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

PROGRAM OF WORK: 45th Ordinary Session of ACERWC

**07-11 April 2025 | Avani Hotel,
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07 APRIL 2025

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

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

08 APRIL 2025

TIME	ITEM/ACTIVITY	ACCESS TO SESSION
09:00-10:30	Remarks by Organizations with Observer Status (3 Minutes Each) 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 th 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

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TIME	ITEM/ACTIVITY	ACCESS TO SESSION
09:00-09:30	Presentation by Children's Representatives- Nelson Mandela Children's Fund	<i>Open Session</i>
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	
13:00-14:30	Lunch	
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 Operationalization 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

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<i>TIME</i>	<i>ITEM/ACTIVITY</i>	<i>ACCESS TO SESSION</i>
09:00-10:00	Foundational Literacy and Numeracy (FLN) and the rights and welfare of the child- UNICEF	<i>Open Session</i>
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	
13:00-14:00	Lunch	
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	<i>Closed Session</i>

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