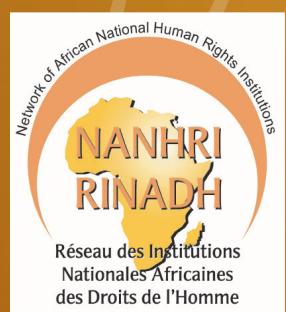


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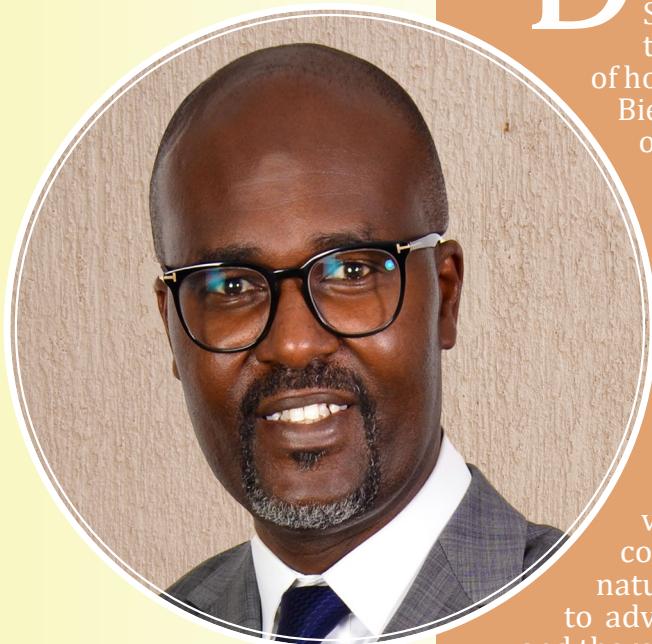
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Message from the Executive Director



Dear Members and Partners,

The third quarter capturing the period of July-September has been quite involving, both within the secretariat and around the continent. A lot of hours have been put into the planning of the 14th Biennial Conference within the Secretariat, putting our heads together to ensure a successful event. Even so, NANHRI has in this quarter continued to exercise its mandate around issues on Business and Human Rights, Human Rights Defenders and the 2030 agenda for Sustainable Development.

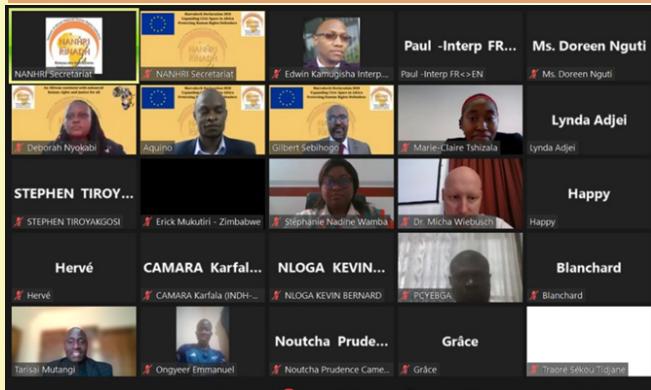
While doing this, we have also witnessed quite a number of catastrophes in Africa, intense and frequent natural disasters, spiraling conflict, violent extremism, all threatening human rights and affecting the performance and even the very existence of some NHRIs. There are also concerns over issues of climate change, where natural resources are still being depleted, leading to adverse impacts of environmental degradation and thereafter exacerbating the list of challenges which humanity faces.

Even with all these, we appreciate efforts made across the continent by NHRIs to ensure that the protection and promotion of human rights continues, ensuring no one is left behind. As we approach the final quarter of the year, let us strive to assure we achieve our mandate as expected of us and as aligned in the Paris Principles. The International Human Rights Day is also around the corner, to be celebrated on the 10th of December. Let's purpose to commemorate this day, as we reflect on the progress made in promoting human rights and how best we can improve.

Gilbert Sebihogo
Executive Director, NANHRI

NANHRI IN THE NEWS

Webinar - Awareness Raising on the Marrakech Declaration 2018 and the African Court Advisory Opinion Relating to Human Rights Defenders, Virtually on 8th September 2023



NANHRI conducted a webinar on the Awareness raising on the Marrakech Declaration 2018 and the African court advisory opinion relating to human rights defenders. Human Rights Defenders (HRDs) are key implementers for social change at the national and local levels as they actively contribute to the strengthening of States' capacity to ensure implementation of international human rights standards. This webinar brought together 71 participants drawn from NHRIs and CSOs from East, West, Central and Southern Africa.

