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**2023 African Union/NANHRI -Policy Dialogue**

**TENTATIVE DATE/TIME: 15-17 MAY 2023 AT 0900HRS-1800HRS EAT (GMT+3)**

**VENUE:- AUC -HQ (CONFERENCE ROOM : TBC ) ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA**

**THEME: Championing A Human Rights Based Approach in the Implementation of the AfCFTA: The Role of NHRIs and Key Stakeholders**

**AGENDA**

Co-Moderators: Ambassador Salah S. Hammad , Human Rights Expert AUC-PAPSD, and

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

Rapporteur: TBC

**Day 1: MONDAY 15TH MAY 2023**

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| **TIME** | **ACTIVITY/TOPIC/SPEAKERS** |
| 0830-0900hrs EAT | Registration of participants |
| 0900hrs-1030hrs EAT | **OPENING CEREMONY**   * Session Moderator and welcome remarks (5 mins): Ms. Patience Chiradza Zalenie *Director , Governance and Human Rights -AUC-PAPSD* * Remarks by **Dr Daniel Bekele,** *Chief Commissioner, Ethiopian Human Rights Commission (5 Mins)* * Remarks by **Dr Elasto Mugwadi**,*Chairperson of the Network of African National Human Rights Institutions (10 min)* * Speech `by…. *Representative of the African Commission on Human and Peoples rights (10 min)* * Speech by *Representative of the AfCFTA Secretariat* *(10 min)* * Speech by H.E…, *Commissioner for Economic Development, Trade, Industry (10 min)* * Speech by H.E. Amb. Bankole Adeoye TBC, *Commissioner for Political Affairs, Peace and Security, African Union Commission (10 min)* * Speech by **H.E …………..** *Chairperson of the AU Permanent Representatives Committee (10 min)*   Key note address by **Hon………………………………….**, *the Attorney General of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia**(15 min)* |
| 1030hrs-1100hrs EAT | Health Break/Group Photo/Media Briefing |
| 1100hrs-1300hrs EAT | **Moderator:** Mr.Issaka Garba Abdou , *Head of GHR Division -AUC -PAPSD*  **PART A : The status of Establishment and Operationalization of NHRIs in Africa:**  ***Session 1: The Status of Establishment and Operationalization of NHRIs in Africa: Best Practices and Challenges for States and NHRIs***  ***Presentation: Overview of status of establishment (25 minutes)*-** Mr. Gilbert Sebihogo,*Executive Director of the Network of African National Human Rights Institutions-*  ***Panel Discussion (35 minutes)***   * NHRI Representative East & Southern Region (7 minutes)- Advocate Bongani Majola, Chairperson of the South African Human Rights Commission TBC * PRC Representative East & Southern Region TBC (7 minutes)-Rwanda PRC Ambassador TBC * NHRI Representative North, West & Central Region (7 minutes)-Morocco Human Rights Commission TBC * PRC Representative North, West & Central Region TBC (7 minutes)-Ghana/Gambia PRC Ambassador TBC * ACHPR Representative (7 minutes)-TBC   ***Questions and Answers (30 minutes)*** |
| 1300 -1400hrs EAT | **Lunch** |
| 1400-1600hrs EAT | ***Session 2: The Role of Partners in Strengthening and Operationalizing NHRIs in Africa***    Moderator: PRC Kenya HE Jean Njeri Kamau Kenya/PRC Burundi TBC  ***Panel Discussion (1 hour)***   * OHCHR Representative TBC (10 minutes) * EU Representative TBC (10 minutes) * UNDP Representative TBC (10 Minutes) * DIHR Representative TBC (10 minutes) * Academia Representative (10 minutes)-CHR * CSO Representative TBC (10 minutes)-IHRDA   ***Questions and Answers (1 hour)*** |
| 1600hrs-1630hrs EAT | Health Break, Networking & Departure |

**Day 2: TUESDAY 16th MAY 2023**

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| TIME | ACTIVITY/TOPIC/SPEAKERS |
| 0830-0900hrs EAT | Registration |
| 0900hrs-0915hrs | Recap of Day 1 Recap |
| 0915hrs-1015hrs EAT | **Part B:** **Thematic Focus on Mainstreaming a Human Rights Based Approach to the Implementation of the AfCFTA**  ***Session 3: Presentation of the NANHRI Baseline study and stakeholder mapping on the AfCFTA report***  Moderator:Mr. David Barissa, *Senior Program Officer NANHRI*  ***Expert Presentation (30 Minutes):*** Dr Priscilla  ***Questions and Answers (30 minutes)*** |
| 1015hrs-1030hrs EAT | Health Break |
| 1030hrs-1130hrs EAT | ***Session 4: Presentation on the NANHRI Guiding Framework on Mainstreaming Human Rights in the AfCFTA***  Moderator:Ms. Deborah Nyokabi, *Program Officer,* NANHRI  Expert Presentation (30 minutes): Dr Andrew  ***Questions and Answers (30 minutes)*** |
| 1130hrs-1300hrs EAT | ***Session 5: The Human Rights Implications on the relationship between free movement of goods and free movement of persons in Africa***  ***Moderator:*** Mr. John Ikubaje, *Senior Political Officer, AUC -PAPSD*  Expert Presentation (30 minutes hour): Prof George Mukundi  Panel Discussion (35 Minutes)   * PRC Representative (7 minutes)-Rwanda/Niger * NHRI Representative (7 minutes)-Mali * IOM Representative (7 Minutes)- * AUC Representative WOMEN, GENDER AND YOUTH DIRECTORATE (WGYD) (7 minutes) * ECOSOCC Representative (7 Minutes)   ***Questions and Answers (25 minutes)*** |
| 1300hrs - 1400hrs EAT | **Lunch** |
| ***1400hrs-1600hrs EAT*** | ***Session 6: Parallel Sessions on Mainstreaming a Human Rights Based Approach in the AfCFTA National implementation Strategies***  Moderator: NHCR Gambia  Explaining the Parallel Sessions (10 minutes)   |  | | --- | | ***Parallel Session 1 : Mainstreaming a Human Rights Based Approach in the AfCFTA National Implementation Strategies in North Africa***  **Group Facilitator:**  **Rapporteur-NHRI**  Egypt | | ***Parallel Session 2 : Mainstreaming a Human Rights Based Approach in the AfCFTA National Implementation Strategies in West Africa***  **Group Facilitator**: TBC PRC Cote D’Ivoire  **Rapporteur** –NHRI Mali | | ***Parallel Session 3: Mainstreaming a Human Rights Based Approach in the AfCFTA National Implementation Strategies in Central Africa***  **Group Facilitator:** TBC -Rwanda PRC  **Rapporteur -**NHRI Cameroon | | ***Parallel Session 4: Mainstreaming a Human Rights Based Approach in the AfCFTA National Implementation Strategies in East Africa***  **Group Facilitator:** TBC Uganda PRC  **Rapporteur-**TBC NHRI-Ethiopia | | ***Parallel Session 5: Mainstreaming a Human Rights Based Approach in the AfCFTA National Implementation Strategies in South Africa***  **Group Facilitator:** TBC South Africa PRC  **Rapporteur-**TBC Zambia NHRI | |
| 1630hrs EAT | Reconvening from Group work, Health Break & Departure |
| 1900hrs-2100hrs EAT | Reception Dinner: Highlights of Study and Toolkit on the Role of Human Rights Defenders in Mainstreaming Human Rights in AfCFTA Processes. |

