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Consultative dialogue on the implementation of the outcomes of the 6th AU-NANHRI Policy Dialogue and Human Rights Decade Action Plan



The Department of Political Affairs, Peace and Security of the African Union Commission (AUC-PAPS) in collaboration with the Network of African National Human Rights Institutions (NANHRI) and with support from the United Nations Human Rights - office of the High Commissioner (UNOHCHR) holds a consultative dialogue on the implementation of the outcomes of the 6th AU-NANHRI policy dialogue and Human Rights Decade Action Plan from 29 to 31 July 2024, in Nairobi, Kenya.

The consultative Dialogue aimed to assess the implementation progress of the outcomes from the immediate past 6th AUC-NANHRI Policy Dialogue to glean successes, challenges, and lessons learned; discuss and agree on the modalities of rolling out a continental NHRI human rights award in line with the outcome of the Dialogue; consult with AU Organs and relevant departments on implementing the Human Rights Decade Action Plan and validating the matrix of AU priorities for implementing the Joint AU-UN Human Rights Framework.

Mr. Issaka Garba Abdou, Head of Governance and Human Rights in the AUC-PAPS, when delivering the opening remarks on behalf of the AU Commissioner for Political Affairs, Peace and Security, H.E. Amb. Bankole Adeoye, stated: "The Action Plan is a roadmap for change.



It will form the basis for renewed efforts by AU Member States to address challenges hindering promotion and protection of human and peoples' rights".

Mr. Gilbert Sebihogo, Executive Director of NANHRI, also stressed "The AU Human and Peoples' Rights Decade Action Plan serves as strategic blueprint for our efforts. It is through diligent and coordinated efforts that we can translate it into meaningful improvements in the lives of Africans".

Participants identified and documented the Successes and implementation challenges of the Policy Dialogue; finalized the terms of reference (TOR) for the initiation of the African NHRIs Human Rights Award and adopted the TOR for circulation to NHRIs members of NANHRI for final inputs; discussed strategies to increase awareness and commitment to the implementation of the Human Rights Decade Action Plan; and developed the Implementation Roadmap for the Joint AU-UN Human Rights Framework.

The Dialogue brought together participants from the NANHRI Secretariat, the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights, the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child, the African Court on Human and People's Rights and AU-PAPS.

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