

Invitation

to the panel on the **Protocol on the Rights of Older Persons and the African Disability Rights Protocol**

on the sidelines of the 63rd Session of
the African Commission on Human and
Peoples' Rights



In 2016, Member States of the African Union (AU) adopted the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Older Persons (Protocol on Older Persons). On 30 January 2018, the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (African Disability Rights Protocol) was also adopted. Africa now has two continental binding legal documents protecting the human rights of older persons and persons with disabilities.

It should be noted that both Protocols will only become effective once it has been formally accepted ('ratified') by 15 of the 54 AU member states. So far, only five countries have signed the Protocol on Older Persons (Benin, Comoros, Ghana, Sierra Leone and Zambia), no ratification yet. The African Disability Rights Protocol is also yet to be ratified by any AU member state.

The panel on the Protocol on the Rights of Older Persons and the African Disability Rights Protocol organised by the Women's Rights Unit and the Disability Unit of the Centre for Human Rights will take place on the sidelines of the 63rd Session of the African Commission on human and Peoples' Rights.

The panel discussion will focus on the popularisation of both the Protocol on the Rights of Older Persons and the African Disability Rights Protocol, and to identify key strategies and priorities to accelerate ratifications by states.

Event information

Date: Tuesday, 23rd October 2018
Time: 10:00 – 12:00
Venue: Kairaba Hotel, The Gambia
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