



# African Court Coalition Virtual Training on Engagement with African Court and Commission

**Module IV (Session 2): National Level  
Tools and Mechanisms for Monitoring  
Implementation**

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## A Quote

“Thus far our research has found that monitoring and follow-up of decisions of the African Commission [and the other two African regional human rights treaty bodies] often rely principally on the creativity and commitment of national CSOs and the litigators themselves”

Rachel Murray & Elizabeth Mottershaw, 2014

# State Responses

- Decisions are sent to states via AU Permanent Representatives, which forwards to Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- **Cameroon:** Department of Human Rights and International Cooperation established within the Ministry of Justice in 2005. Issues annual report which has a chapter on cooperation with international human rights mechanisms
- **Kenya:** Established task forces to study decisions and recommend modalities of implementation
- **Tanzania & Cote d'Ivoire:** Request for interpretation



# Role of Litigators/CSOs: Why Monitor Implementation

- Increased likelihood of implementation
- Verify and ensure accurate information is provided by the state to the regional body
- Provide publicity and increase awareness of the decision
- Ensure a victim-centered approach to implementation



# Inducing Implementation

- **Action Plan:** Encourage the state to adopt an action plan that:
  - Identifies the relevant department responsible for implementing specific aspects of the decision
  - Sets the timeframe for implementation
  - Maps the skills and resources needed for implementation
  - Identifies areas of collaboration with CSOs and other stakeholders
- **Sensitization workshops:** Hold workshops to evaluate status of implementation and develop advocacy strategy
- **Parliament:** Alert relevant parliamentary committees about the decision and update them on status of implement. Encourage them to raise the implementation issue in Parliament or summon relevant government departments.

## Cont'd

- **NHRI:** Encourage NHRI to follow-up and monitor implementation and to provide information to the relevant regional body.
- **Legal profession:** Alert the bar association about the decision and need for implementation
- **Media and communication:** Raise awareness of the decision at the national, regional and international levels. Adopt a media and communication strategy.
- **Legal framework:** Encourage government to establish a legal framework to ensure implementation of regional/supranational decisions



# Thank You!

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