The civic space in Africa has been shrinking increasingly as restrictions are being imposed on civil society organizations and human rights defenders, thereby limiting them to take on their mandate on human rights promotion and protection. Governments have significantly increased their acts of harassment against human rights defenders, infringing upon democracy and advocacy work. Such plights include the intimidation, detention and attacks towards sexual minorities, extremist forces by authoritarian regimes, among others. In the event, national human rights institutions are rendered toothless as they are not able to act in their full capacity to protect the human rights defenders.

The Marrakech Declaration's focus is on "Expanding the civic space and promoting and protecting human rights defenders", with a specific focus on women and how national human rights institutions can take up this role. This hails from the fact that women have in the past been harassed and tortured by state agencies.

The main objective of the webinar was to flesh out the advisory opinion touching on the issues relating to HRDs and also to raise awareness on the Marrakech declaration 2018. Convened by the NANHRI Secretariat, the webinar engaged various stakeholders to take stock of the emerging jurisprudence of the African Court in relation to issues affecting human rights defenders and examine the challenges hindering the effective implementation of the Court's decisions.

A representative of the Court, Dr. Micha Wiebusch, took participants through a thorough and comprehensive presentation, explaining the procedures on how National Human Rights Institutions can engage the court. The Court remains a focal institution that receives cases filed by the African Commission of Human and Peoples' Rights, State Parties- to the Protocol or Intergovernmental Organizations.

Dr. Tarisai Mutangi, a legal consultant also shed light on the Challenges and Opportunities of the Marrakech Declaration, spurring real-time conversations on how National Human Rights Institutions can explore their roles towards the promotion and protection of human rights defenders.

Participants appreciated this webinar as it enhanced their understanding of operations and how to engage with the African Court including and beyond the Advisory Opinion relating to human rights defenders. We hope that more National Human Rights Institutions will adhere to commitments set out in the Marrakech Declaration, and ensure they consistently and robustly respond to the situation of HRDs all over the continent, through promotion, protection, cooperation and relevant partnerships.

A live recording of the webinar can be found here: <https://www.facebook.com/NANHRI/videos/609066447968650>

Written By Loyce Odhiambo

Strengthening collaboration between NHRIs and National Statistical Offices



The month of August saw NANHRI Organize In-Country Capacity Building Workshops for the NHRIs of Cameroon (CHRC) and Malawi and their respective National Statistical Offices (NSO) to underline the importance of partnerships between National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) and National Statistical Offices (NSOs) in harnessing a human rights-based approach to reporting on the 2030 agenda and agenda 2063.

These workshops are running under the NANHRI Working Group on SDGs, which was tasked with ensuring sharing of experiences and good practices between and among the African NHRIs in monitoring and contributing to the implementation of the two agendas at national level. This is being done in light of the Voluntary National Review (VNR), whose aim is to facilitate the sharing of experiences, including successes, challenges and lessons learned, with a view to accelerating the implementation of the 2030 agenda. The VNRs also seek to strengthen policies and institutions of



governments and to mobilize multi-stakeholder support and partnerships for the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals.

An immediate success was the signing of an MOU between the NHRI Cameroon and its National Statistical Office, entrenching a sustainable framework for cooperation. The MOU solidifies the partnership between the CHRC and the NIS on a human rights-based approach to data based on the principles of meaningful participation, disaggregation, self-identification, transparency, privacy, and accountability.



Members of the Working Group on SDGs include the NHRIs of Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, South Africa and Cameroon. The Chairperson of the Working on SDGs is Commissioner Joseph Whittal of the NHRI of Ghana.

Written By Loyce Odhiambo

INCHR (LIBERIA)

INCHR and Partners organized Training on human rights



By: Josephine E. Ogbodu, Director-Department of Education, Training and Information (DETI)

Liberians went to the polls on October 10, 2023 in fulfilment of the 1986 Constitution which provides for periodic every 6 years. The last presidential and legislative elections were held in October 2017. There are 20 presidential candidates and more than 300 candidates who vied for 58 legislative seats in both the upper (Senate) and lower (Representatives) chambers of the Legislature.

