

2021 African Union/NANHRI Policy Dialogue on the State of National Human Rights Institutions in Africa

Theme: The Role of the African NHRIs in Promoting Arts, Culture and Heritage as Catalysts for Socio-Economic Transformation

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Provisional Agenda

Event moderator: **Amb Salah Hammad**, *Head of the AGA Secretariat / Senior Human Rights Expert at the Department of Political Affairs Peace and Security of the African Union Commission*

Monday 8, November 2021

TIME ACTIVITY/ FACILITATOR / SPEAKER

08:30 – 09:00 Panelists, speakers and moderators preparation session

09:00 – 10:00 **OPENING SESSION**

Session Moderator and welcome remarks: **Mr. Gilbert Sebihogo**, *Executive Director of the Network of African National Human Rights Institutions*

- Remarks by **Dr. Elasto Mugwadi**, *Chairperson of the Network of African National Human Rights Institutions (7 min)*
- Remarks by **Ambassador Hans Lundquist**, *Sweden's Permanent Representative to the African Union (7 min)*
- Statement by **H.E. Amira Elfadil Mohammed**, *Commissioner for Health, Humanitarian Affairs and Social Development (HHASD), African Union Commission (7 min)*
- Statement by **H.E Taonga Mushayavanhu**, *Ambassador of Zimbabwe to the AU - Chairperson of the Sub Committee on Human Rights, Democracy and Governance (7min)*
- Statement by **H.E. Jean-Léon Ngandu-Ilunga**, *DRC's ambassador to the AU and Chairperson of the AU Permanent Representatives Committee (7 min)*

Key note address by **H.E. Amb. Bankole Adeoye**, *Commissioner for Political Affairs, Peace and Security, African Union Commission (15 min)*

- 10:00 – 10.15 HEALTH BREAK
- 10.20 – 11.20 **SESSION 1: Arts, Culture and Heritage as Catalysts for Socio-Economic Transformation: Linking the AU theme of the Year 2021 to the human rights promotion and protection**
- Moderator:
- Presentation by **Hon. Solomon Dersso**, *Chairperson of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (15 minutes)*
- Plenary discussion (45 minutes)
- 11.30 – 12.30 **SESSION 2: Relationship between human rights and cultural heritage, and the challenges faced by the National Human Rights Institutions in establishing priorities between them**
- Moderator: **Ms. Amina Bouayach**, *Chairperson of the Human Rights Council of the Kingdom of Morocco*
- Presentation by: **Hon. Mudford Zachariah Mwandenga**, *ACHPR Commissioner and Chairperson of the Working Group on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (10 minutes)*
- Discussants:
- **H. E. Baye Moctar Diop**, *Ambassador of Senegal to the AU (5 minutes)*
 - **Mr. Aguibou BOUARÉ**, *Chairperson of the National Human Rights Commission of Mali (5 minutes)*
 - **Prof. James MOUANGUE KOBILA**, *Chairperson of the Cameroon Human Rights Commission (5 minutes)*
 - **Mr. Ojukwu Anthony Okechukwu**, *Executive Secretary of the National Human Rights Commission of Nigeria (5 minutes)*
 - **Ms. Ruth Ssekindi**, *Director Monitoring and Inspections at the Uganda Human Rights Commission (5 minutes)*
- Plenary discussion (25 minutes)
- 12.30-13.00 LUNCH
- 14.00 – 15.00 **BREAKOUT SESSIONS**
- **SESSION 3A: Anglophone: Role of NHRIs promoting the enjoyment of cultural rights through cultural heritage**
Moderator: **Anne Mary Okutoyi**, *Kenya National Commission on Human Rights*
 - **SESSION 3B: Francophone: Role of NHRIs creating awareness on good/bad cultural practices and ending harmful cultural practices**

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Moderator: **Mrs. Namizata Sangare**, President, *Conseil National des Droits de l'Homme, Cote d'Ivoire*

15.00 COFFEE BREAK/ END OF DAY 1

Tuesday 9, November 2021

TIME	ACTIVITY/ FACILITATOR / SPEAKER
09.00 – 10.00	<p>SESSION 4: INTERGROUP REVIEW</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Roselyn Akombe, <i>UNDP Governance and Peacebuilding Africa Coordinator</i></p> <p>Methodology: Group rapporteurs will reshuffle and present outcomes of their group to the other group to obtain their input and comments</p>
10:00 – 11.00	<p>SESSION 5: Building lasting partnerships for promoting arts, culture and heritage as catalysts for socio-economic transformation</p> <p>Moderator: Adv. Bongani Majola, <i>Chairperson of the South African Human Rights Commission</i></p> <p>Discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- H.E Amb Hope Tumukunde, <i>Ambassador of Rwanda to the AU (5 mins)</i>- Mr. Marcel Akpovo, <i>Director of the UN-OHCHR East African Regional Office (5 mins)</i>- Ms. Rakel Larsen, <i>Director of the Nairobi Regional Office of the Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law (5 mins)</i>- Mr. Ernesto Ottone R, <i>Assistant Director-General for Culture (UNESCO) (5 mins)</i>- Ms. Angela Martins, <i>Head of Culture Division of the African Union Commission (5 mins)</i>- CSO Representative (5 min) <p>Plenary discussion (25 minutes)</p>
11.00 – 11.15	COFFEE/HEALTH BREAK
11.15 – 12.40	<p>SESSION 6: Presentation and adoption of the declaration and action plan on the role of the African NHRIs in promoting arts, culture and heritage as catalysts for socio-economic transformation</p>

- Moderator: *Vice-Chairperson of the Network of African National Human Rights Institutions*
- Presentation by NANHRI Secretariat (15 minutes)
- Plenary discussion and adoption (45 minutes)

12.40 – 13.00 **SESSION 7: CLOSING**

Moderator: **Mr. Gilbert Sebihogo**, *Executive Director of the Network of African National Human Rights Institutions*

Official closing by **H.E. Amb. Bankole Adeoye**, *Commissioner for Political Affairs, Peace and Security, African Union Commission (10 minutes)*

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