



ISLA @ the 81st Ordinary Session of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (ACHPR)

ISLA is pleased to invite you to participate in its side events, meetings, and knowledge-sharing convenings during the 81st Session of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (ACHPR). These convenings, organized in collaboration with partners, are designed to enhance the capacity of civil society organizations (CSOs) in engaging with the ACHPR, sharing valuable knowledge, and strengthening the Commission through informed advocacy and campaigns.

Please join
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Roundtable on Obstetric Violence: Leveraging Regional Mechanisms for Litigation and Strategic Advocacy

Time: 13:00 PM- 16:00 PM (GMT)
Venue: Jawara International
Conference Centre
(ISLA- Press Room 1)
Mode: In-person and Virtual
(Zoom details to be shared
with participants)

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Organized by the Bridging the Gap Coalition under the Women's Platform, this round table on Obstetric Violence (OV) will build on prior discussions from the 78th ACHPR session to advance the use of regional human rights mechanisms in addressing the OV in Africa. The session will explore how the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (ACHPR) can be leveraged to strengthen advocacy, develop normative standards, and hold states accountable for their obligations to protect women from OV. The roundtable shape future strategies for engaging regional mechanisms to combat obstetric violence across Africa.

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Training Session on the Communications Procedure before the ACHPR

Time: 13:00 PM-15:00 PM (GMT)
Venue: Jawara International Conference Centre (Jawara International Centre (ACSE Thematic Room 4))

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Join us for a Training Session on the Communications Procedure before the ACHPR on October 14th, 2024.

This session will dive into the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights' protective mandate, focusing on communication submissions, including key considerations for seizure, admissibility, and merits. Whether you're

seasoned in human rights advocacy or new to the field, this session will equip you with valuable insights into ACHPR's procedures.

SOGIE Working group members planning meeting (Operationalising our working group strategy)

Time: 16:00 PM - 18:00 PM (GMT)
Venue: (Jawara International Centre (ACSE Thematic Room 4))

AU Reforms Internal Co-conveners meeting

Time: 18:00 PM - 20:00 PM (GMT)
Venue: (Jawara International Centre/ ISLA- Press Room 1)

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Litigating SOGIE rights in the African Human Rights Mechanisms

Time: 9.00 AM - 11.00 AM (GMT)

Venue: Jawara International
Centre
(ACSE Thematic Room 4)

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Sexual rights are under threat across the continent, with homophobia on the rise and human rights defenders facing increasing risks. While the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights has made strides with Resolution 275, recent setbacks call for renewed action.

On 15th October 2024, ISLA is hosting a workshop at the Jawara International Conference Centre. This closed event will bring together activists, advocates, and litigators to share strategies on advancing SOGIE rights within the African Human Rights System.

Let's come together to safeguard rights and build stronger advocacy for sexual orientation and gender identity in Africa.

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Litigants' Group Members Meeting

Time: 11:00 AM-13:00 PM (GMT)

Venue: Jawara International
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(ACSE Thematc Room 4)

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The Litigants Group Members Meeting will be held on October 15th, 2024, from 13:00 PM to 15:00 PM. The meeting will cover important updates from the steering committee and working groups, a presentation on the Article 59(1) Campaign, and insights on the Arusha Initiative. This session will also include updates on ACHPR decisions and provide an opportunity for members to discuss any other business.

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AU Reforms and Civil Society Engagement: Launch of AU Reforms Knowledge Products

Time: 13:30PM -15:30 PM (GMT)
Venue: Jawara International Conference Centre (ACSE Thematic Room 4) / Hybrid (Zoom)
Language: English and French

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Join us on 15th October 2024 for a side event on AU Reforms and Civil Society Engagement, organized by ISLA, Synergia, IHRDA, and RFK. During the side event, We will launch key knowledge products

designed to support CSOs in engaging with the AU reforms process and discuss their impact on Africa's human rights system. This hybrid event offers a vital platform for dialogue between CSOs and stakeholders to ensure that human rights remain central to the AU reform agenda.

