

**42ND ORDINARY SESSION OF THE AFRICAN COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON THE RIGHTS
AND WELFARE OF THE CHILD (ACERWC)
VENUE: AFRICAN UNION COMMISSISON HQ ADDIS ABABA**

Events/activities preceding the 42nd Ordinary Session of the ACERWC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 01-02 November- Induction for the newly elected Members - 03-04 November- Validation workshop for the study on climate change - 06-07 November- Working Group meetings - 07 November- Validation workshop for the draft Child Safeguarding Policy - 08-17 November- 42nd Ordinary Session of the ACERWC

Day 1- 08 November 2023

TIME	ITEM/ACTIVITY	Access to Session
08:30-11:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Procedural Matters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Adoption of the Agenda and the Program of Work. ii. Organization of work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Assignments of Committee Members for consideration of applications for Observer and Affiliate Status ✓ Allocation of Rapporteurs for vacant positions iii. Election of the Chairperson of the ACERWC 	Closed Session
11:00-12:00	<p>Official Opening of the 42nd Session of the ACERWC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Remarks by the children's representative (5 Minutes)- ii. Remarks by CSO Forum representative (5 Minutes)- iii. Remarks by the representative of NANHRIs (5 Minutes) iv. Remarks by UN SRSG-VAC- (5 Minutes) v. Remarks by the Representative of UNICEF vi. Remarks by the Representative of ECOSSOC vii. Remarks by the AGA Secretariat (5 Minutes) viii. Remarks by the Commissioner of Health, Humanitarian and Social Affairs (7 Minutes)- H.E Minata Cessouma Samate ix. Remarks by the Chairperson of the ACERWC (7 Minutes) x. Opening Remarks by the Deputy Chairperson of the AUC xi. Swearing in ceremony of the newly elected Members of the Committee 	Open Session

12:00-12:30	Family Photo and Health Break	
14:00-15:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Remarks by Representatives of Member States(3 minutes each) - Remarks by NHRIs with Affiliate Status (3 minutes each) 	
15:30-15:45	Health Break	
15:45-18:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Launching the ACERWC's Study on Children without Parental Care 	

Day 2- 09 November 2023

TIME	ITEM/ACTIVITY	Access to Session
09:00-10:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Remarks by Organisations with Observer Status (3 Minutes each) - Remarks by Development Partners (3 Minutes each) 	Open Session
10:00-10:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation and Discussion- study on the impact of climate change in Africa 	
10:30-11:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation and Discussion on the African Union Child Safeguarding Policy 	
11:00-11:15	Health Break	
11:15-12:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation and Discussion on the Draft General Comment on the Right to Education 	
12:00-13:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation by HHS on Holistic Childhood Development 	
13:00-14:00	Lunch	
14:00-17:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consideration of the Periodic Report of Benin 	

DAY 3- 10 November 2023

TIME	ITEM/ACTIVITY	Access to Session
09:00-12:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Launch of the Joint General Comment on FGM 	

13:10-14:00	Lunch	Open Session
14:00-17:00	- Consideration of the Periodic Report of Chad	

DAY 4- 11 November 2023

TIME	ITEM/ACTIVITY	Access to Session
09:00-09:30	- Presentation of the Concept Note for DAC 2024	Open Session
09:30-10:15	- ACPF Presentations on Positive Parenting in the Digital Era in Africa: Policy Implications ii. Policy and Practice Related to Online Sexual Abuse and Exploitation of Children, and Policy, legislation and Standards related to OSEAC in Africa, Governance, structures and coordination related to OSEAC in Africa	
10:15-11:15	- Presentation by Equality Now	
11:15-11:30	Health Break	
11:30-12:00	- FAWE presentation on innovative approaches to school re-entry	
12:00-12:30	- Presentation by Data for Governance Alliance	
13:10-14:00	Lunch	
14:00-17:00	- Consideration of the Periodic Report of Mozambique	

DAY 5- 13 November 2023

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		Access to Session
09:00-12:00	- Consideration of the Periodic Report of Senegal	Open Session
14:00-17:00	- Consideration of CSO Complementary Report on the Periodic Report of Niger	Closed Session

Day 6- 14 November 2023

TIME	ITEM/ACTIVITY	Access to Session
09:00-12:00	- Consideration of CSO Complementary Report on the Periodic Report of Malawi	Closed Session
14:00-17:00	- Consideration of CSO Complementary Report on the Periodic Report of Zimbabwe	

Day 7- 15 November 2023

TIME	ITEM/ACTIVITY	Access to Session
09:00-12:00	- Consideration of CSO Complementary Report on the Periodic Report of Rwanda	Closed Session
14:00-17:00	- Hearing on Communication No: 0017/Com/001/2021 -Child Rights and Rehabilitation Network, Institute for Human Rights and Development in Africa and Center for Human Rights (On Behalf of Children Affected by Witchcraft Accusations in Nigeria) against the Federal Republic of Nigeria	

DAY 8- 16 November 2023

TIME	ITEM/ACTIVITY	Access to Session

10:45-13:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Communication No: 0020/Com/002/2022- Lawyers Associated for Human Rights in Africa (on behalf of Children of Jehovah's Witnesses) against the State of Eritrea - Communication No:0023/Com/005/2022 IHRDA and Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria (On Behalf of Children in Nigeria) against the Federal Republic of Nigeria - Communication No 0024/Com/001/2023- IHRDA Vs Botswana - Presentation on draft 2024 ACERWC Budget - Internal Matter 	Closed Session
14:00-17:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hearing on Communication No: 0021/Com/003/2022-People Serving Girls at Risk and Equality Now (on behalf of Esnart Kenesi) against the Republic of Malawi 	

Day 09- 17 November 223

TIME	ITEM/ACTIVITY	Access to Session
09:00-12:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hearing on Communication No: 0022/Com/004/2022-Institute for Human Rights and Development in Africa (IHRDA) against the Republic of Burundi 	Closed Session
14:00-17:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Adoption of Decisions 	
17:00-17:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Closing 	Open Session