



African Governance Architecture

Promoting
Young People's Rights
towards
attainment of
Agenda 2063

Regional
Youth Consultations
on
Project 2016

DAY ONE

08:30 - 09:00 **Registration**

09:00 - 10:00 **Opening Remarks**

This session will set the tone for the Regional Dialogue by sharing with participants the rationale behind the Dialogue, the focus on human rights in 2016 and the organizers' expectations from the regional Dialogue.

Opening Remarks

- **Ms. Rakeb Abate** – Senior Programme Manager, National Democratic Institute
- SADC Representative
- **Amb. Salah Hammad** – African Union Commission

Welcome Address

- Representative of the Namibian Government

10:00 - 11:30 **Moderated Panel Session I - Introduction to the African Human Rights Systems: Trends, Challenges and Prospects**

Session Summary - This Session will introduce participants to the African Human Rights system, including regional mechanisms from a practitioners' perspective. It will provide a platform for participants to review progress and analyse challenges towards the protection and promotion of human rights, with particular focus on young people's rights at the national, regional and continental levels. At the end of the Session, participants will be able to relate the existing human rights normative frameworks to their human rights realities. This is intended to inspire participants to come up with practical solutions and policy recommendations aimed at enhancing the protection and promotion of young people's rights.

- **Moderator: John Ikubaje** – Political Officer/Human Rights - Department of Political Affairs, African Union Commission

Panelists:

- **Amb. Salah Hammad** – Senior Human Rights Expert, Department of Political Affairs, African Union Commission
- **Southern African Development Community** Representative
- **Office of the Ombudsman, Namibia** Representative
- **Ndapwa Magano Nelao Alweendo** – YouthLAB ZA

Working - Tea/Coffee

11:30 - 13:30 **Moderated Panel Session II – Setting the stage through Regional Snapshots on Thematic Human Rights Issues**

Session Summary – This panel will set the stage for discussion and analysis on the theme of the Regional Dialogue, with specific focus on the sub themes. Through a set of guiding questions, panelists will be expected to provide regional snapshots/views, highlighting the emerging trends in line with the four sub-themes and their respective implications on the protection and promotion of young people's rights. This panel is expected to enthuse, inspire and ignite the much needed conversations to be undertaken in the working groups.

Moderator: Brian Kagoro, Executive Director - Penuel Investments Ltd

Panelists

- **Ayalew Getachew** - Child Rights Legal Researcher, African Committee of Experts on Rights & Welfare of the Child (Inclusion, Diversity Management and Popular Participation)
- **Sydney Watae** - Senior Program Manager, Southern Africa National Democratic Institute (Governance, Peace and Security)
- **Ms. Rorisang Lekalake** – Project Leader, Afrobarometer – South Africa (Youth Participation and Young Women's Rights)

13:30 - 15:00 **Lunch**

15:00 - 18:30 **Facilitated Session I - Guided Working Group Discussion**

Through Facilitated Discussions, each working group will reflect, highlight and analyse a set of guided questions provided to focus discussions on key issues under the respective sub themes. Each working group

will be guided by the Dialogue output areas so as to focus their group interventions into actionable ideas. Participants will be divided into four working groups:

Inclusion, Diversity Management and Popular Participation	Tessa Dooms - Managing Director, YouthLab and Member, National Planning Commission, South Africa
Employment Mobility and Migration	Brian Kagoro - Executive Director - Penuel Investments Ltd Alem Brook – Independent Consultant
Governance, Peace and Security	Sydney Watae - Senior Program Manager, Southern Africa National Democratic Institute
Young Women’s Rights	Ms. Rorisang Lekalake – Project Leader, Afrobarometer – South Africa Ms. Gogontlejang Phaladi - Executive Director, Gogontlejang Phaladi Pillar of Hope Project (GPPHP).

These working groups will benefit from the participation of representatives of AU Organs, RECs and National Mechanisms in their groups to further enrich, guide and focus the discussions as well as facilitate cross fertilization of ideas and lessons learnt.

DAY TWO

09:00 - 09:30

Recap of Day One

A quick recap of Day One’s discussions will be conducted through a “Rotate the Ball” exercise. This will enable the participants to randomly reflect on Day One and expectations for Day Two.

09.30 – 11.30

Facilitated Session IV: Presentation of Working Groups’ Outcomes and Policy Recommendations

Session Summary: Each working group will be expected to present their ideas to the plenary and take on comments and suggestions from participants. This session will provide representatives of AU Organs, RECs and National Mechanisms opportunities to commit to implementation of the ideas and continuous engagement with the participants through the Regional Knowledge Sharing Platform and other innovative avenues.

Moderator: Omar Faruk Osman – Chairperson, Political Affairs Cluster – AU-ECOSOCC

Panelists

- Representative of Inclusion, Diversity Management and Popular Participation Working Group
- Representative of Employment and Mobility Working Group
- Representative of Governance, Migration, Peace and Security Working Group
- Representative of Young Women’s Rights Working Group

11.30 – 12.00

HEALTH BREAK

12.00 – 13.30

Facilitated Session II: Showcase Session - AFRICA TALK

Session Summary: This session aims at providing selected individuals with an opportunity to make a presentation on initiatives and/or programs focused on improving one or more aspects of human rights conditions in a specific community, country or region to the participants. The presentations may look at a past initiative and provide analysis on the successes and failures, and what could have been done differently; or propose a program that incorporates best regional and global human rights practices. The idea is to inspire participants to take up action within their own context and begin to provide answers capable of addressing social challenges around them.

Moderator: Makda Tessema Mikre - Governance and Democracy Fellow, AGA Secretariat

- **Tessa Dooms** – Commissioner, National Planning Commission, South Africa
- **Paul Sixpence** - Centre Stage Media Arts Foundation, Bulawayo
- **Rhondashein Ntebaleng Morake** – Feminist Action Research Group
- **Unami Moastwi** – 2 in 3 Botswana

Followed by an interactive Panel Discussion with Presenters

13:30 - 15:00 **Lunch**

15.00 - 17:30 **Capacity Building Session: Human Rights Promotion and Activism**

This session is aimed at equipping participants with skills for non-confrontational human rights promotion and engagement with different human rights actors.

Facilitator: Jeggan Grey-Johnson - Regional Advocacy Manager, Open Society Foundation

17:30 - 18:30 **Closing Reflections, Statements and Commitment by Participants to further the protection and promotion of youth people's rights**

This closing session will afford participants opportunities to reflect on the two days and share their impressions. This will be followed by guidance on the proposed "Regional Knowledge Sharing Platform on Human Rights" and the how it is expected to continuously advocate and engage on the ideas generated during the two-day dialogue. Finally, closing statements will be delivered by representatives of the AU Organs, Regional Economic Communities and the Host Country.

16:00 **END OF DIALOGUE**