These elections were distinguished by the absence of the United Nations Mission in Liberia (UNMIL) and its military and paramilitary security forces. Furthermore, UNMIL had been a pivotal source of technical assistance during the preceding three elections in 2002, 2011, meaning that the elections were wholly managed by Liberians.

In light of this, the Independent National Commission on Human Rights (INCHR) in collaboration with the Office of High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Liberian National Police (LNP) organized trainings for the law enforcement officers in the 5 regions of the counties. Approximately 4000 officers benefited from the training which included topics such as managing demonstrations, human rights and policing, protecting civic space for political actors, the use of force, human rights and gender etc. The first training-Training of Trainers (ToT) was conducted in Monrovia by INCHR and OHCHR, and thereafter cascaded in the regions of the country facilitated by LNP senior officers who benefited from the ToT. The project is organized under the theme: 'Enhancing Elections Security Officers: Capacity in Elections Do's and Don'ts.'

MALAWI HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

2023 Regional Conference for National Human Rights Institutions on Child Rights



The Malawi Human Rights Commission (MHRC) through the Child Rights Directorate, the Children Reference Group and the Malawi Children Parliament, in collaboration with Save the Children International Malawi, hosted a regional conference for National Human Rights Institutions for Children that took place at Bingu International Conference Centre in Lilongwe from 24th to 27th July 2023.

The conference was a follow up to the previous regional conferences for National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) for Children which were held in Malawi and Mozambique in 2017 and 2018 respectively, where the delegates discussed and agreed on the need for further co-operation and strengthening of the capacity of NHRIs on child participation, child rights monitoring and other oversight roles as highlighted in the UN CRC General Comment no 2 and the Paris Principles.

The overall objective of the conference was to provide a platform for the NHRIs in the Southern African region to mutually share knowledge and ideas as well as exchange experiences on how to further strengthen their capacities in delivering their mandates and perform their roles as independent institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights with particular attention to child rights.



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Additionally, CHRAJ continued its stakeholder engagements on the development of a National Action Plan on Business and Human Rights in Ghana. The consultations covered Greater Accra, Ashanti, Bono, Central, Western and Northern regions.

Moreover, the Commission organized workshops for Ministry of Fisheries and Aquaculture Development as well as Ghana Health Service on fighting and mitigating corruption. Further, the Commission participated in a 5-day training on public corruption organized by the West Africa Regional Training Centre. The objective was to equip participants on approaches of investigations adopted by the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) in conducting public corruption in the United States of America.

Also, selected staff of CHRAJ were trained on sexual harassment policies and its prevention mechanisms; and further collaborated with Amnesty International to implement a Basic School Project on harassment for 30 selected schools. Again, the Commission as part of activities towards the commemoration of its 30th anniversary, organised free medical screening for 300 head porters in Accra. The exercise was done in collaboration with Nyaho Medical Centre with support from Unilever Ghana.

(EHRC) Ethiopia

EHRC's Milestone Thematic Report on the Rights of Older Persons and Persons with Disabilities

The Ethiopian Human Rights Commission (EHRC) released its first annual thematic report on the human rights situation of older persons and persons with disabilities in Ethiopia in September 2023. The report highlights positive and concerning developments in the area from June 2022 to June 2023. It evaluates the existing gaps in legal and policy frameworks, access to justice, higher education, care for older persons, and public awareness about these rights.

Noted positive developments include Ethiopia's submission of the combined second and third state report on the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, and steps taken by the government to ratify the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in Africa.

Major challenges and concerns identified include the lack of legal and institutional framework to ensure equal rights for persons with disabilities and older persons; inaccessibility and exclusion; and recent and ongoing conflict and instability which have disproportionately affected these groups and resulted in grave human rights violations.

The report further forwards targeted recommendations to various stakeholders, including governmental and non-governmental actors, which also aims to ensure a more inclusive and rights-based approach.

By: Tsion Meingstu, Associate Human Rights Officer- Disability Rights and Rights of Older Persons.

