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## **DRAFT PROGRAM 45<sup>TH</sup> ORDINARY SESSION OF THE ACERWC**

### **Retreat of the ACERWC**

**04 April 2025**

<b>Time</b>	<b>ITEM/ACTIVITY</b>	<b>Access to Session</b>
09:00-17:00	- Retreat on the evaluation of the strategic plan of the ACERWC	Closed Session

### **Parallel Working Group Meetings**

**05 April 2025**

<b>Time</b>	<b>ITEM/ACTIVITY</b>	<b>Access to Session</b>
09:00-12:00	- Meetings of the Working Group on Children's Rights and Business - 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 - Meetings of the Working Group on Children with Disabilities	

## **45th ORDINARY SESSION OF THE AFRICAN COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON THE RIGHTS AND WELFARE OF THE CHILD (ACERWC) 07-12 April 2025**

**07 April 2025**

<b>TIME</b>	<b>ITEM/ACTIVITY</b>	<b>Access to Session</b>
08:30-10:00	i. Procedural Matters ✓ Adoption of the Agenda and the Program of Work. ii. Organization of work	Closed Session



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	✓ Assignments of Committee Members for consideration of applications for Observer and Affiliate Status	
10:00-12:00	<p><b>Official Opening of the 45th Session of the ACERWC</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Remarks by children’s representatives</li> <li>ii. Remarks by the CSO Forum representative</li> <li>iii. Remarks by the Executive Director of NANHRIs</li> <li>iv. Remarks by the CEO of the African Peer Review Mechansim</li> <li>v. Reamrks by the CEO of AUDA-NEPAD</li> <li>vi. Remarks by the Chairperson of the African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights</li> <li>vii. Remarks by the President of the African Court on Human and Peoples’ Rights</li> <li>viii. Remarks by the President of the Pan African Parliament</li> <li>ix. Remarks by UNICEF Representative to the AU</li> <li>x. Remarks by the AU Commissioner for Health, Humanitarian Affairs and Social Development</li> <li>xi. Remarks by the Chairperson of the ACERWC</li> <li>xii. Opening of the Session by the Kingdom of Lesotho</li> </ol>	Open Session
12:00-13:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Swearing-in of a new Member of the ACERWC</li> <li>- Signing of the MoU between the ACERWC and PAP</li> </ul>	
13:00-14:30	<b>Family Photo and Lunch Break</b>	
14:30-17:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Remarks by Representatives of Member States (3 minutes each)</li> <li>- Remarks by NHRIs with Affiliate Status (3 minutes each)</li> <li>- Recommendations of the CSO Forum (3 Minutes each)</li> <li>- SheLeads Project at the Pan African level-ECPAT</li> </ul>	



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## 08 April 2025

TIME	ITEM/ACTIVITY	Access to Session
09:00-10:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Remarks by Organisations with Observer Status (3 Minutes Each)</li> <li>- Remarks by Development Partners (3 Minutes Each)</li> </ul>	Open Session
11:00-13:00	- Panel discussion on the Launch of the Study on Implementation of Decisions and Recommendations of the ACERWC	
<b>13:00-14:30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	
14:30-15:15	- Presentation of the Concept Note for the 35th anniversary of the Charter	
15:15-17:00	- Panel Discussion on the launch of the Study on <i>Climate Change and Children's Rights in Africa: A Continental Overview</i>	

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

## 09 April 2025

TIME	ITEM/ACTIVITY	Access to Session
09:00-09:30	- Presentation by Children's Representatives- Nelson Mandela Children's Fund	Open Session
09:30-11:00	- Advocacy for Reporting on the Charter with Central African Republic	
11:30-13:00	- Panel Discussion on Children in Conflict Situation	
<b>13:00-14:30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	



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14:30-15:15	- Presentation of the Thematic Report on Harmful Practices Affecting Children's Rights in Africa	
15:15-16:00	- Presentation by AU-HHS on the Operationalisation of the AU Accountability Framework on the Elimination of Harmful Practices	
16:00-17:00	- 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**

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

**11 April 2025**

TIME	ITEM/ACTIVITY	Access to Session
09:00-12:00	- Hearing on the Merits on Communication No 024, IHRDA v the Republic of Botswana	Closed Session



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12:00-13:00	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>13:00-14:00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	
14:00-15:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Consideration of pending communciations</li></ul>	
15:30-17:00	Adoption of Decisions <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Decisions on Communciations</li><li>- Decisions on Partners' Requests</li><li>- 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></li><li>- Resolutions</li></ul>	
17:00-17:30	Closing	Open Session