40th ANNIVERSARY OF THE ADOPTION OF THE AFRICAN CHARTER ON HUMAN AND PEOPLES’ RIGHTS

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Monday, 28 June 2021, from 09:00HRS – 14:00HRS GMT

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AU Anthem

Introductory Remarks – Ag. Executive Secretary, Ms. Lindiwe Khumalo

Opening Statements (7 minutes each)

i. The Chairperson of the African Commission;
ii. Representative of the Republic of Kenya;
iii. Representative of the Republic of The Gambia;

Panel discussions
Session 1: The historical and contemporary significance of the African Charter on Human and Peoples’ Rights

Moderator

Keynote speaker- Contemporary lessons from the debates in the drafting and adoption of the African Charter

President of the African Court- The application of the African Charter by the AU human rights organs and sub-regional courts

Representative of NGOs - The African Charter as vehicle for human rights activism and citizens’ mobilization for justice and democracy

Plenary discussion

Session 2: Addressing the gap between the promise of the African Charter and the prevalence of human rights violations

Moderator

A Member of the African Commission-- Successes and challenges in contemporary implementation of the African Charter: Lessons from the work of the African Commission.

State Representative – Effective implementation of the obligations of States Parties to the African Charter

Representative of NHRIs - Bringing the African Charter to the National level: the role of NHRIs in enhancing implementation

Plenary discussion

Moderator


Representative of the OHCHR - *African Charter’s contribution to international human rights norms and cooperation with the UN human rights system*

Representative of the EU- *The African Charter based human rights system in comparative perspective: Views from the European system*

Plenary discussion

Closing Remarks by the Chairperson of the African Commission.

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