



African Court Coalition
Stakeholders' Platform on the Margins of the 76th Ordinary Session of the African Court on
Human and Peoples' Rights

DATE: 30 January 2025 – 3 February 2025

VENUE: PAPU Tower, Arusha, Tanzania



DRAFT PROGRAMME AGENDA

DAY ONE: THURSDAY 30 JANUARY 2025

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8:00 – 8:50	REGISTRATION	ALL PARTICIPANTS
8:50 – 9:00	HOUSE-KEEPING ANNOUNCEMENTS	
9:00 – 10:15	OPENING SESSION	<p>Welcome Remarks: Sophia Ebby, Coordinator, African Court Coalition (5 minutes)</p> <p>Opening Statements: Donald Deya, Representative of the African Court Coalition Executive Committee/CEO-Pan-African Lawyers Union -PALU (10 minutes)</p> <p>*Chris Muthuri, Deputy Regional Director - Africa, Raoul Wallenberg Institute - RWI (7 minutes)</p> <p>*Brian Kagoro, Managing Director of Programs, Open Society Foundations OSF (7 minutes)</p> <p>* Marcel C. AKPOVO, Regional Director, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights - OHCHR (7 minutes)</p> <p>*Foluso Adegalu, Programs Officer, Network of African National Human Rights Institutions - NANHRI (5 Minutes)</p> <p>*Ramadhan Abubakar, President, East Africa Law Society - EALS (5 Minutes)</p> <p>Remarks from the African Court: African Court Representative (10 minutes)</p>

		Speech by the Guest of Honour (20 minutes) Hon. Dr. Damas D. Ndumbaro, Minister of Constitutional and Legal Affairs, The United Republic of Tanzania
10:15 – 10:50	GROUP PHOTO & COFFEE/TEA BREAK	ALL PARTICIPANTS
10:50 – 11:00	SETTING THE SCENE	A brief presentation of the issues on the Programme Agenda
11:00 – 1:00	Session 1: The role of CSOs, NHRIs, Champion States and other key stakeholders in enhancing efficiency and access to the African Court	<p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Dr. Japhet Biegon, Africa Regional Advocacy Coordinator, Amnesty International *A Rep. from the African Court *Pedro Rosa C3, Senior Legal Officer & Head of the Protection Team, African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights *Vivian Abena Opoku-Agyakwa, Chief State Attorney, Office of the Attorney-General, Republic of Ghana *Foluso Adegalu, Programs Officer, NANHRI *Prof. Frans Viljoen, Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria <p>Panel Chair: Lloyd Kuveya, Assistant Director, Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria</p> <p>45 minutes Panel discussions. 75 minutes interactive discussions.</p>
1:00 – 2:00	LUNCH BREAK	
2:00 – 3:10	Session 2: The AU Reforms: A Need to amend Article 34.6 & Article 5.1 of the Court Protocol to enhance access for African citizens and the ACERWC	<p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *A Rep. from the African Court *Opal Masocha Sibanda, Legal Researcher, The African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child – ACERWC *Dr. Owiso Owiso, International Justice Adviser, Atrocities Watch Africa *Brian Kagoro, Managing Director of Programs, Open Society Foundations OSF

		<p>Panel Chair: Mai Aman, Legal Officer, Initiative for Strategic Litigation in Africa - ISLA</p> <p>25 minutes panel discussions. 45 minutes interactive discussions.</p>
3:10 – 4:30	<p>Session 3: Advisory Opinion to the African Court: Challenges and Opportunities for CSOs, States and other Stakeholders</p>	<p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Donald Deya, CEO, Pan-African Lawyers Union - PALU *William Carew, Head of Secretariat, African Union Economic, Social and Cultural Council -AUECOSOCC *Isabella Mwangi, African Renaissance <p>Panel Chair: Dismas Nkunda, CEO, Atrocities Watch Africa</p> <p>25 minutes panel discussions. 55 minutes interactive discussions.</p>
4:30	AFTERNOON COFFEE/TEA	
DAY TWO: FRIDAY 31 JANUARY 2025		
8:30 – 9:00	REGISTRATION	
9:00 – 11:00	<p>Session 4: CSOs litigation initiatives: Leveraging synergies to strengthen strategic litigation and enhance engagement with the African Court including more engagements to address violations on the rights of women</p>	<p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Michael Gyan Nyarko, Deputy Executive Director, Institute for Human Rights and Development in Africa - IHRDA *Maxwell Kadiri, Senior Legal Counsel, Open Society Justice Initiative - OSJI *Deborah Nyokabi, Program Officer, Legal Equality Program - Equality Now *David Sigano, CEO, East Africa Law Society - EALS <p>Panel Chair: Esther Muigai -Mnaro, Programme Manager, Pan-African Lawyers Union - PALU</p> <p>40 minutes panel discussions. 80 minutes interactive discussions.</p>
11:00 – 11:30	COFFEE/TEA BREAK	