Announcement:

Annual human rights film festival to celebrate #HumanRights75 in Ethiopia

The 2023 Edition of the Ethiopian Human Rights Commission (EHRC) Annual Human Rights Film Festival will take place on 8 December 2023. These film festivals which mark Human Rights Day on December 10 celebrate the inspiring power of artistic work in advancing the universal message of human rights. Over the past two years, 30 artists and film makers took part in the festivals reaching thousands of viewers. This year's Human Rights Day marks the 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the 30th anniversary of the Paris Principles. The Human Rights Film Festival aims to become continental in the coming years by engaging more National Human Rights Institutions and artistic work from across Africa. Meanwhile, you can learn more about the festival and the upcoming 3rd edition of the festival on www.ehrc.org.

NHRC THE GAMBIA:

Capacity Building for National Assembly Standing Committee on Human Rights



The NHRC organised a three-day residential retreat for the members of National Assembly Standing Committee on Human Rights and Constitutional Matters during which they reviewed and critiqued the provisions of the Criminal Offences Bill 2022. The Members were also updated on the work and constraints of the Commission and re-adopted the Human Rights Compatibility Framework which was validated by the previous Legislature.

A key outcome of the Retreat was a report which the Members of this Standing Committee would submit to the Assembly for its consideration. The report would highlight the positions of the Members on the provisions of the Bill. The Standing Committee plays a pivotal role in the promotion and protection of human rights as it has the duty to 'scrutinise, consider and deal with matters relating to the Constitution and human rights' before the Assembly. As the primary national human rights institution, the NHRC regularly collaborates with the Standing Committee to enhance human rights protection in The Gambia.

Building the Capacity of Students on Human Rights



The National Human Rights Commission commemorated the Day of the African Child by reminding The Government and stakeholder institutions of their commitments to the protection of the rights and welfare of children. The Commission also carried out a 3-day capacity building campaign for members of the Children's Parliament and representatives from CSOs to increase their awareness on the usage of and how to be safe on the internet. The children were educated on their rights and limitations on the internet, cyber bullying and how to identify and report online child sex predators. The digital space is a key avenue through which children can realize fundamental human rights such as the right to education, the right to leisure, recreation, but can be a medium for child sexually exploited and cyber bullying. Therefore, the Commission deemed it worthy to build the capacity of these children to help curb this menace. The National Human Rights Commission also, in partnership with the University of The Gambia Debate Association (UTGDA), held a two-day training on human rights, public speaking, and debate for students in the Greater Banjul Area. The training, held at the UTG Law Faculty, was attended by fifty Senior Secondary School students and fifty students from Tertiary Institutions. In its quest to promote the culture of respect for human rights in all sectors in the Gambia, the NHRC is targeting children and students to enhance their understanding on the role and mandate of the Commission, their human rights and responsibilities, and standards, and practices.

CNDH

Morocco



The CNDH participated in the activities of the 54th regular session of the Human Rights Council, which took place in Geneva from 11 September to 12 October 2023. On 26 September 2023, the CNDH delivered an oral statement during a biennial discussion on youth and human rights under the theme "Youth Engagement in Combating Climate Change and Environmental Decision-Making." The CNDH reiterated its recommendations concerning the training of young people in mitigation and adaptation, involving youth in all related processes, providing access to funding, and supporting young people in advocacy and reporting activities, among others.

Furthermore, on 27 September 2023, the CNDH presented an oral statement during a discussion on cyberbullying of children themed "Cyberbullying of Children, Especially Children with Disabilities." In its statement, the CNDH reiterated its recommendations for strengthening regional and international cooperation through the generalization of police and judicial cooperation and the expansion of the international alert system. It also emphasized the importance of considering children as major actors and ensuring their participation in decision-making processes.

The CNDH also participated in the 2nd African Forum on Human Rights held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on 5-7 September 2023. Organized by the African Union in collaboration with the UNDP, the UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights, and UNICEF, under the theme "For Africa, from Africa," the forum brought together representatives from governments, CSOs, human rights defenders, trade unions, businesses, industrial associations, employers' organizations, international organizations, NHRIs, journalists, lawyers, activists, and academics.

The forum aimed to facilitate a strong and multiparty dialogue based on the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, which promote collective action to prevent, mitigate, and address human rights and environmental violations related to business activities. During its presentation, the CNDH emphasized the crucial role that NHRIs can play in monitoring the implementation of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), especially in light of the recognition of NHRIs as key human rights actors globally in various resolutions adopted by the UN Human Rights Council, the UN General Assembly, etc.

