

INVITATION

Launch of Joint General Comment on Ending Child Marriage and Report on Child Marriage in Africa



Joint General Comment on Ending Child Marriage

On 8 February 2018, the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (Commission) and the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (Committee) adopted the first Joint General Comment on child marriage.

The aim of this Joint General Comment is to elaborate on the nature of State Party obligations that arise from Article 6(b) of the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa (Maputo Protocol) and Article 21(2) of the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (ACERWC).

Report on Child Marriage in Africa

The study on child marriage in Africa was commissioned by the Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Women in Africa at the request of the African Commission. The 10-country study was carried out in Cameroon, the DRC, The Gambia, Kenya, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mozambique, South Africa and Uganda. This study is intended to assist States Parties to the Maputo Protocol and other stakeholders to strengthen implementation of the legal prohibitions on child marriage, adopt appropriate strategies for eradicating child marriage and protect the human rights of all children and especially girls.

The Launch of both the Joint General Comment on Ending Child Marriage and the Report on Child Marriage in Africa will take place at the 62nd Session of the African Commission in Mauritania.

Event information for both events

Date: Monday, 30th April, 2018

Time: 17:05-18:00

Venue: International Conference Centre
(Palais des Congrès) Nouakchott, Mauritania

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