



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;
- iv. The Chairperson of the African Union Commission.

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

Session 3: **The contributions of the African Charter to international human rights law and practice.**

Moderator

Legal Counsel of the AU- *The influence of the African Charter on the African Union legal regime.*

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.

End of Programme