Finally, the CNDH took measures following the earthquake that struck the Center of the Kingdom in 11 September 2023. In an effort to embody the values of national solidarity and contribute to overcoming this disaster, the CNDH organized a blood donation campaign at its headquarters, with the participation of CNDH officials and executives. Additionally, the CNDH has decided to make a donation of 500,000 dirhams (50,000 dollars) to the Special Fund for Earthquake Relief.

The President of the CNDH, who has chosen to allocate the value of one monthly salary to the Fund, called upon the members and executives of the CNDH to join this solidarity campaign and contribute to the Fund. The CNDH will support, through various initiatives, all institutional and non-institutional efforts aimed at managing the consequences of this natural disaster.

NCHR EGYPT:



NCHR has had quite a number of achievements in the third quarter. For the twelfth year in a row, NCHR holds its annual ceremony honouring the creators of artistically distinguished Ramadan dramas, dealing with human rights issues, and contributing to raise awareness of human rights.

In July, Ambassador Moushira Khattab, President of the NCHR, received the delegation of the Belgian Student Association "Conference Olivant", which includes 27 students and supervisors, as part of a week-long study visit to Egypt to learn about the overall situation here, including the human rights situation. This month also saw Egypt's NCHR assume the presidency of the Arab Network of National Human Rights Institutions.

Within the framework of the activities of the Social Committee, the NCHR held, on Monday, July 31, 2023, an expert meeting under the title "Urban Development Policies in Existing Cities: Towards Enhancing Guarantees of Housing and Property Rights", with the participation of government officials, representatives of UN and international bodies, civil society organizations, academics, NCHR members and researchers.

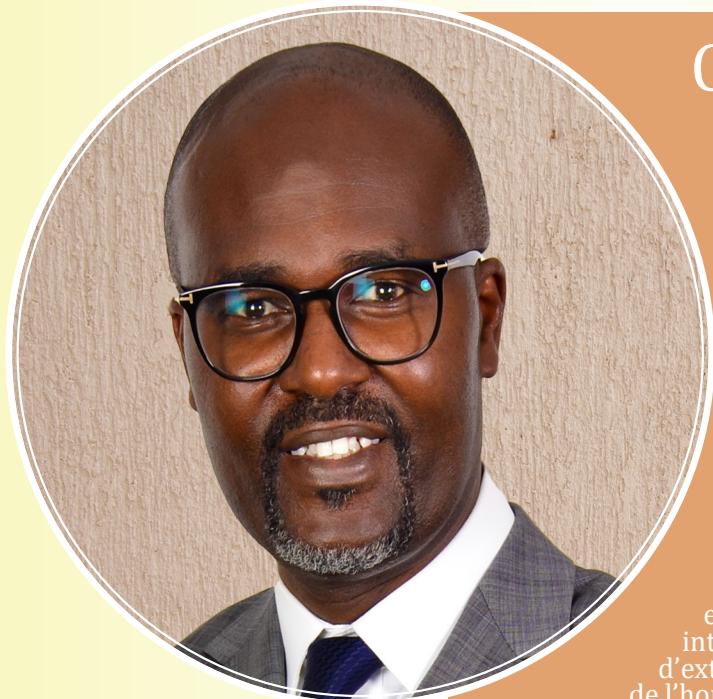
The NCHR held a panel discussion in September, "The impact of Population Problem on Human Rights" on Saturday, September 2, 2023, at NCHR's headquarters in the Fifth Settlement. This is in connection with the Global Conference on Population, Health and Development, held under the auspices of the President of Egypt, from 5 to 8 September 2023. The Global conference signals a renewal of Egypt's commitments to fulfil the rights of its citizens and improve population characteristics, especially for the most vulnerable groups.

Finally, Ambassador Moushira Khattab, President of the NCHR and President of the Arab Network for National Human Rights Institutions, participated in the opening of the international conference organized by the National Institution for Human Rights in the Kingdom of Bahrain on "The Impact of Human Activity on the Right to a Healthy and Sustainable Environment: Practices, Challenges and Solutions," in the presence of Dr. Mohammed bin Mubarak bin Daina, Minister of Oil and Environment, Special Envoy for Climate Affairs in Bahrain, and Engineer Ali Al-Darazi, President of the National Institution for Human Rights in Bahrain, Mr Sultan Gammaly Secretary General of the Arab Network of National Human Rights Institutions with local participation from the Kingdom of Bahrain, and broad and active regional and international participation in the field of human rights.



