

ACERWC 43RD ORDINARY SESSION

15-25 APRIL 2024
MASERU, LESOTHO

DAY 1- 15 APRIL 2024

TIME	ITEM/ACTIVITY		MODERATOR
08:30-10:00	Procedural Matters Adoption of the Agenda and the Program of Work.		Chair of the ACERWC
	Organization of work Assignments of Committee Members for consideration of applications for Observer and Affiliate Status	No application for an affiliate status Observer Status Application from AfriChild Centre in Kampala-Uganda; Application from African Early Childhood Network	
	Allocation of Assistant Rapporteurs for State Party and Complementary Reports	Mozambique- Hon Wilson and Hon Poloko Niger- Hon Aboubekrine and Hon Estan Rwanda- Hon Aver and Hon Anne Malawi- Hon Robert and Hon Anne Zimbabwe- Hon. Karoonawtee & Hon Robert Zambia- Hon Aver and 2n Rap TBA	

**10:30-
12:30**

OPENING CERMONY

	Remarks by children’s representatives Remarks by CSO Forum Representative Remarks by the representative of NANHRIs Remarks by UN Representative in Lesotho Remarks by Sophia Ndemutila Ashipala- Head of Education Division on behalf of Commissioner of Education, Science, and Technology Remarks by Mrs Cisse Mariama Moahmed- IOM Representative to the AU and UNECA Remarks by Dr. Najat Maalla M’jid- the UN Special Representative to the Secretary General on Violence against Children Remarks by Hon Wilson De Almeida Adao- Chairperson of the ACERWC Opening Remarks by Her Majesty Queen Masenate Mohato Seeiso: Queen of the Kingdom of Lesotho		
12:30- 12:45	Swearing in of the newly appointed Member of the ACERWC		OLC
12:45- 14:00	Family Photo and Lunch Break		
14:00- 15:30	Remarks by Representatives of Member States (3 minutes each) Remarks by NHRIs with Affiliate Status (3 minutes each)		Chair of the ACERWC
15:30- 15:45	Health Break		

15:45-16:15	Presentation by AGA/APSA Secretariat		Chair of the ACERWC
16:15-17:15	Recommendations of the CSO Forum Remarks by Organisations with Observer Status (3 Minutes Each) Remarks by Development Partners (3 Minutes Each)		

SIDE EVENT

15 APRIL 18:00–19:30

LAUNCHING THE ACERWC'S STUDY ON THE SITUATION OF TEENAGE PREGNANCY IN AFRICA: PROGRESS AND CHALLENGES

TIME	ITEM/ACTIVITY		MODERATOR
18:00–19:30	Arrival and registration of invited guests and participants	ACERWC Secretariat	Chair of the ACERWC
18:15– 18:30	Welcoming remarks and a brief introduction	Remarks by Children's Representative Remarks by Plan International Opening Remarks by the Special Rapporteur on Health Welfare and Development	ACERWC Secretariat
18:30– 18:45	Presentation of major findings	ACERWC Secretariat	
18:45–19:15	Reflections from experts and representatives of Member States	Salima Namusoby, Vice President for Africa, Centre for Reproductive Rights Isabel Magaya, Programme Manager Children and the Law, African Child Policy Forum Representative of the Republic of Malawi	
19:15– 19:30	Official Launch	The Chairperson of the ACERWC	
19:30	Photo and refreshment		

DAY 2– 16 APRIL 2024

TIME	ITEM/ACTIVITY		MODERATOR
09:00–11:00	<p align="center">Panel Discussion on the AU Theme of the Year ‘Education’ during the 43rd Ordinary Session</p> <p align="center">Time allocation</p> <p align="center">Panelists – 15 mins each</p> <p align="center">Moderator – 10 mins of moderation in total</p> <p align="center">Participants intervention/discussion/question – 20–30 mins</p>		
09:00–09:15	Roadmap on the Theme of year on Education and implementation of Agenda 2063	Sophia Ndemutila Ashipala – Head of Education Division, Department of ESTI, AUC	Hon Poloko N. Mmonadibe Special Rapporteur on Education of the ACERWC
09:15–09:30	Education for all children in Africa–the time is now– DAC 2024	ACERWC Secretariat	
09:30–09:45	Draft General Comment on Article 11 on the Right to Education	Dr Elvis Fokala, Consultant	
09:45–10:00	Improving Access to Education by Addressing Child Hunger	World Vision International AULO	
10:00–10:15	The Role of Stakeholders and Joint Actions for the Right to Education	Doris Mpoumou, Plan International AULO	

