

Announcement

REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE DEATH PENALTY IN AFRICA

(West and North Africa)

The African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (ACHPR) is organizing a Regional Conference on the Death Penalty in Africa, bringing together African Union Member States, Regional Economic Communities, National Human Rights Institutions, Non-governmental Organisations and other relevant stakeholders from the North and West African Regions.

The objectives of the Conference are, inter alia, to:

- debate the issues concerning the death penalty;
- gather information about the consequences of the death penalty;
- establish the fact that the death penalty is a serious human rights issue;
- sensitise stakeholders on the consequences of applying the death penalty;
- take a position concerning the abolition of the death penalty which is consistent with the world trend;
- adopt political and legal strategies to give effect to the abolition;
- engage relevant stakeholders on the continent to adopt a framework on the question of the death penalty in Africa,
- explore the adoption of a Protocol on the abolition of the death penalty in Africa.

Expected Outcomes

- A Moratorium on the death penalty is observed by all States Parties to the Charter;
- The process for the abolition of the death penalty is accelerated through concrete political, legal and practical strategies;
- A Protocol on the abolition of the death penalty is initiated.

Date:

12 -15 April 2010

Venue

Cotonou, Benin

Cost of participation

The African Commission is covering the cost of participation of one delegate from each of the countries in the two regions, as well as one representative each from National Human Rights Institutions, NGOs and other stakeholders from the regions.

However, States and other institutions that would like to be represented by more than one delegate can sponsor the participation of the extra delegate.

Other interested participants

Interested organizations, academic institutions, researchers and other stakeholders wishing to participate at their own cost are welcome to do so, provided they inform the Secretariat of the African Commission and send their names at least one week to the beginning of the Conference.

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