



Theme: REIMAGINING THE AFRICAN COURT ON HUMAN AND PEOPLES' RIGHTS AFTER TWENTY YEARS

A VIRTUAL COLLOQUIUM ON THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AFRICAN COURT

A Frank Talk with the Citizens

26 October 2026

Draft Programme

11:00 – 11:15 | Opening Session

Welcome remarks, introduction of participants, objectives of the meeting and overview of the programme | Dr Robert Eno, Registrar Of the African Court

Statements: 5 minutes each)

- i. Statement of representative of the Court Coalition
- ii. Statement from partners (OHCHR, EU and GIZ)
- iii. Statement from the Chairperson of AGA/APSA
- iv. Statement by the Chairperson of the African Commission
- v. Statement by the Chairperson of the Committee
- vi. Statement by the Presiding Officer of ECOSOCC
- vii. Opening statement of the President of the Court

11:15 – 12:45 | Session I: Effectiveness and Compliance – The African Court: From Inception to Present

11:15 – 11:35 | Expert Presentation: *Twenty Years of the African Court – Achievements, Challenges and Lessons Learnt- Serra Bango*

11:35 – 12:10 | Open Discussion: *Why States Do Not Implement Decisions – Challenges and the Role of Key Stakeholders*



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12:10- 12:45 Open Discussion: *On the role of ECOSOCC, civil society, lawyers, the Court, Permanent Representatives Committee, Executive Council, AU Assembly, States, and other stakeholders in strengthening implementation and compliance.*

12:45 – 13:30 | Lunch Break (45 Minutes)

13:30 – 14:45 | **Session II: Technology and Citizens' Engagement**

13:30 – 13:50 | Expert Presentation: *Leveraging Technology and Artificial Intelligence. Responsibly to Enhance Citizen Engagement.* - **Dr Eyole Monono, Chair of the Political Affairs Cluster Committee**

13:50 – 14:45 | Open Discussion: *Opportunities, Risks and Practical Applications of Technology and AI to enhance engagement with the African Human Rights System.*

14:45 – 15:00 | Health Break

15:00 – 16:30 | **Session III: The Next 20 Years – Reimagining the African Court**

15:00 – 15:20 | Expert Presentation: *The African Court at 40 – What Court Does Africa Need?*

15:20 – 15:50 | Open Discussion: *Reimagining an African Court Responsive to the Continent's Emerging Priorities*

15:50 – 16:30 | Open Discussion: *Priorities, Reforms and Practical Proposals for the Next 20 Years*

16:30 – 16:50 | Conclusions and Way Forward

Presentation and consolidation of key recommendations emerging from the three thematic sessions- African Court and ECOSOCC Focal Points.

16:50 – 17:00 | Closing Remarks, Mrs. Grace Wakio Kakai, Deputy Registrar of the African Court



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