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**Programme of the Regional Conference for East African National  
Human Rights Institutions  
Theme: Promoting Good Governance in East Africa: The Role of NHRIs  
December 7 – 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Nairobi Kenya**

Day 1 (December 7, 2015)	
8:00am 9:00am	Registration
9.00am 10:00am	<p><b>Opening session, KNCHR Chair Ms Kagwiria Mbogori</b></p> <p><b>Speaker 1:</b> Ms. Kagwiria Mbogori, Chairperson of the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights (KNCHR)</p> <p><b>Speaker 2:</b> Dr. Chemuta Divine Banda, Chairperson of the Network of African National Human Rights Institutions and Chairperson of the National Commission on Human Rights and Freedoms – Cameroon</p> <p><b>Speaker 3:</b> Ms. Nardos Bekele - Thomas, Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Resident Representative</p> <p><b>Speaker 4:</b> Ms. Vivian Nasaka Makunda, Deputy ICC Liaison Officer</p> <p><b>Speaker 5:</b> Mr. Frans Makken, Ambassador of the Royal Netherlands to Kenya</p> <p><b>Speaker 6:</b> : Prof. Githu Muigai, the Attorney General of the Republic of Kenya</p> <p><b>Photo Session</b></p>
10:00am 10:30am	<p><b><i>Theme: Promoting Good Governance in East Africa: The Role of NHRIs</i></b></p> <p><b>KNCHR Vice Chair Mr. George Morara</b></p> <p><b><i>Plenary presentation - State of the region address</i></b></p> <p><b><u>Speaker:</u> Prof Shadrack B. O Gutto – Professor and Editor, University of South Africa</b></p>

	<p><b>Session Objective:</b> The overall objective of the session is to present a critical analysis of the status of human rights realisation within the region. The analysis is informed by an assessment of countries' performance with regards to respect for the rule of law, promotion of rights based approach to development and measures taken to promote human rights in light of the various challenges that the region faces for example poverty, conflict and insecurity.</p> <p>The session sets the tone for the conference; looking beyond the challenges and exploring tangible interventions that focus on the role that NHRIs can play in promoting good governance in the region</p>
10.30am 11.00am	-Plenary discussion
11.00- 11.30	<b>Health break</b>
11.30am 12.30pm	<p><b>Session 2: KNCHR Commissioner Mrs Jedidah Waruhiu</b></p> <p><i>Plenary presentation - Securing democracy and the rule of law: NHRIs &amp; Civil Society organisations</i></p> <p><b>Speaker 1:</b> Dr. Livingstone Sewenyana – Executive Director at Foundation for Human Rights Initiative (FHRI)</p> <p><b>Speaker 2:</b> Ms. Kagwiria Mbogori, Chairperson of the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights (KNCHR)</p> <p><b>Speaker 3:</b> Ms. Vivian Nakasa Makunda, Deputy ICC Liaison Officer – South Africa Human Rights Commission</p> <p><i>Time allocation – aprox 15 minutes per speaker;</i></p>
	<p><b>Session objective:</b> The session aims at sharing of experiences by NHRIs and CSO on the promotion of democracy and good governance. The session will highlight the challenges that CSOs are facing especially around the shrinking civic space and the interventions that can be made by NHRIs and explore opportunities for collaboration.</p> <p>This discussion is framed around the Paris principles on the functioning of NHRIs and CSO engagement.</p>
12.30pm 1.30pm	-Plenary discussion
1.30pm 2.30pm	<b>Lunch break</b>
2.30pm 3.15pm	<p><b>Session 3: KNCHR Commissioner Mrs Jedidah Waruhiu</b></p> <p><i>Regional structures for accountability</i></p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> Florence Butegwa; UN Women ESARO Advisor on Policy and Governance</p>
	<p><i>Notes:</i></p> <p><i>The continent has numerous legal instruments and frameworks for the advancement of good governance</i></p> <p><i>The session will explore the extent to which NHRIs and CSO have utilised these platforms, identify avenues for increased engagement and formulate strategies for accountability</i></p> <p><i>Panel duration – 45 minutes. Number of panellists – 3. Time allocation – aprox 15 minutes per panellist;</i></p>
Panellists:	

	<p><b>Panellist 1:</b> Ms Lilian Mbogo, NEPAD.</p> <p><b>Panellist 2:</b> Mr. Gilbert Sebihogo, Executive Director for the Network of African National Human Rights Institutions (NANHRI)</p>
3.15pm – 4.15pm	Plenary discussion
Close	
6.00- 9.00	Welcome/Cocktail Party

