



Invitation

Impact analysis of ECOSOCC in the governance architecture of the African Union

The Centre for Human Rights, Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria cordially invites you to the Launch of an Impact Analysis Study of the African Union (AU) Economic Cultural and Social Council (ECOSOCC) in the Governance structure of the African Union.

The Constitutive Act of the African Union provides that the 'participation of African Peoples in the activities of the Union' will be a principle according to which the Union will function. The Constitutive Act also states the 'need to build a partnership between governments and all segments of civil society' as a guiding vision of the establishment of the Union. To this end, the African Union established ECOSOCC as one of the organs which would facilitate for the participation of the African Citizenry in the affairs of the AU and the Continent. ECOSOCC was established as an advisory body to the AU, to provide a platform for representation and involvement of African CSOs in decision-making on the continent through influencing AU policies, programmes and principles.

The study critically analyses the extent to which ECOSOCC has fulfilled its mandate and objectives and looks into its practice and performance since its inception. The study sought to examine the extent to which ECOSOCC has lived to the ideals and aims that inspired its establishment and offered recommendations for the organ to increase its capacity towards fulfilling its mandate.

EVENT INFORMATION

Date: 05 December
Time: 11:00 - 13:00 (SAST)
Venue: HPC Auditorium, HPC Hotel
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Programme

Moderator:

- Ms. Tariro Sekeramayi,
Project Officer, Democracy and Civic Engagement Unit,
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Opening Remarks:

- Professor Frans Viljoen,
Director: Centre for Human Rights

Panelists:

- Reflection on the report and main findings - Dr Japhet Biegon,
African Regional Advocacy Coordinator, Amnesty International Secretariat.
Extraordinary Lecturer, Centre for Human Rights
- Professor Cheryl Hendricks
Executive Director
The Institute for Justice and Reconciliation
- Dr. Nkatha Murungi
Assistant Director
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Closing Remarks:

- Ms Bonolo Makgale
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