



Open Call for Members

Background

Subsequent to the African Union (AU) Executive Council, adopting [Decision 1015](#) during the 33rd Ordinary Session that was held in June 2018 in Nouakchott, Mauritania; representatives from civil society organisations and national human rights institutions convened a response meeting on the margins of the 63rd Ordinary Session of the [African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights](#) (ACHPR) that was held in Banjul, The Gambia in October 2018.

The aim of the convening was to strategise on how to respond to the unprecedented attack on the independence of the ACHPR and its respective mandates as a result of [Decision 1015](#). Hence, the Coalition for the Independence of the African Commission (CIAC) was formed.

About the CIAC

The CIAC is a collective of organisations and individuals who seek to protect and defend the independence of the ACHPR. Efforts of the CIAC are based on the premise that both regional and international human rights bodies and civil society play an essential role in holding states accountable for commitments made through ratifying human rights treaties. Importantly, holding states accountable for human rights violations by ensuring populations are not oppressed under the pretext of sovereignty.

Five strategic pillars that guide the work of the CIAC are:

1. Encourage key stakeholders to support the independence of the ACHPR.
2. Raising public awareness of the need for the independence of the ACHPR.
3. Raising the awareness of the role of hostile states and the responsibilities of AU organs to support the independence of the ACHPR.
4. Increasing regional and international solidarity for support of the independence of the ACHPR.
5. Building an effective coalition.

The strategic pillars will be achieved through:

1. Exposing, disseminating information, and responding to attacks on the independence of the ACHPR.
2. Creating, maintaining, publicising and utilising a repository of data, analysis and resources related to the independence of the ACHPR.
3. Providing a platform for civil society organisations and other stakeholders to share information and strategize so that our collective resources can be utilised effectively to advance the independence of the ACHPR.



Apply to Join

CIAC is seeking membership for two categories:

- a) Implementing members
- b) Ordinary members

For queries and application forms write to the CIAC Coordinator:

theciac@achprindependence.org

The subject line of the email should clearly state the category of membership being applied for.

Who are Implementing Members?

These are organisations and individuals who *are* the technical resource to the CIAC. Members should have expertise and/or resources that will assist the CIAC in achieving its objectives. Such expertise and/or resources could include, but are not limited to, public interest law, social mobilisation, access to relevant community networks, finance and funding, arts, and information technology.

If admitted, the organisation joins the CIAC Implementing Committee. The successful organisation will be required to write an official statement to grant consent for the use of their logo in communications relating to the CIAC. Successful individuals who join the Implementing Committee will be required to implement commitments in regards to the CIAC.

Who are Ordinary Members?

These are organisation and individuals who would like to advance the objectives of the CIAC, though do not wish to participate in the governance and direct implementation of the CIAC's activities.

If admitted, the successful organisation will be required to write a letter to grant consent for the use of their logo in communications relating to the CIAC. Successful individuals will be required to proactively support the efforts of the CIAC.

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Hashtags: #DefendACPHR #ProtectACPHR #IndependentACPHR