10:15-10:30	Children's corner- Identifying priorities	Children's Representatives	
10:30-11:00	Discussion		
11:30-13:00	PANEL DISCUSSION ON THE SITUATION OF CHILDREN ON THE MOVE Panelists – 10 mins each Moderator – 10 mins of moderation in total Participants intervention/discussion/question – 20 mins		
11:30-11:40	Child labor in the context of mobility: progress in the implementation of the AU's Ten-Year Action Plan to Eradicate Child Labour, Forced Labour, Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery (2020-2030).	Mr. Sabelo Mbokazi Head of Labor Employment and Migration Division	Hon. Sabrina Gahar Special Rapporteur of the ACERWC on Children on the Move
11:40-11:50	Systems strengthening for children on the move; route-based interventions	Ms. Laila Omar Gad Representative, UNICEF Office to the African Union & ECA	
11:50-12:00	Children on the move and statelessness	Dr. Buti Kale UNHCR Representative to the AU and UNECA	
12:00-12:10	A testimony of a child- on statelessness	Center for Child Law	

12:10-12:20	Detention of children in the context of movement; best practices and challenges from Africa	Dr. Najat Maalla M'jid Special Representative of the Secretary General on Violence Against Children (SRSG VAC)	
12:20-12:30	Child labour: Recommendations of the Durban Call to Action	Mr. Jean-Marie Kagabo Coordinator, Africa desk	
12:30-12:50	The plight of unaccompanied children on the move in Africa: findings of the Africa Migration Report	Ms. Fitriana Nur Senior Regional Thematic Specialist on Protection	
14:00-15:30	Towards the ratification of the African Children's Charter- Member States Experiences Speakers – 10 mins each Moderator – 10 mins of moderation in total Participants intervention/discussion/question – 20 mins		
14:00-14:10	Introduction about the Charter, its peculiar feature and rationale for ratification	ACERWC Secretariat	Chair of the ACERWC
14:10-14:20	Legal Procedure on Ratification of the Charter	Ambassador Mohamed Salem Boukhari Khalil- The Office of the Legal Counsel	

<p>14:20-15:00</p>	<p>Presentation by Representatives of Member States</p> <p>The Presentations address the following issues:</p> <p>Status of ratification:</p> <p>Challenges of ratification</p> <p>Engagement</p> <p>Way forward</p>	<p>Representatives from the following Countries:</p> <p>Morocco</p> <p>Tunisia</p> <p>SADR</p> <p>South Sudan</p> <p>Somalia</p>	
<p>15:00-15:15</p>	<p>Reflections from Country Rapporteurs</p>	<p>ACERWC (Country Rapporteurs for the Member States)</p>	
<p>15:30-16:45</p>	<p>Conversation on children in conflict situation-emerging challenges and proposed solutions</p>	<p>Children's Representative</p> <p>Marang Sanyang, Senior Legal Officer at the Embassy of the Gambia- Ethiopia.</p> <p>Dr Isabela Warioba- Partnerships and Child Protection Adviser, AU-PAPS.</p> <p>Malama Mwila, Regional Head of Policy, Advocacy and Campaigns, SCI, East and Southern Africa Regional Office.</p>	<p>HON. Robert Doya Nanima (Special Rapporteur on Children in Conflict Situation)</p>

DAY 3– 17 APRIL 2024

DAY OF GENERAL DISCUSSION ON SOLUTIONS TO CHALLENGES FACED BY CHILDREN WITH ALBINISM

TIME (SAST)	TITLE OF PANEL	PRESENTATIONS	PRESENTERS	MODERATOR
09:00 – 09:30	Opening Remarks by Hon. Aboubekrine, Chair of Working Group on the Rights of Children with Disabilities Setting the context Introduction about the objective and content of the program			
09:30 – 10:45	Panel I A comprehensive overview of the status of children with albinism in Africa	On physical attacks and discrimination	Grace Albinus Wabanhu, Africa Albinism Network	Chair of the ACERWC
		On socio-economic rights and the challenges	Ogik Peter, Africa Albinism Network	
11:00 – 13:00	Panel II Narratives and daily realities: The lived experiences of children with albinism		Mwigulu Matonange Magesa (Child rep)	Ms. Muluka-Anne Miti-Drummond
			Baraka Cosmas Lusambo (Child rep)	
			Christian Ernest Gyunda (Child rep)	
			Tausi Salehe Kisaga (Child rep)	

