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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 GambiaExplaining the Parallel Sessions (10 minutes)

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| ***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 |

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| 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 NHRIGroup 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)
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| 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)
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| 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)
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| 1645hrs-1830hrs EAT | Cocktail and Networking |