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## Programme of Work

(draft – subject to change)

All time are GMT +1 (Rabat)

**Day 1 – Tuesday 6th September 2022**

**10:00-11:00 Opening Session**

*Welcoming remarks*

*Opening Remarks*

**Abdelkarim Boujradi,** Secretary General of the Interministerial Delegation for Human Rights (IDHR), Kingdom of Morocco

**Hon. Rémy Ngoy Lumbu,** Chairperson, African Commission on

Human and Peoples' Rights

**Nouhoum Sangaré,** OHCHR Regional Representative for Central Africa

**Abigail Noko**, OHCHR Regional Representative for Southern Africa

**Anis Anani,** Officer in Charge, MENA Section, OHCHR

**Benjamin Hounton,** Deputy Regional Representative and OIC of OHCHR Regional Office for Western Africa

**Marcel Akpovo**, OHCHR Regional Representative for East Africa and to the African Union

**Fernand de Varennes**, UN Special Rapporteur on Minority issues

*Rules and Guide to Proceedings*

***Anna-Mária Bíró****, Director of the Tom Lantos Institute, will set-out the process and explain the rules of proceedings for the forthcoming sessions.*

**11:00 - 11:30 Technical Break**

**11:30 - 13:30 Thematic Session 1: Normative framework: existing norms and interpretations**

*Moderator:* **Fasil Mulatu Gessesse**, chair of Center for Human Rights, Addis Ababa University

*Experts:* **Bertus De Villiers**, adjunct Professor Curtin Law School

**Beza Dessalegn**, Assistant Professor, Hawassa University

**Laila Alodaat**, Deputy Secretary-General, Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom

**13:30 - 14:30 Break**

**14:30 - 16:30 Thematic Session 2: Implementation: Institutions, Mechanisms, Policies, and Programmes**

*Moderator:* **Hannah Forster,** Executive Director, African Centre for Democracy and Human Rights Studies (ACDHRS)

*Experts:* **Timothy Pagonachi Mtambo,** Minister for Civic Education and National Unity, Malawi

**Agnes Kabajuni,** Managing Director, Minority Rights Group International – Africa, and Executive Director at Centre on Economic Social Cultural Rights in Africa

**Felix Nkongho,** Director, Centre for Human Rights and Democracy in Africa

**Hassan Jabareen,** Founder and General Director, Adalah

**Day 2 – Wednesday 7th September 2022**

**09:00 - 11:00 Thematic Session 3: Minority participation as a procedural and substantive right and process**

*Moderator:* **Naji Moulay Lahsen**, Executive Director, Network of the Independent Commission for Human Rights in North Africa

*Experts:* **Kwadwo Appiagyei-Atua**, Associate Professor, School of Law, University of Ghana

**Inas Miloud**, Co-Founder and Chair of Board of Directors, Tamazight Women’s Movement

**Mona Silavi**, Co-founder, Voice of Ahwazi Women

**Awat Taieb**, Co-founder, Yesna Organization for the Development of Zoroastrian Philosophy and representative of the Zoroastrians in the Ministry of Endowments and Religious Affairs in the Kurdistan Regional Government

**11:00 - 12:00 Break**

**12:00 – 14:00 Thematic Session 4: Moving Forward: Reforming the Protection and Implementation of the Minority Rights Framework**

*Moderator:* **Tahani Irfan Ruhi**, journalist, lecturer, trainer, human rights defender

*Experts:* **Prosper Nobirabo Musafiri**, Associate Professor, University of Kisangani

**Mina Thabet**, MENA regional Coordinator, PEN International

**Nadia Hasan Khalo**, Nadia’s Initiative

**Mohamed Ben Moussa**,Professor of Architecture and Senior Lecturer & Researcher, High School of Architecture and Urbanism of Tunisia

**14:00 – 15:00 Break**

**15:00-15:30 Presentation of Recommendations**

In this session, the proposed recommendations developed during the four thematic sessions will be made available to participants to consider.

The session will be introduced by **Fernand de Varennes,** UN Special Rapporteur on minority issues, following which **Marcus Oda,**Programme Manager at the Tom Lantos Institute, will present the list of recommendations.

Participants can make any final comments on specific recommendations using the online chat function.

**15:30-16:00 Concluding remarks**

**Fernand de Varennes,** UN Special Rapporteur on minority issues

*Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in Amazigh, Arabic, English, French and Arabic Sign Language*