogo, Executive Secretary – Network of National Human Rights Institutions (NANHRI)</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <p>Global trends: Irene Petras – International Center for Not-for-Profit Law (ICNL- keeping African civic space healthy post COVID19)</p> <p>Central Africa – Nicoline Wazeh - CAWOPEM – (Cameroon atrocities)</p> <p>East Africa– (Corruption related to COVID19 support funds)</p>

	<p>Discussion, Questions and Answers</p> <p>North Africa – Amina Tadjer – Algerian Human Rights Network (Freedom of Association and Assembly)</p> <p>West Africa – Mathias Hounkpe - Open Society Initiative for West Africa (OSIWA -Elections)</p> <p>Southern Africa– Lloyd Kuveya – Amnesty International (persecution by the Judiciary)</p> <p><i>Discussion /Questions and Answers</i></p>
11:30-11:45	Health break
11:45- 13:00	<p>Session 2: Economic, social and cultural rights affected by the corruption linked to COVID-19 financial support to Africa</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Dr. Japhet Biegon, Amnesty International</p> <p><u>Panellists</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Mourad Errahib - National Human Rights Council of Morocco</i> - <i>Francis Ben Kaifala - Anti-Corruption Commission of Sierra Leone / OFNAC – Senegal (tbc)</i> - <i>Gregory Chifire – Southern Africa Network Against Corruption</i> - <i>Diana Gichengo – Kenyan Human Rights Commission</i> - <i>IPAS Africa Alliance</i> <p><i>Discussion / Questions and Answers</i></p>
	Closing / End of Day 1

Day 2: Tuesday, 10th November 2020 / Time: 9:30am–13:00pm (GMT) /12:30pm–16:00pm (EAT)

9:30-9:45	<p>Presentation of the programme of the day</p> <p>Moderator: Adama Cooper-Jah / Adelaide Etong Kame</p>
9:45-11:45	<p>Session 3: <u>Special Interest Groups</u></p> <p><i>Focus: “Post COVID19: Rebuilding a just and peaceful society in Africa based on human rights Principles and good governance”</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Enforcement of COVID19 measures (their impact on prison conditions, excessive use of force, torture, inhuman, arbitrary arrest and detention/prisons and conditions of detention, policing post-COVID) – Prince Akpah – AfricansRising 2. Peace and Security in Africa (Silencing the Guns in Africa and atrocities in Africa) – Achieng Maureen Akena – International Refugee Rights Initiative 3. Freedom of association, expression and civic space in Africa (strengthening of the protection post-COVID) – Joseph Bikanda - East and Horn of Africa Human Rights Defenders Project 4. Economic and Social rights (Agenda 2063, SDG) – Seynabou Benga, Human Dignity

	5. Women, vulnerable and most at-risk groups (Gender-based violence and conflicts in the context of COVID19) – Chantal Mutamuriza –Light for All
11:45-12:00	Health Break
12:00-13:00	Session 3 (continuation): Report back to plenary and adoption of Recommendations Moderator: Naji Moulay Lahsen, CIDH
	Closing and end of day 2

Day 3: Wednesday 11th November 2020 / Time: 9:30am–13:00pm (GMT) / 12:30pm–16:00pm (EAT)

9:30-9:45	Presentation of the programme of the day Moderator: Maximillienne Ngo Mbe - REDHAC
9:45-11:00	Session 4: Adoption of Resolutions Moderator: Joseph Bikanda – PanAfrica Human Rights Defenders Network - <i>Review and adoption of resolutions received from civil society</i>
11:00-11:15	Health Break
11:15-12:15	Session 5: Panel Discussion on the impact of adopted resolutions Moderator: Hannah Forster, ACDHRS Panellist: - Commissioner Remy Ngoy Lumbu (ACHPR Country Rapporteur on Cameroon) - Dr. Japhet Biegon, Amnesty International - Gilbert Sebihogo - NANHRI Selected Resolutions adopted at the 66 th Ordinary Session of the ACHPR - Resolution on the Deterioration of the Human Rights Situation in Cameroon during Covid19 - Resolution on the Human Rights Situation in the Republic of Zimbabwe - Resolution on Human and Peoples’ Rights as central pillar of successful response to COVID19 and recovery from its socio-political impacts
12.15– 13.00	Moderator: Hannah Forster / Corlett Letlojane Closing ceremony speakers - Remarks: Melanie Kombate – NGOs Forum Steering Committee - Statement: Hon. Commissioner Solomon Dersso – Chairperson, ACHPR - Closing Statement: Mr. Emmanuel D. Joof, Chairperson, Gambia National Human Rights Commission