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Le Message du Directeur Exécutif



Chers membres et partenaires,

Le troisième trimestre, couvrant la période de juillet à septembre, a été très prenant, tant au niveau du secrétariat du RINADH que sur l'ensemble du continent. De nombreuses heures ont été consacrées à la planification de la 14e Conférence biennale par le Secrétariat, unissant nos efforts pour garantir le succès de l'événement. Malgré cela, le RINADH a continué au cours de ce trimestre à exercer son mandat sur les questions relatives aux entreprises et droits de l'homme, à l'expansion de l'espace civique et protection des défenseurs des droits de l'homme ainsi qu'à l'agenda 2030 pour le développement durable.

Ce faisant, nous avons également été témoins d'un certain nombre de catastrophes en Afrique, de catastrophes naturelles intenses et fréquentes, d'une spirale de conflits, d'extrémisme violent, qui menacent tous les droits de l'homme et affectent les performances, voire même l'existence même de certaines INDH.

Il existe également des préoccupations concernant les questions de changement climatique, où les ressources naturelles continuent de s'épuiser, ce qui entraîne des effets néfastes sur la dégradation de l'environnement et agrave ainsi la liste des défis auxquels l'humanité est confrontée.

Malgré tout cela, nous apprécions les efforts déployés par les INDH à travers le continent pour garantir la poursuite de la promotion et la protection des droits de l'homme, en veillant à ce que personne ne soit laissé de côté.

À l'approche du dernier trimestre de l'année, efforçons-nous de remplir notre mandat comme il se doit et conformément aux Principes de Paris.

La Journée internationale des droits de l'homme approche également à grands pas, elle sera célébrée le 10 décembre. Essayons donc de commémorer cette journée, tout en réfléchissant sur les progrès réalisés dans la promotion des droits de l'homme et à la manière dont nous pouvons nous améliorer.

Gilbert Sebihogo

Directeur exécutif, RINADH

CNDH

Algérie



Parce qu'elle est composée d'acteurs, qui dialoguent avec les autorités publiques à tous les niveaux et se trouvent, souvent, à l'origine d'activités de sensibilisation et d'éducation aux droits de l'homme, le CNDH considère que l' implication de la société civile n'est pas seulement précieuse, mais elle est décisive, la société civile, étant irremplaçable en tant que pierre angulaire dans l'action pour la promotion de la démocratie et les droits de l'homme.

Pour exécuter son manda, le CNDH accorde, une attention particulière à la société civile, avec laquelle, il développe de nombreux rapports et activités. Le CNDH considère, en effet, les associations comme un acteur incontournable, pour le renforcement de la promotion de la démocratie et des droits de l'homme. C'est pourquoi, il a, toujours, ouvré à construire, en partenariat avec la société civile, un cadre de débat, de dialogue et de mobilisation, suivant une approche participative et inclusive.

Dans ce contexte, depuis son installation, dans sa nouvelle composante, fin 2021, le CNDH a veillé, à associer la société civile, notamment les associations œuvrant dans le domaine des droits de l'homme, dans toutes les actions qu'il a menées et les activités qu'il a organisées, (séminaires, journées d'étude, ateliers de formation et de sensibilisation, rencontres de concertation et de coordination). A titre indicatif, cela s'est traduit par la célébration, en y faisant participer des représentants de la société civile, les journées internationales et les sessions de formation suivantes:

- Journée mondiale de lutte contre la drogue.
- Journée internationale de la femme.
- Journée mondiale de l'environnement.
- Journée internationale de la démocratie.

Le CNDH, a organisé plusieurs sessions de formation au profit de divers acteurs de la société civile.



Journée mondiale de la démocratie (15 septembre 2023)



BURKINA FASO

Engagement de la CNDH pour une meilleure évaluation du Burkina Faso au 4ème cycle de l'Examen périodique universelle (EPU). La CNDH après avoir soumis son rapport alternatif en avril 2023 a organisé le 17 Août 2023, un atelier de partage des résultats du rapport de la CNDH et des organisations de la société civile aux représentations diplomatiques accréditées au Burkina Faso ainsi qu'aux partenaires techniques et financiers en vue de faire le plaidoyer pour la prise en compte des recommandations lors de l'examen du Burkina Faso. La CNDH à travers la Présidente et la Rapporteure Adjointe, a également participé à la pré-session organisée par UPR-info du 28 août au 1er septembre 2023.