14:00 – 15:15	Panel III Reviewing protections for children with albinism under regional and international human rights instrument	The role of the UN in safeguarding the rights of children with albinism	Ms. Muluka-Anne Miti-Drummond, UN Independent Expert on the rights of persons with albinism	Dr. Admark Moyo
		Legal protections for children with albinism at the regional level	Hon. Aver Gavar , Member of the ACERWC Working Group on the Rights of Children with Disabilities	
15:30 – 16:30	Panel IV Collaborative strategies and multi-stakeholder engagement in advocating for the enjoyment of rights of children with albinism	Strategic litigation for enhanced protection	Prof. Nkatha Murungi, Centre for Human Rights	Hon. Sabrina Gahar, Member of the ACERWC Working Group on the Rights of Children with Disabilities
		Human rights-based approach to advocacy for children with albinism	Kwame Andrews Daklo, Africa Albinism Network	
		The Role of NHRIs	Mr. Gilbert Sebihogo, NANHRI	
		Data collection and research in understanding the demographics of children with albinism	Dr. Shimelis Tsegaye, African Child Policy Forum	
16:30 – 17:00	Outcome statement Closing remarks by Hon. Aboubekrine, Chair of Working Group on the Rights of Children with Disabilities			

DAY 4- 18 APRIL 2024

TIME	ITEM/ACTIVITY		MODERATOR
09:00-10:30	Presentations by the ACERWC Working Groups	<p>Hon Aboubekrine- Chair of Working Group on Children wit Disabilities</p> <p>Hon Hermine Kembo- Chair of the Working Group on Children’s Rights and Business</p> <p>Hon. Aver Gavar- Chair of the Working Group on Children’s Rights and Climate Change</p> <p>Hon Rober Nanima- Chair of the Working Group on Implementation of Decisions</p>	Chair of the ACERWC
11:00-12:00	Presentation and Discussion on Children of Incarcerated Parents and Caregivers- progress since the adoption of the General Comment on Article 30	ACERWC Secretariat	Hon Wilson- Special Rapporteur on Children in Vulnerable Situation
12:00-13:00	Monitoring tools to assess Member States' performance in addressing CWPC	Consultant	Hon Anne Musiwa- SR on Children without Parental Care
14:00-15:00	<p>ACPF Presentations:</p> <p>1. The African Report on Child Wellbeing 2023 – Justice not Charity: African Governments Must End Child Poverty, launched in November 2023.</p> <p>2. Documentary and policy brief on “No End in Sight: Child Hunger in Africa”</p>	ACPF	Chair of the ACERWC

DAY 5 19 APRIL 2024

TIME	ITEM/ACTIVITY	MODERATOR
09:00-12:00	Consideration of the Periodic Report of Malawi	Hon Robert- Country Rappourter of Malawi
14:00-17:00	Consideration of the Periodic Report of Mozambique	Hon Wilson- Country Rappourtuer of Mozambique

DAY 6 20 APRIL 2024

TIME	ITEM/ACTIVITY	MODERATOR
09:00-12:00	Consideration of the Periodic Report of Niger	Hon Estan - Country Rappourter of Niger
14:00-17:00	Consideration of the Periodic Report of Rwanda	Hon Aver - Country Rappourtuer of Rwanda

DAY 7- 22 APRIL 2024

TIME	ITEM/ACTIVITY	MODERATOR
09:00-13:00	CONSIDERATION OF THE PERIODIC REPORT OF ZIMBABWE	HON KAROONA - COUNTRY RAPPORTEUR OF ZIMBABWE
14:00-17:00	CONSIDERATION OF THE COMPLEMENTARY REPORT OF NAMIBIA	HON ROBERT NANIMA - COUNTRY RAPPORTEUR OF NAMIBIA

DAY 8- 23 APRIL 2024

TIME	ITEM/ACTIVITY	MODERATOR
09:00-12:00	CONSIDERATION OF CSO COMPLEMENTARY REPORT ON THE PERIODIC REPORT OF ZAMBIA	HON AVER- COUNTRY RAPPORTEUR OF ZAMBIA
14:00-17:30	HEARING ON COMMUNICATION NO 0020 AGAINST ERITREA	HON MUSIWA- COUNTRY RAPPORTEUR OF ERITREA

DAY 09- 24 APRIL 2024

TIME	ITEM/ACTIVITY	MODERATOR
09:00-12:30	Hearing on Communication No 0019/Com/001/2022 submitted by the Institute for Human Rights and Development in Africa (IHRDA) and Mr. Solomon Joojo Cobbinah against the Republic of Ghana.	Hon Kembo- Country Rapporteur of Ghana
14:00-17:30	Hearing on Communication No: 0023/Com/005/2022 submitted by the Incorporated Trustees of ISH-61 Human Rights and Social Justice Initiative (ISH-61), the Institute for Human Rights and Development in Africa (IHRDA), and the Centre for Human Rights (CHR) (the Complainants), on behalf of the children in Nigeria, against the Federal Republic of Nigeria.	Hon Robert- Country Rapporteur of Nigeria

DAY 10– 25 APRIL 2024

TIME	ITEM/ACTIVITY	MODERATOR
09:00– 17:00	Presentation of the Draft budget 2025 – 2027 Adoption of Decisions Internal Matters	Chair of the ACERWC
17:00 – 17:30	Closing Ceremony	