11:30 – 1:30	Session 5: The reparations approach of the African Court and its impact on States’ Compliance	<p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *A Rep. from the African Court *Prof. Frans Viljoen, Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria *Dr. Tarisai Mutangi, University of Zimbabwe *A State representative from Tanzania-TBC <p>Panel Chair: Dr. Japhet Biegon, Amnesty International</p> <p>50 minutes panel discussions. 70 minutes interactive discussions.</p>
1:30 – 2:30	LUNCH BREAK	
2:30 – 4:30	Session 6: Enhancing Implementation of decisions through the African Court implementation framework: opportunities, challenges and possible interventions	<p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *A Rep. from the African Court *Pedro Rosa C6, African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights *Amb. Dr. Salah S. Hammad, Head of Secretariat, The African Governance Architecture – AGA *Foluso Adegalu, NANHRI *Alice Banens, Legal Advisor-Africa, Amnesty International <p>Panel Chair: Chris Muthuri, Raoul Wallenberg Institute - RWI</p> <p>50 minutes panel discussions. 70 minutes interactive discussions.</p>
4:30	AFTERNOON COFFEE/TEA	
DAY THREE: SATURDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2025		
8:30 – 9:00	REGISTRATION	
9:00 – 11:30	Session 7: Discussions on the AU 2025 Theme on Reparative Justice; “ <i>Justice for Africans and People of African Descent Through Reparations</i> ” AND the 2025 African Court	<p>Key Note Address: Brian Kagoro, Managing Director of Programs, Open Society Foundations OSF (15 minutes)</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Waikwa Wanyoike, Director, Strategic Litigation and Learning, Open Society Justice Initiative - OSJI

	theme “ <i>Advancing Justice through Reparations</i> ”	<p>*Dr. Rudo Sithole, Founding/Executive Director, African Museums and Heritage Restitutions-AFRIMUHERE</p> <p>*Gretchen Rohr, Senior Legal Counsel, Open Society Justice Initiative - OSJI</p> <p>*William Carew, AU-ECOSOCC</p> <p>*A representative from the African Court -TBC</p> <p>Panel Chair: Don Deya, PALU</p> <p>45 minutes panel discussions. 90 minutes interactive discussions.</p>
11:30 – 12:00	COFEE/TEA BREAK	
12:00 – 1:00	A Consultative session to exchange ideas and recommendations for the subsequent Stakeholders’ Platforms.	Chair: TBC
1:00 – 1:30	CLOSING SESSION	<p>Closing Remarks: Hon. Lady Justice Imani Daud Aboud, President of the African Court on Human and Peoples’ Rights (15 minutes)</p> <p>Final Remarks: ACC (10 minutes)</p> <p>Vote of Thanks: 5 Minutes</p>
1:30	LUNCH	
DAY FOUR: SUNDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2025		
11:30 – 5:00	Networking Event to enhance cooperation among stakeholders: Kilimanjaro Golf & Wildlife Estate	<p>ALL PARTICIPANTS:</p> <p>*Lunch will be provided</p> <p>*Transport will be provided to and from the Kili Golf</p>
DAY FIVE: MONDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2025		
10:00 – 3:00	Participation to the opening of the judicial year of the African Court under the theme: “Advancing Justice through Reparations”	<p>ALL PARTICIPANTS</p> <p>Please note that lunch will not be offered on this day, the African Court will only offer light refreshments.</p>