Lancement du mécanisme national de prévention de la torture (MNP) les 4 et 5 juillet 2023 à Ouagadougou. La CNDH faisant office de MNP par l'adoption de la loi no002-2021/AN du 30 mars 2021 a procédé au lancement de ce mécanisme en présence des autorités, des acteurs judiciaires et des officiers de police judiciaire. Les premières missions du MNP se sont tenues dans les régions du Centre-Nord, de l'Est, du Nord et du Sahel courant août et début septembre 2023. Un atelier de sensibilisation de 30 membres des organisations de la société civile et des Officiers de police judiciaire sur le MNP s'est également tenu le 14 septembre 2023 à Ouagadougou.



Un atelier de renforcement des capacités de cinquante (50) défenseurs des droits humains (DDH). Ces DDH membres du mécanisme national de protection des défenseurs des droits humains dont au moins 20 femmes issus de 4 régions du Burkina Faso ont été formés sur les techniques d'enquête, de monitorage et de rapportage sur les violations et atteintes des droits humains du 20 au 22 septembre 2023 à Bobo-Dioulasso.

Une étude d'évaluation des capacités de la CNDH dans la perspective de la renforcer, afin de lui permettre de s'acquitter de manière optimale de son mandat, y compris en s'engageant avec les mécanismes internationaux. Cette évaluation débutée en août 2023 permettra de déterminer les points forts de la CNDH et les lacunes qui l'empêchent de travailler efficacement.



CNIDH

BURUNDI

Plaidoyer de la CNIDH pour les droits des personnes à besoins spécifiques

La Commission Nationale Indépendante des Droits de l'Homme du Burundi (CNIDH) a focalisé ses activités phares sur la protection des droits de personnes en situation de vulnérabilité : les déplacés internes, les minorités ethniques et les handicapés. Elle a organisé des ateliers de réflexion avec des acteurs-clé pour trouver des solutions durables.

L'atelier sur les droits des personnes sinistrées s'est tenu à Ngozi, du 6 au 7 septembre 2023. Il portait sur le sort des 80.000 déplacés internes liés au conflit socio-politique de 1993, des victimes de catastrophes naturelles, des personnes rapatriées et des minorités autochtones « Batwa » estimés à 1% de la population sans terres. Leur réintégration socio-économique requiert la synergie d'acteurs publics et privés, nationaux et internationaux.



PHOTO de famille à Ngozi

Les recommandations formulées sont la finalisation de la stratégie de réintégration (2023-2027), la ratification de la Convention de Kampala, la sensibilisation des communautés d'accueil, l'amélioration d'accès aux terres et l'octroi des

documents nécessaires aux rapatriés.

L'autre atelier sur la protection des droits des handicapés s'est déroulé à Rutana, du 14 au 15 septembre 2023. Pour les participants, vivre avec le handicap est parfois difficile, mais possible. Le Burundi a déjà ratifié la loi y relative et établi une stratégie nationale d'inclusion des handicapés dans différents secteurs.



PHOTO de famille à Rutana et Photo exposés
Certains défis persistent : la non – participation dans les instances de prise de décisions, l'exclusion des projets de développement; les stéréotypes; l'inaccessibilité des infrastructures publiques et la cherté du matériel de mobilité.

Ainsi, les participants recommandent au Gouvernement, aux partenaires et à la CNIDH de promouvoir le principe d'égalité permettant aux handicapés de participer à la gestion des affaires publiques et des projets de développement, ainsi que d'acquérir des équipements adaptés.

CNDH - COMOROS

Conférences-débats dans les zones rurales sur l'égalité du genre et l'autonomisation de la femme

Anis Ibrahim Youssouf



La Commission Nationale des Droits de l'Homme et des Libertés de l'Union des Comores organise, dans le cadre de ses activités de sensibilisation de son plan d'action 2022/2023, des conférences-débats dans les zones rurales en Union des Comores.

