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**68<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the African Commission on Human & Peoples' Rights (ACHPR)**

*Convened in terms of Article 64 (2) of the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights, read together with Rules 27 and 28 of the Rules of Procedure of the ACHPR, 2020*

**INVITATION TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MEDIA**

**WHAT:** The 68<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the African Commission on Human & Peoples' Rights

**WHEN:** 14 April – 4 May 2021

**Public Session:** 14 – 24 April 2021

**Opening Ceremony: Wednesday, 14 April 09:30 – 10: 30 Hours (GMT)**

Saturday & Monday – Thursday: 09:00 – 13:00 Hours (GMT);

Friday: 9:00 – 11:30 Hours (GMT)

**Private Session:** 25 April – 3 May 2021

**Closing Ceremony: 4 May 2021 (Public Session) 10:00 – 11:30 Hours (GMT)**

**VENUE:** Virtual Session, Zoom Webinar

**REGISTER TO PARTICIPATE:** Deadline 31 March 2021

**REGISTER TO MAKE A STATEMENT:**

**ITEM 4:** HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN AFRICA. Deadline 13 April 2021

**ITEM 6:** ACTIVITY REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS AND SPECIAL MECHANISMS (Interventions) Deadline 21 April 2021

**STATE PARTIES' RIGHT TO REPLY:**

**ITEM 4:** HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN AFRICA. Deadline 22 April 2021

**PUBLIC SESSION DOCUMENTS:** 68<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session Public Documents  
[68th Ordinary Session Public Documents](#)

**PUBLIC SESSION ZOOM WEBINAR LINKS:**

14 – 23 April 2021: Public Session

[https://Zoom.us/Webinar/Register/WN\\_qaIAghJMQEGhBzv79Pj5vQ](https://Zoom.us/Webinar/Register/WN_qaIAghJMQEGhBzv79Pj5vQ)

04 May 2021 – Closing Ceremony (Public Session)

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**WHO:** All States Parties, Organs of the African Union, National Human Rights Institutions, International Organizations, Non-Governmental Organizations, the Media and other members of the general public are invited to attend.

*The Commission will focus on the following Session activities:*

- (i) Assessment of the Human Rights Situation in Africa;
- (ii) Consideration of Reports of States on their implementation of the African Charter;
- (iii) Consideration of Applications for Affiliate Status from NHRIs and for Observer Status from NGOs;
- (iv) Panel Discussions and Launches on topical human rights issues;
- (v) Consideration of Communications (complaints filed with the African Commission on alleged violations of human rights).

The Ordinary Session will be live streamed on:

<https://Www.Youtube.Com/Channel/UCqwJmiMTr59J0jYZJJtfzuw>

**NOTE FOR EDITORS:**

The African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights is the premier human rights body of the African Union that is established under the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights (African Charter), the founding treaty of the African Human Rights system, for the promotion and protection of human rights in Africa.

Pursuant to Article 31 of the African Charter, the ACHPR is composed of eleven members elected from amongst African personalities of highest competence in matters of human and peoples' rights and serve in their personal capacity. The ACHPR meets four times a year, in Ordinary Sessions and Extra-Ordinary Sessions.

Further information on the ACHPR can be obtained from the ACHPR's website at [www.achpr.org](http://www.achpr.org)

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