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Tuesday, 6 September 2022

Session 1: 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	OHCHR Deputy Regional Representative and Officer in Charge, Regional Office for Western Africa
Marcel Akpovo	OHCHR Regional Representative for East Africa and to the African Union
Fernand Varennes	de United Nations Special Rapporteur on minority issues

Chair: Anna- Mária Bíró, Director, Tom Lantos Institute

Thematic Session 1: Thematic Session 1: Normative framework: existing norms and interpretations

Invited Speakers

Fasil Mulatu Gessesse (Moderator) Chair of Center for Human Rights, Addis Ababa University

Bertus De Villiers adjunct Professor Curtin Law School, Visiting Professor University of Johannesburg

Beza Dessaegn Assistant Professor, Hawassa University

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

List of participants who took the floor

1. El Jera Aboubekrine
2. Pour les Droits les Libertés et la Culture Amazigh
3. Hengaw Organization for Human Rights
4. George Ngwane

Thematic Session 2: Thematic Session 2: Implementation: Institutions, Mechanisms, Policies, and Programmes

Invited Speakers

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

Agnes Kabajuni Managing Director, Minority Rights Group International – Africa

Hassan Jabareen Founder and General Director, Adalah

List of participants who took the floor

1. **Mona Silavi**
2. **National Council of Minorities in Yemen**

Wednesday, 7 September 2022

Thematic Session 3: Thematic Session 3: Minority participation as a procedural and substantive right and process

Invited Speakers

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

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

Mona Silavi Co-founder, Voice of Ahwazi Women

List of participants who took the floor

1. **International Human Rights Commission**
2. **Iran**
3. **Hanen Ben Hassana**
4. **Maat for peace, development and human rights association**
5. **Baha'i International Community**
6. **Partners for Transparency**
7. **Office of Public Affairs of the Baha'is in Yemen**
8. **The Egyptian Center for Development Studies & Human Rights**
9. **Hengaw Organization for Human Rights**

10. Coalition Ivoirienne des Défenseurs des Droits Humains

Thematic Session 4: Moving Forward: Reforming the Protection and Implementation of the Minority Rights Framework

Invited Speakers

Tahani Irfan Ruhi (Moderator)	journalist, lecturer, trainer, human rights defender
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

List of participants who took the floor

1. Lalish Cultural and Social Center for the Yazidis
2. Tunisian Association for the support of Minorities
3. Hanen Ben Hassana
4. Memo Hasaf
5. Baha'i International Community
6. Office of Public Affairs of the Baha'is in Yemen
7. Agnes Kabajuni
8. Alliance of Iraqi Minorities Network
9. The Egyptian Center for Development Studies & Human Rights
10. National Union for the Development of the Poorest
11. Attalaki Organization
13. El Jera Aboubekrine

Presentation of Recommendations

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Concluding Remarks

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