Day 2 (December 8, 2015)	
9.00am – 9.30am	Recap day 1
	<b>Theme: <i>Strengthening Constitutionalism and the Rule of Law</i></b>
9.30am- 10.30am	<p><b>Session 4: KNCHR Commissioner Ms Suzanne Chivusia</b></p> <p><i>Role of NHRIs in promoting Constitutionalism and the Rule of law: Interrogating mandates and powers</i></p> <p><b>Speaker 1:</b> Dr. Otiende Amollo, EBS, Chairperson &amp; Secretary General, African Ombudsman &amp; Mediators Association (AOMA)</p> <p><b>Speaker 2:</b> Dr. Mutakha Kangu, Dean Moi University School of Law</p> <p><b>Speaker 3:</b> Mr. Tom Bahame Nyanduga, CHRAGG, Tanzania</p> <p><b>Speaker 4:</b> Hon. Ken Okoth, Parliamentary Caucus on Human Rights</p> <p><i>Time allocation – aprox 15 minutes per speaker;</i></p>
	<p>Session Objective: To share experiences of NHRIs in promoting Constitutionalism and rule of law</p> <p>A number of countries in the region have undertaken Constitutional reviews and some are in the process of reviewing their constitutions. In all instances the review has been aimed at improving governance structures, promoting respect for the rule of law, enhancing Human Rights protections and the rule of law.</p>
10:30am– 11:00am	Plenary Discussion
<b>11.00am – 11.30 am Health Break</b>	
11:30am– 12:15pm	<p><b>KNCHR Vice Chair Mr. George Morara</b></p> <p><b>Session 5: <i>Securing Democracy; the role of NHRIs in monitoring elections</i></b></p> <p><i>Session objectives: Elections are the bedrock of a sound democracy. The session will draw on the experiences of the NHRIs in the region with regard to monitoring elections.</i></p> <p><b>Notes:</b> Panel duration – 45 minutes. Number of panellists – 3. Approx 15 minutes per panellist.</p>
<b>Panellists:</b>	<p><b>Panellist 1:</b> Mr. Dickson Omondi, Resident Country Director, National Democratic Institute</p> <p><b>Panellist 2:</b> NHRI- Mr. Jean Baptiste Baribonekeza; Commission Nationale Indépendente des Droits de l'Homme du Burundi (CNIDH)</p>

	<b>Panelist 3:</b> Hon. Nyuol Justin Yaac - South Sudan Human Rights Commission
12:30pm – 1:00pm	Plenary Discussion
<b>1.00pm- 2.00pm Lunch Break</b>	
2.00pm – 3.00pm	<p><b>Session 6: KNCHR Chairperson Ms. Kagwiria Mbogori</b></p> <p><i>Safeguarding constitutionalism, promoting inclusion and diversity</i></p> <p><b>Case study presentations by Countries</b></p> <p><u>Notes:</u> Panel duration – 2 hour. Number of panellists – 4. Time allocation 15 minutes per panellist.</p>
<i>Panellists</i>	<p><b>Panelist 1:</b> Prof. Michelo Hansungule, Expert in International Justice and Professor of Human Rights Law in the University of Pretoria, South Africa</p> <p><b>Panelist 2:</b> Hon. Isaac Mwaura, Member of Parliament, Republic of Kenya</p> <p><b>Panelist 3:</b> Deputy Chairperson Mr. Karemera Pierre, National Commission for Human Rights of Rwanda</p>
3:00pm – 3:30pm	Plenary Discussion
Day 3 (December 9, 2015)	
	<b>Theme NHRIs and the post 2015 agenda</b>
9.00am- 9.30am	Recap day 2
9.30am- 10.30am	<p><b>Session 7: KNCHR Vice Chair, Mr. George Morara</b></p> <p><i>The role of NHRIs in engaging with SDGs - The right to development</i></p> <p><u>Speaker:</u> Maria Therese – Keating, Country director, UNDP</p> <p><b>Speaker 2:</b> Mr. Joseph Suliman Khalil -The National Commission for Human Rights of Sudan</p> <p><b>Speaker 3:</b> Ms. Njeri Kabeberi : Opportunities for engagement; NHRI and CSOs</p>
10:30am– 11:00am	Plenary Discussion
<b>11.00 – 11.30 Health break</b>	
11:00am- 12:30pm	<p><b>Session 8: Overview on SDGs - Opportunities for rights realization</b></p> <p><i>Panel Discussion on selected goals</i></p>
<i>Panellists</i>	<p><b>Panelist 1: Women and SDGs -</b> Ms Nyaradzai Gumbonzvanda, General Secretary, World Young Women's Christian Association</p> <p><b>Panelist 2: Focus on SDGs specific to Security, Democracy and Governance –</b> Ms Marcella Favretto Senior Human Rights Adviser OHCHR</p> <p><b>Panelist 3: Financing the realization of the SDGs at National Level -</b> Ms. Kagwiria Mbogori, Chairperson of the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights (KNCHR)</p> <p><b>Panelist 4: NHRI's role and procedure in development of National Action Plans and the</b></p>

	<b>implementation of SDG's</b> - Mr. Gordon Mwesigye - Uganda Human Rights Commission, Uganda -
1.15pm – 2.15pm	Lunch Break
2.15pm: – 4.15pm	Plenary on Communique to media
4.15 - 4.45pm	Media briefing and Closure
Day 4	International Human Rights Day
9.30am - 1.00pm	Celebrations at freedom Corner- Uhuru park
1.15pm	Luncheon for invited guests
Moderators	Professor Kimani – Njogu – Twaweza Initiative Jacqueline Olweya; Regional Coordination Adviser, UNDG ESA Secretariat
Rapporteurs	1. Millie Odongo