

Regional human rights mechanisms – comparative timeline 1948-2024

Date	Europe	Americas	Africa
1948		Organisation of American States - American Declaration of the Rights and Duties of Man	
1949	Council of Europe - 10 states		
1950	European Convention on Human Rights		
1959		Inter-American Commission on Human Rights	
1961	European Social Charter		
1963			Charter of the Organisation of African Unity adopted by Conference of Heads of States and Governments
1966	UK accepts compulsory jurisdiction, right of individual petition		
1969		American Convention on Human Rights	
1973	<i>East African Asians v UK</i>		
1978	<i>Republic of Ireland v UK</i>		
1980		Commission Report on Disappearances in Argentina	
1981			African Charter on Human and Peoples Rights
1987	European Convention for the Prevention of Torture		African Commission on Human and Peoples Rights (ACHPR)
1988		Additional Protocol to the ACHR on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights - 11 states parties by 2000 <i>Velasquez Rodriguez v Honduras</i>	
1994	Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities		African Commission begins to publicise individual cases. All African states are members

1996			<i>Constitutional Rights Project v Nigeria</i> - the case of the Ogoni people, Ken Saro-Wiwa
1998	New Court of Human Rights created		Protocol to the African Charter, to create the African Court of Human and Peoples Rights
1999	Revised Social Charter into force (29 states) – collective complaints to the European Social Committee (14 states)		
2000		35 members of OAS, 25 of which ratified the Convention	OAU becomes African Union, with Pan-African Parliament, Court of Justice
2004			Protocol establishing the ACtHPR enters into force on 25 January 2004
2006			January 22, 2006, African Union elects the first eleven Judges of the ACtHPR
2007	47 members, with accession of Montenegro on 11 May 2007		August 2007 – the ACtHPR moves to Arusha, Tanzania http://www.african-court.org/en/
2008	<i>European Roma Rights Centre (ERRC) v. Bulgaria</i> under Revised Social Charter	<i>Case of the Rochela Massacre v. Colombia</i> . 28 January 2008	
2009		<i>Case of the “Las Dos Erres” Massacre v. Guatemala</i> , 24 November 2009	
2010	Protocol 14 on reform of procedure came into force on 1 June,		
2013	Protocol No. 15 amending the Convention introduces a reference to the principle of subsidiarity and the doctrine of the margin of appreciation, also reduces from six to four		

	months the time-limit for application		
2017		26 June 2017: The OAS Member States voted for a twofold increase in the resources allocated to the Inter-American human rights system. The Commission suffered its worst financial crisis ever in 2016 when it was faced with the possibility of having to dismiss 40% of its staff.	Judgment 26 May 2017 Application 006/2012 – the African Court found the actions of Kenya to be in violation of the various rights of the Ogiek community. http://www.achpr.org/press/2017/05/d358/
2018	1 August 2018: Protocol No. 16 to the Convention allows the highest courts of a State Party to request the Court to give advisory opinions on questions of principle. Into force on 1 April 2018 after France ratified. UK has not signed or ratified		The African Court rendered three Judgments on Friday, 21 September 2018, at its seat in Arusha, Tanzania. The Judgments were in the matters of three cases against Tanzania. The Judgments were live streamed via https://www.youtube.com/user/african-court/channels/live from 10:30H (EA Time).
2022	Russia expelled from the Council of Europe		https://africacenter.org/spotlight/african-court-on-human-and-peoples-rights/ Why the African Court matters to you
2024			Application 015/2016 - Habiyalimana Augustino and Miburo Abdulkarim v. United Republic of Tanzania; 03 Sep 2024 Judgments (Merits and reparations) Application 021/2018 - Boukary Waliss v. Republic of Benin; 03 Sep 2024 Judgments (Merits and reparations)

			<p>Application 009/2023 - Safinaz Bint Mohamed Ben Elmejoul Ben Ali & another v. Republic of Tunisia; 03 Sep 2024 Rulings (Jurisdiction and Admissibility)</p> <p>Application 017/2018 - Dadu Sumano Kilagela v. United Republic of Tanzania; 03 Sep 2024 Judgments (Merits and reparations)</p> <p>Application 016/2019 - Lompo Bahanla v. Burkina Faso; 03 Sep 2024 Rulings (Jurisdiction and Admissibility)</p> <p>Application 048/2016 - Dominick Damian v. United Republic of Tanzania; 04 Jun 2024 Judgments (Merits and reparations)</p> <p>Application 051/2016 - Nzigiyimana Zabron v. United Republic of Tanzania; 04 Jun 2024 Judgments (Merits and reparations)</p>
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