Le contexte des droits des femmes en Union des Comores est caractérisé par des inégalités de genre qui persistent malgré l'engagement du pays pris au titre de la Convention sur l'élimination de toutes les formes de discrimination à l'égard des femmes et d'autres mécanismes internationaux et régionaux. L'objectif de cette descente, c'est de promouvoir la politique de l'égalité du genre et de l'autonomisation de la femme. Il est question ici de conduire ce programme de sensibilisation qui se base sur l'approche de communication pour le changement de comportement qui vise à faire prendre conscience, au sein des communautés cibles, d'un comportement négatif, et de leur faire adopter un comportement positif. En suivant le modèle trans-théorique du changement de comportement, le programme vise plus particulièrement à faire passer les populations des communautés cibles de l'état de non prise de conscience et de non connaissance des enjeux et défis.

Le programme s'appuie sur un mini-spectacle de sensibilisation, des témoignages, des reportages, traitant des thématiques d'intérêt, et servant de support à des séances de causeries conduites par un animateur communautaire. Des messages de sensibilisation sont également conçus et diffusés au sein des communautés cibles.

Deux séances sont conduites au sein de chaque communauté, afin de renforcer l'effet du programme par la répétition des messages de sensibilisation. Le public est constitué d'hommes et de femmes, de toutes générations, et de toutes catégories socio-professionnelles. L'activité se poursuit en partenariat avec l'association « ViaDuQ » qui a pour mission, la contribution à un développement durable de proximité, en agissant directement à la base des communautés, constituée par les quartiers au sein des villes et des communes, et qui est spécialisée dans la conception et la mise en œuvre d'actions d'information, d'éducation, de mobilisation sociale/communautaire, et de plaidoyer, afin de transformer durablement les communautés où elle intervient.

Les thématiques suivantes, qui sont d'actualité en zone rurale, sont retenues pour les activités de sensibilisation. D'une part, l'animateur mène un exposé sur les stéréotypes, les barrières socio-culturelles, les droits des femmes, les violences basées sur le genre ainsi que le mariage précoce et le mariage forcé et d'autre part, il est question de rappeler la charge mentale des femmes, ainsi que la nécessité du partage des tâches domestiques, des responsabilités familiales et l'introduction à la masculinité positive et au rôle positif des hommes.



CNDH TOGO

Prévention de la torture : la CNDH poursuit sa formation avec des élèves stagiaires OPJ de la police



Après les élèves stagiaires de la gendarmerie les 06 et 07 août 2023, la Commission nationale des droits de l'homme (CNDH) a, le 17 août 2023, renforcé les capacités des élèves stagiaires officiers de police judiciaire (OPJ) de l'école de police de Logopé à Lomé, sur des thématiques en lien avec la prévention de la torture. Cette activité s'inscrit dans le cadre de la mise en œuvre des dispositions de la Convention contre la torture et des recommandations formulées par le MNP à l'issue de ses visites.

Ils sont au nombre de deux cent vingt-trois (223) élèves stagiaires OPJ de l'école de police de Logopé à être édifiés sur les droits de l'homme en général et la prévention de la torture en particulier. En effet, l'article 10 de la Convention contre la torture demande à chaque Etat partie de veiller à ce que l'enseignement et l'information concernant l'interdiction de la torture fassent partie intégrante de la formation du personnel civil ou militaire.

Les participants ont été outillés sur les instruments et mécanismes de prévention de la torture au plan international, régional et national ; la méthodologie de visite du MNP, les résultats depuis son opérationnalisation en 2019 ; l'importance du registre pour les lieux de privation de liberté, la nécessité de le tenir à jour quotidiennement et comment le remplir efficacement.

La formation s'est déroulée sous la direction de Maître SANVEE ohini Kwao Didi, vice-président de la CNDH et président de la sous-commission prévention qui, à l'issue des échanges, a invité les participants à mettre en application les enseignements reçus et à collaborer avec le MNP.

La CNDH entend poursuivre cette initiative pour la pérennisation des acquis et l'instauration d'une culture des droits de l'homme au sein des forces de défense et de sécurité.

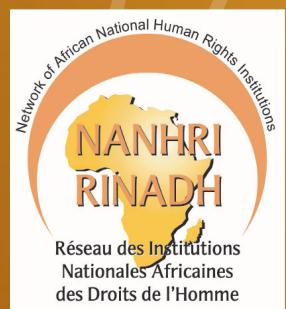
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