#AUReforms #HumanRights
#CSOEngagement #ReformDon'tDeform

Litigant's Group Steering Committee Internal Meeting

Time: 16:00PM -18:00 PM (GMT)
Venue: Jawara International Conference Centre (ISLA - Press Room 1)

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Palestine solidarity event

Time: 9.00 AM - 13.00PM (GMT)
Venue: Jawara International
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(ISLA - Thematic Room 1)

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Join us for a compelling side event titled "Why Palestine is an Issue for the African Human Rights System?" from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Jawara International Conference Center, ISLA Thematic Room 1. This event, will explore the intersection between African civil society movements, the African Charter, and the ongoing struggle for Palestinian self-determination. Focusing on the role of the African Charter and the African human rights system in

addressing Israel's apartheid regime and occupation in Palestine. The Speakers in this event will discuss legal strategies, international accountability, and how African nations can align their policies with human rights principles to support Palestinian rights and broader global justice efforts.

#AfricanSolidarity

#EndIsraeliApartheid

#PalestineInAfrica

#JusticeForJusticeInPalestine

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General conversation on the state of anti-rights activities in the ACHPR

Time: 14.00 PM - 16.00 PM(GMT)
Venue: Jawara International Conference Centre (ACSE Thematic Room 4)

been leveraging multilateral platforms to push conservative agendas, undermine human rights protections, and limit state accountability across global regions. Their activities now pose a significant threat to the universality of human rights in Africa. This discussion, held during the 81st ACHPR Ordinary Session, will shed light on these actors' strategies and explore how African civil society can respond to safeguard human rights progress.

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Join African Civil Society Engagement (ACSE) for an in-depth conversation on the growing influence of anti-rights movements within the African Commission on Human and People's Rights (ACHPR). Groups like Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF) and the Transatlantic Christian Council have

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Strategies for Countering Anti-Rights Discourse at the ACHPR

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ACSE Steering Committee Meeting

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ACSE Membership Info Session

Time: 09.00 AM - 11.30 AM
(GMT)

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Join us for the ACSE Membership Info Session to learn more about the African Civil Society Engagement (ACSE) platform. ACSE works to strengthen civil society organizations (CSOs) by enhancing their capacity to engage effectively with the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (ACHPR). Learn about ACSE's key objectives, including empowering CSOs with the knowledge and tools to hold the ACHPR and its member states accountable, fostering coordinated advocacy efforts during ACHPR session and inter-session period, and promoting an effective and independent ACHPR.

This session will provide insights into how ACSE facilitates collaboration among CSOs, helping them engage meaningfully with the ACHPR to address pressing human rights issues.

Women's Platform members' meeting

Time: 15:00PM-16:00 PM (GMT)

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Commemorating a Decade of Resolution 275 at the African Commission on Human and People's Rights

Time: 16.00 PM - 18.00 PM
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document that champions the protection of individuals from violence and human rights violations due to their actual or perceived Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, and Expression (SOGIE). Hosted by the SOGIE Advocacy Working Group of the African Civil Society Engagement (ACSE), this event will celebrate a decade of progress and continued advocacy for human rights in Africa.

Don't miss this momentous occasion!

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Join us at **The Sir Dawda Kairaba Jawara International Conference Center** on October 18th as we celebrate a decade of Resolution 275 at the 81st ACHPR in Banjul. Resolution 275 is a landmark

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Panel discussion on article 59(1) of the African Charter: the practice, impact and way forward

Time: 11:00AM-13:30PM (GMT)
Venue: Jawara International
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The African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (ACHPR), in collaboration with the Article 59(1) Campaign members, is hosting an insightful panel during its 81st Ordinary Session. The panel discussion will focus on the interpretation of Article 59(1) of the African Charter, which has raised concerns about public

access to information about pending human rights communications, ultimately affecting transparency and advocacy efforts. Representatives from civil society, national human rights institutions, and member states will discuss the impact of the current interpretation of article 59 (1) and explore a more progressive interpretation that aligns with global human rights standards.

Join us to advocate for a future where transparency and justice go hand in hand!

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#TheTransparencyWeDeserve
#AccessToInformation #ACHPR



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