

**43rd ORDINARY SESSION OF THE AFRICAN COMMITTEE OF
EXPERTS ON THE RIGHTS AND WELFARE OF THE CHILD (ACERWC)**
VENUE: MASERU

15-25 April 2024

12 April 2024

Time (SAST)	ITEM/ACTIVITY	Access to Session
09:00-12:00	- Meetings of the Working Group on Children's Rights and Climate Change	Closed Session
14:00-17:00	Meetings of the Working Group on Implementation of Decisions	Closed Session

13 April 2024

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09:00-12:00	- Meetings of the Working Group on Children with Disabilities	Closed Session
14:00-17:00	Meetings of the Working Group on Children's Rights and Business	Closed Session

Day 1- 15 April 2024

TIME (SAST)	ITEM/ACTIVITY	Access to Session
08:30-10:00	i. Procedural Matters ✓ Adoption of the Agenda and the Program of Work. ii. Organization of work ✓ Assignments of Committee Members for consideration of applications for Observer and Affiliate Status ✓ Allocation of Assistant Rapporteurs for State Party and Complementary Reports	Closed Session

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10:00-12:00	Official Opening of the 43rd Session of the ACERWC (5 Minutes Each) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Remarks by children's representatives ii. Remarks by CSO Forum representative iii. Remarks by the representative of NANHRIs iv. Remarks by UN Representative in Lesotho v. Remarks by the UNSRSG on VAC vi. Remarks by the Commissioner of Education, Science, and Technology vii. Remarks by the Commissioner of Political Affairs, Peace and Security viii. Remarks by the Chairperson of the ACERWC ix. Opening Remarks by Representative of the Kingdom of Lesotho Swearing in of the newly appointed Member of the ACERWC	Open Session
12:00-14:00	Family Photo and Lunch Break	
14:00-15:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Remarks by Representatives of Member States(3 minutes each) - Remarks by NHRIs with Affiliate Status (3 minutes each) 	
15:00-15:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation by AGA/APSA Secretariat 	
15:30-15:45	Health Break	
15:45-17:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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

DAY 2- 16 April 2024

TIME (SAST)	ITEM/ACTIVITY	Access to Session
09:00-11:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Panel Discussion on the Theme of the African Union <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Roadmap on the Theme of year on Education and implementation of Agenda 2063: H.E Commissioner ESTI ii. Education for all children in Africa-the time is now- DAC 2024: ACERWC Secretariat iii. Draft General Comment on Article 11 on the Right to Education: Consultant 	Open Session

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> iv. The Role of Stakeholders and Joint Actions for the Right to Education: Plan International AU Liaison Office v. Identifying Priorities: Children's Representatives 	
11:30-13:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Panel on Children on the Move <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. HHS: Child labor in the context of movement: progress in the implementation of the AU Action Plan on Child labor; ii. UNICEF: Systems strengthening for children on the move; route-based interventions; iii. IOM: The plight of unaccompanied children on the move in Africa: findings of the Africa Migration Report; iv. UNSRSG VAC: Detention of children in the context of movement; challenges and best practices from Africa; v. UNHCR: Children on the Move and Statelessness; vi. ILO: Trafficking of children and child labor: Recommendations of the Durban Call to Action. 	
13:10-14:00	Lunch	
14:00-15:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Panel- Towards the ratification of the African Children's Charter- Member States Experiences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The Office of the Legal Counsel ii. Morocco iii. Tunisia iv. Saharawi Arab Democratic Republic v. South Sudan vi. Somalia 	
15:45-17:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conversation on children in conflict situation- emerging challenges and proposed solutions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. ACERWC SR on Children in Conflict Situation ii. H.E the Ambassador of the Gambia- Co Chair of the AU Platform on Children in Conflict Situation iii. HE. Commissioner of Political Affairs, Peace and Security iv. Save the Children's Representative v. Children's representative 	

Day 3- 17 April 2024

Day of General Discussion on Solutions to Challenges of Children with Albinism

Time (SAST)	Title of Panel	Presentations	Presenters	Moderator
09:00-09:30	Opening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Remarks by ACERWC Setting the context <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction about the objective and content of the program 			
09:30-10:45	Panel I	On physical attacks and discrimination	Africa Albinism Network	TBD

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	A comprehensive overview of the status of children with albinism in Africa	On socio-economic rights and the challenges		
11:00–13:00	Panel II Narratives and daily realities: The lived experiences of children with albinism		Representatives of children and young people with albinism	Ms. Muluka-Anne Miti-Drummond
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 Legal protections for children with albinism at the regional level	UN Independent Expert on the rights of persons with albinism Hon. Aboubekrin Yehdhih , Chair of the ACERWC Working Group on the Rights of Children with Disabilities	TBD
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 Human rights-based approach to advocacy for children with albinism The Role of NHRIs Data collection and research in understanding the demographics of children with albinism	Centre for Human Rights Africa Albinism Network NANHRI African Child Policy Forum	TBD
16:30-17:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Outcome statement - Closing remark 			

DAY 4- 18 April 2024

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09:00-10:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentations by the ACERWC Working Groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Working Group on Children with Disabilities ii. Working Group on Children's Rights and Business iii. Working Group on Children's Rights and Climate Change iv. Working Group on Implementation of Decisions 	Open Session

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10:30-12:00	- Presentation and Discussion on Children of Incarcerated Parents and Caregivers- progress since the adoption of the General Comment on Article 30	
12:00-13:00	- Monitoring tools to assess Member States' performance in addressing CWPC - Presentations by Partner Organisations	
13:10-14:00	Lunch	
14:00-15:00	ACPF Presentations: 1. The African Report on Child Wellbeing 2023 - Justice not Charity: African Governments Must End Child Poverty, launched in November 2023. 2. Documentary and policy brief on “No End in Sight: Child Hunger in Africa”	

DAY 5- 19 April 2024

TIME (SAST)	ITEM/ACTIVITY	Access to Session
09:00-12:00	- Consideration of the Periodic Report of Malawi	Open Session
14:00-17:00	- Consideration of the Periodic Report of Mozambique	Open Session

Day 6- 20 April 2024

TIME (SAST)	ITEM/ACTIVITY	Access to Session
09:00-12:00	- Consideration of the Periodic Report of Niger	Open Session
14:00-17:00	- Consideration of the Periodic Report of Rwanda	Open Session

Day 7- 22 April 2024

TIME (SAST)	ITEM/ACTIVITY	Access to Session
09:00-12:00	- Consideration of the Periodic Report Zimbabwe	open Session

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14:00-17:00	- Consideration of CSO Complementary Report on the Periodic Report of Namibia	Closed Session
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DAY 8- 23 April 2024

TIME (SAST)	ITEM/ACTIVITY	Access to Session
09:00-12:00	- Consideration of CSO Complementary Report on the Periodic Report of Zambia	Closed Session
14:00-17:00	- Consideration of Communications	

Day 09- 24 April 2024

TIME (SAST)	ITEM/ACTIVITY	Access to Session
09:00-17:00	- Consideration of Communications	Closed Session

Day 10- 25 April 2024

TIME (SAST)	ITEM/ACTIVITY	Access to Session
09:00-17:00	- Presentation of the Draft budget 2025 – 2027 - Internal Matters - Adoption of Decision	Closed Session
17:00-17:30	- Closing	Open Session