



**ACERWC**  
African Committee of Experts on  
the Rights and Welfare of the Child

# **PROGRAM OF WORK:** 45<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of ACERWC

**07-11 April 2025 | Avani Hotel,  
Maseru, the Kingdom of Lesotho**

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# 07 APRIL 2025

| <b>TIME</b>        | <b>ITEM/ACTIVITY</b>  | <b>ACCESS TO SESSION</b> |
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| <b>08:30-10:00</b> | <b>Procedural Matters</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Adoption of the Agenda and the Program of Work.</li></ul> <b>Organization of work</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Assignments of Committee Members for consideration of applications for Observer and Affiliate Status</li></ul>  | <b>Closed Session</b>    |
| <b>10:00-12:00</b> | <b>AU AND LESOTHO ANTHEM</b><br><b>ITUMELENG TENGTEG:</b> Children’s representatives<br><b>MS FELISTUS MOTIMEDI-GAZANGENI:</b> Representative of the CSO Forum<br><b>MR. GILBERT SEBIHOGO:</b> Executive Director of NANHRIs<br><b>DR LAILA OMAR GAD:</b> UNICEF Representative to the AU<br><b>HON COMMISSIONER LITHA MUSYIMI-OGANA ON BEHALF OF HON. REMY NGOY LUMBU:</b> Chairperson of the African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights<br><b>HON. LADY JUSTICE IMANI DAUD ABOUD:</b> President of the African Court on Human and Peoples’ Rights<br><b>HON. CHIEF FORTUNE ZEPHANIA CHARUMBIRA:</b> President of the Pan African Parliament<br><b>H.E. AMBASSADOR AMMA TWUM-AMOAH:</b> Commissioner, Health, Humanitarian Affairs, and Social Development<br><b>HON. WILSON ALMEIDA ADÃO:</b> Chairperson of the ACERWC<br><b>HON. PITSO LESAOANA:</b> Minister of Gender, Youth, and Social Development, Kingdom of Lesotho<br><b>HON. JUSTICE NTHOMENG MAJARA:</b> Deputy Prime Minister and Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs of the Kingdom of Lesotho to officially open the Session<br><br>Poem presentation by <b>HLOMPHO MOKHOSE</b> | <b>Open Session</b>      |

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| <b>12:00-<br/>13:00</b> | <b>SWEARING-IN OF A NEW MEMBER OF THE ACERWC</b>   |
| <b>12:30-<br/>12:45</b> | <b>FAMILY PHOTO</b>  |
| <b>12:45-<br/>13:15</b> | <b>PRESS CONFERENCE:</b><br><br><b>HON WILSON ALMEIDA ADÃO:</b><br>Chairperson of the ACERWC<br><br><b>H.E. AMBASSADOR AMMA TWUM-AMOAH:</b><br>Commissioner, Health, Humanitarian Affairs, and Social Development  |
| <b>13:15-<br/>14:30</b> | <b>LUNCH</b>   |
| <b>14:30-<br/>17:00</b> | Remarks by <b>Representatives of Member States</b> (3 minutes each)<br>Remarks by <b>NHRIs with Affiliate Status</b> (3 minutes each)<br>Recommendations of the <b>CSO Forum</b> (3 Minutes each)<br><b>SheLeads Project at the Pan African level- ECPAT</b> |

## 08 APRIL 2025

| <i>TIME</i> | <i>ITEM/ACTIVITY</i>  | <i>ACCESS TO SESSION</i> |
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| 09:00-10:30 | Remarks by Organizations with Observer Status (3 Minutes Each)<br>Remarks by Development Partners (3 Minutes Each)    | <i>Open Session</i>      |
| 11:00-13:00 | Panel discussion on the Launch of the Study on Implementation of Decisions and Recommendations of the ACERWC          |                          |
| 13:00-14:30 | Lunch   |                          |
| 14:30-15:15 | Presentation of the Concept Note for the 35 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Charter                                  |                          |
| 15:15-17:00 | Panel Discussion on the launch of the Study on Climate Change and Children's Rights in Africa: A Continental Overview |                          |

17:00-18:30- Side Event on efforts to advance the protection of adolescent sexual and reproductive rights- Human Rights Watch and Center for Reproductive Rights

## 09 APRIL 2025

| <b>TIME</b>        | <b>ITEM/ACTIVITY</b>  | <b>ACCESS TO SESSION</b> |
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| <b>09:00-09:30</b> | Presentation by Children's Representatives- Nelson Mandela Children's Fund  | <b>Open Session</b>      |
| <b>09:30-11:00</b> | Advocacy for Reporting on the Charter with Central African Republic   |                          |
| <b>11:30-13:00</b> | Panel Discussion on Children in Conflict Situation  |                          |
| <b>13:00-14:30</b> | <b>Lunch</b>  |                          |
| <b>14:30-15:15</b> | Presentation of the Thematic Report on Harmful Practices Affecting Children's Rights in Africa                              |                          |
| <b>15:15-16:00</b> | Presentation by AU-HHS on the Operationalization of the AU Accountability Framework on the Elimination of Harmful Practices |                          |
| <b>16:00-17:00</b> | Sustainable Financing for Child Protection in Africa- UNICEF  |                          |

17:00-18:30- Side Event on Support to the Africa-Led Movement to End FGM- by The Girl Generation

## 10 APRIL 2025

| <i>TIME</i>        | <i>ITEM/ACTIVITY</i>   | <i>ACCESS TO SESSION</i>     |
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| <b>09:00-10:00</b> | Foundational Literacy and Numeracy (FLN) and the rights and welfare of the child- UNICEF                 | <b><i>Open Session</i></b>   |
| <b>10:00-11:00</b> | Prevention of child sexual abuse and exploitation- REPSSI  |                              |
| <b>11:00-13:00</b> | Follow up on the 1st Global Ministerial Conference on Ending Violence against Children- ACPF             |                              |
| <b>13:00-14:00</b> | Lunch  |                              |
| <b>14:00-17:00</b> | Hearing on Communication No 021, People Serving Girls at Risk and Equality Now vs the Republic of Malawi | <b><i>Closed Session</i></b> |

# 11 APRIL 2025

| <b>TIME</b>        | <b>ITEM/ACTIVITY</b>  | <b>ACCESS TO SESSION</b>     |
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| <b>09:00-12:00</b> | Hearing on the Merits on Communication No 024, IHRDA v the Republic of Botswana   | <b><i>Closed Session</i></b> |
| <b>12:00-13:00</b> | Presentation on Budget and Projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• GIZ AWARE Project</li><li>• ACCP</li><li>• ACERWC activities and budget</li></ul>   | <b><i>Closed Session</i></b> |
| <b>13:00-14:00</b> | Lunch   |                              |
| <b>14:00-15:30</b> | Consideration of pending communications   | <b><i>Closed Session</i></b> |
| <b>15:30-17:00</b> | Adoption of Decisions<br>Decisions on Communications<br>Decisions on Partners' Requests<br>Consideration of Documents <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• General Comment on Education</li><li>• General Comment on Children without Parental Care</li><li>• Guidelines on Reparations</li><li>• Guidance Note on reporting on children with albinism</li><li>• Policy brief on access to remedies for victims of corporate induced child rights violations</li></ul> Resolutions | <b><i>Closed Session</i></b> |
| <b>17:00-17:30</b> | Closing   | <b><i>Open Session</i></b>   |