**Day 3: WEDNESDAY 17TH MAY 2023**

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| TIME | ACTIVITY/TOPIC/SPEAKERS |
| 0830-0900hrs EAT | Registration |
| 0900hrs-0915hrs EAT | Recap of Day 2 Rapporteur TBC |
| 0915hrs-1000hrs EAT | **Session 7: Reporting back from Parallel Sessions**  Moderator: TBC (5 min)-Gambia NHRI  Group Presentations (10 min each)  Questions and answers- (15 Min) |
| 1000hrs-1030hrs EAT | **Health Break** |
| 1030hrs-1200hrs EAT | **Session 8:** **Trade, social and environmental impacts of the AfCFTA**  Moderator: GIZ TBC  **Expert Presentation**: (25 minutes)- UNECA  **Panel Discussion (35 Minutes)**   * **NHRI rep** – TBC- Perspectives on meaningful engagement of NHRIs in mitigating the trade, social, and environmental impacts of the AfCFTA (7 minutes)-DRC * **CSO rep- TBC**– Perspectives on meaningful engagement of CSOs in mitigating the trade, social and environmental impacts of the AfCFTA (7minutes) * **PRC Representative**, **TBC** (1 -perspectives on meaningful engagement of states in mitigating the trade, social, and environmental impacts of the AfCFTA (7minutes) * **REC Representative** – TBC– perspectives on meaningful engagement of RECs in mitigating the trade, social and environmental impacts of the AfCFTA(7minutes) * **AfCFTA Secretariat TBC**- Perspectives on meaningful engagement of the AfCFTA in mitigating the trade, social, and environmental impacts of the AfCFTA (7 Minutes)   **Questions and Answers** (30 minutes) |
| 1200-1300hrs | **Session 9: The Role of Partners in Supporting a Human Rights Based Approach to the Implementation of the AfCFTA**  **Moderator:** Mr. Gilbert Sebihogo,*Executive Director NANHRI*  Panel Discussion (30 Minutes)   * GIZ (5 Minutes) * RWI (5 Minutes) * SIDA/Swedish Representative (5 Minutes) * Dutch (5 Minutes) * Norwegian (5 Minutes) * EU (5 Minutes)   Questions and Answers (30 Minutes) |
| 1300 – 1400hrs EAT | **Lunch** |
| 1400-1430hrs EAT | **Session 10: Launch of the NANHRI Baseline study and stakeholder mapping on the AfCFTA report & the NANHRI Guiding Framework on Mainstreaming Human Rights in the AfCFTA**  **Moderator:**   * Keynote Launching Statement by **High level ACHPR Representative TBC**- (15 minutes). * Ribbon Cutting ceremony by **High Level representatives of the PRC, DPAPS, ETIM, AfCFTA, ACHPR, NANHRI & RECs** (10 minutes). * Photo Opportunity for All Delegates (5 Minutes) |
| 1500hrs-1630hrs EAT | **Session 11: Presentation and adoption of the Declaration and Action Plan on the State of NHRIs in Africa and the Role of NHRIs and the AU in Mainstreaming a Human Rights Based Approach to Accelerating the Implementation of the AfCFTA**  **Presentation and adoption of the draft resolution**  Moderator: NANHRI Joseph Whittal   * Presentation by NANHRI Secretariat (30 minutes) * Plenary discussion and adoption (50 minutes) * Appointment of implementation committee (10 minutes) |
| 1600hrs-1645hrs EAT | **CLOSING CEREMONY**  **Moderator:** Mr. Gilbert Sebihogo, Executive Director of the Network of African National Human Rights Institutions   * Vote of thanks-NANHRI Vice Chairperson Mr. Joseph Whittal TBC (5 minutes) * Closing remarks-AfCFTA Secretariat (5 Minutes) * Closing remarks-ACHPR Representative (5 Minutes) * Closing remarks-ETIM TBC (5 Minutes) * Closing Remarks-AUC TBC (10 minutes) * Official closing by PRC Representative (15 minutes) |
| 1645hrs-1830hrs EAT | Cocktail and Networking |