

# Regional Conference on the Decriminalisation of Petty Offences in Africa

**Policing Pandemics, Balancing Rights** 

14 - 16 September 2020 12h00 - 14h30 GMT

**AGENDA** 

## Opening Session 14 September 2020 12h00 – 12h20 GMT

TIME (GMT)	SESSION	MODERATOR/PRESENTER
12h00 – 12h05	Welcome Remarks	<u>Moderator:</u>
	Welcoming remarks on behalf of the organisers and sponsors	International Commission of Jurists – Kenya Section
		<u>Presenters</u> :
		Mr. Abdul Noormohamed, Executive Director, International Commission of Jurists – Kenya Section
		Mr. Tem Fuh Mbuh, Open Society Initiative for West Africa
		Hon. Commissioner Maria Teresa Manuela, Special Rapporteur on Prisons, Conditions of Detention and Policing in Africa, African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights
12h05 – 12h20	<u>Keynote</u>	<u>Moderator:</u>
	Introduction to the Simplified Versions of the Principles on the Decriminalisation of Petty Offences in Africa	International Commission of Jurists – Kenya Section
		<u>Presenter:</u>
		Hon. Commissioner Maria Teresa Manuela, Special Rapporteur on Prisons, Conditions of Detention and Policing in Africa, African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights

## Session 1 14 September 2020 12h20 – 14h30 GMT

TIME (GMT)	SESSION	MODERATOR / PRESENTERS
12h20 – 12h30	Introduction to Day 1:  Balancing Rights - Criminalisation of Poverty  Exploring problematic COVID-19 laws or measures adopted by African states to combat and prevent the spread of COVID-19 and the impact on the poor. Reflecting on alternative ways to dealing with the pandemic.	Moderator: Lukas Muntingh Africa Criminal Justice Reform (ACJR)
12h30 – 12h45	Presentation 1: Southern Africa  Topic: "Exploring problematic COVID-19 laws or measures adopted by South Africa to combat and prevent the spread of COVID-19."	Presenters: Janelle Mangwanda Kristen Petersen  Africa Criminal Justice Reform (ACJR)
12h45-13h00	Presentation 2: North Africa  Topic: "Analysis of COVID-19 laws adopted by Tunisia to combat and prevent the spread of COVID-19 and its impact on human rights."  Avocats Sans Frontières will provide an overview of their report on the topic. The publication is available in French and can be accessed here: <a href="https://www.asf.be/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/ASL-Covid-19-1.pdf">https://www.asf.be/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/ASL-Covid-19-1.pdf</a>	<u>Presenter:</u> Ragheb Zouaoui  Avocats Sans Frontières (ASF)
13:00-13h15	Presentation 3: East Africa  Topic: "State responses to COVID-19: Socio- economic impact of state responses to COVID-19 on  key populations and minority groups."	Presenter: Julie Matheka International Commission of Jurists – Kenya (ICJ-Kenya)
13h15-13h30	Presentation 4: West Africa  Topic: "Nigeria: Efforts to enforce alternative measures to address COVID-19 transgressions."	Presenter: Ogechi Ogu  Prisoners Rehabilitation and Welfare Action (PRAWA)
13:30-13:40	Outcome of Google Quiz/Mentimeter	<u>Moderator:</u> Joanne Mutonga

		International Commission of Jurists  – Kenya (ICJ-Kenya)
13:45-14:20	Q&A and Discussion Session	Moderator: Lukas Muntingh  Africa Criminal Justice Reform (ACJR)
14h25 - 14h30	Wrap up and closure of Day 1	Moderator: Abdul Noormohamed International Commission of Jurists
		– Kenya (ICJ-Kenya)

## Session 2 15 September 2020 12h00 – 14h30 GMT

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12h00 – 12h20	Recap Recap of Day 1	Moderator: Joanne Mutonga International Commission of Jurists – Kenya (ICJ-Kenya)
12h20 – 12h30	Introduction to Day 2  Introduction to Day 2: Policing Pandemics and the impact of enforcement of Covid-19 regulations on the poor and marginalised	Moderator:  Abdirahman Maalim Gossar,  African Policing Civilian Oversight Forum
12h30 – 13h30	Policing and Covid-19: What do the experts say?  What do the experts say? A conversation about the impact of enforcement of Covid-19 regulations by police across Africa.	Moderator: Louise Edwards  African Policing Civilian Oversight Forum  Presenters:
	Video presentations from Campaign Partners will also be played.	Hon. Commissioner Maria Teresa Manuela, Special Rapporteur on Prisons, Conditions of Detention and Policing in Africa - African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights
		Anneke Meerkotter - Southern Africa Litigation Centre Themba Masuku – African Policing Civilian Oversight Forum
		Adrien Tossa Motcho – Les Mêmes Droits pour Tous, Guinea Lydia Winyi Kembabazi – AdvocAid Sierra Leone

13h30 - 14h20	Q&A  Question and Answer session with the panel	Moderator: Louise Edwards  African Policing Civilian Oversight Forum
14h20 – 14h30	Wrap up and closure of Day 2	<u>Moderator:</u> Abdirahman Maalim Gossar
	Reflections on the discussion and closing	African Policing Civilian Oversight Forum

## Session 3 16 September 2020 12h00 – 14h30 GMT

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12h00 – 12h10	Recap Recap of Day 2	Moderator: Abdirahman Maalim Gossar African Policing Civilian Oversight Forum
12h10 – 13h15	Session 1  Public Health, the Pandemic, Justice Sector, the Poor and Marginalized	Moderator: Rommy Mom Lawyers Alert Nigeria
	Presentation 1:  Nigeria – Access to justice during the lockdown  (focus on petty offences).	Presenter: Bamidele A. Jacobs Lawyers Alert in Nigeria.
	Presentation 2  Pro-poor justice sector reform in a pandemic (focus on socio-economic and political rights)	Presenter: Edigah Kavulavu International Commission of Jurists – Kenya
	Presentation 3  Effect/Experience on engaging the justice system on behalf of the LGBTI Community.	Presenter: Adrian Jjuuko Human Rights Awareness and Promotion Forum (HRAPF)
13:15-14h20	Session 2  COVID-19 and its Impact on Socio-economic and Political Rights of the Poor	<u>Moderator:</u> Portia Allen Pan African Lawyers Union
	Presentation 1  Impact of the pandemic on socio-economic rights of the poor: Lessons?	Presenter: Innocent Chukwuma Ford Foundation, West Africa

	Presentation 2  Impact of the adoption and enforcement of criminal law to combat public emergencies amongst the poor and marginalized.	Presenter:  Maria-Goretti Loglo  International Drug Policy  Consortium (IDPC)
	Presentation 3  Political rights of vulnerable groups in a pandemic: Proceedings before the African Court of Justice as a case study.	<u>Presenter:</u> Nelson Sidney Ndeki Pan African Lawyers Union
14:10-14h20	Wrap up of Session 3	<u>Moderator:</u> Rommy Mom Lawyers Alert Nigeria
14h25 – 14h30	Conference closing session  Thank you and closing remarks from the organisers and sponsors	Moderator: Abdul Noormohamed International Commission of Jurists – Kenya (ICJ-Kenya)