



COMMEMORATION OF THE 75 YEARS OF UDHR AND INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

"Dignity, Freedom, and Justice for all"



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75 YEARS OF THE UDHR!

As of 2023, the UDHR has been in existence for 75 years! That calls for a celebration!

Over the course of seven and a half decades, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) has played a pivotal role in shaping the landscape of international human rights. Its principles, articulated in 1948 in response to the atrocities of World War II, have served as a foundation for the development of numerous international treaties and conventions. Notable among these are the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) and the International Covenant on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights (ICESCR). The ICCPR, adopted in 1966, focuses on civil and political rights, including the right to life, freedom of expression, and the right to a fair trial. The ICESCR, also adopted in 1966, addresses economic, social, and cultural rights such as the right to work, education, and an adequate standard of living. Together with the UDHR, these covenants form the International Bill of Human Rights, establishing a comprehensive framework for the protection and promotion of human rights at the global level.

As we mark the 75th anniversary of the UDHR, it provides a significant occasion for reflection on the strides made in the protection of human rights worldwide. The commitment to these principles has resulted in the development of a robust international human rights system that continually evolves to address emerging challenges.

However, the anniversary is not only a moment of celebration but also an imperative opportunity to confront ongoing challenges and human rights violations. In various parts of the world, individuals continue to face discrimination, persecution, and the denial of their basic human rights.

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Reflecting on the progress made allows us to acknowledge achievements while emphasizing the work that remains to be done to create a world where human rights are universally respected and upheld.

The UDHR remains a beacon in the ongoing quest for human dignity and equality. Its principles are not confined to a specific era; they transcend time and continue to guide efforts to address contemporary issues. From issues of digital privacy in the age of technology to the challenges posed by climate change, the principles of the UDHR provide a relevant and adaptable framework for addressing the evolving landscape of human rights. In the face of new and complex challenges, the UDHR serves as a reminder of the enduring importance of a collective commitment to human rights. Its principles inspire individuals, communities, and nations to strive for a world where every person enjoys the full range of rights and freedoms articulated in this foundational document. As we commemorate the anniversary of the UDHR, we renew our dedication to the pursuit of justice, equality, and the protection of the inherent dignity of all members of the global community.

The anniversary of the UDHR is not merely a celebration of the past but a call to action for the present and the future. It beckons societies and nations to reaffirm their commitment to the principles of the UDHR, to fortify legal and institutional frameworks for human rights, and to foster a culture of respect and understanding. In doing so, we honor the enduring legacy of the UDHR and strive towards a world where the promise of universal human rights becomes a lived reality for all.



INTRODUCTION

Human Rights Day 2023, theme is "**Dignity, Freedom, and Justice for All**"

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) is a milestone document in the history of human rights. It was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on December 10, 1948, in the aftermath of World War II. The declaration was a response to the atrocities and human rights violations committed during the war, and it aimed to establish a common standard of human rights for all people and nations.

This year, 2023, we celebrate the 75th anniversary of the UDHR, prompting us to reflect on its lasting relevance and its profound impact on the advancement and safeguarding of human rights worldwide. LHRC celebrates this year's Human Rights Day and 75 years of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights on 08th December 2023.

Each year, Human Rights Day highlights a unique theme to underscore the importance of advocating for and upholding human rights. For Human Rights Day 2023, the central theme is "**Dignity, Freedom, and Justice for All**". This theme underscores the fundamental principles that every individual is entitled to be treated with dignity, to experience freedom in all aspects of life, and to live in a just and equitable society. It serves as a poignant reminder of our ongoing commitment to protect human rights and strive for a world where these principles are universally respected and upheld for the benefit of all.

ABOUT LHRC

Legal and Human Rights Centre (LHRC) is Tanzania's human rights advocacy organization which was established in 1995 as a nongovernmental, voluntary, non-partisan and not-for-profit sharing organization. LHRC's work aims to empower and conscientize the people of Tanzania on legal and human rights.

LHRC work focuses on the protection and promotion of human rights, democracy, good governance, and rule of law for the attainment of a just and equitable society. We are proud to have contributed to increasing awareness, promote and sensitize a culture of respect for rule of law and human rights among both rights holders and duty bearers.



VISION, MISSION & OBJECTIVES

VISION



LHRC is envisioning a just and equitable society.

MISSION



It has a mission of empowering the people of Tanzania, to promote, reinforce and safeguard human rights and good governance in the country.

OBJECTIVES



The broad objective is to create legal and human rights awareness among the public and the underprivileged section of society through legal and civic education, advocacy linked with legal aid provision, research, and human rights monitoring.

OUR PRODUCTS

- 1 TANZANIA HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT**
Annually produced report to depict human rights situation in Tanzania.
- 2 TANZANIA HUMAN RIGHTS AND BUSINESS REPORT**
Annually produced report to depict the situation of human rights and business in Tanzania.
- 3 MLINZI WA HAKI NEWSLETTER**
A newsletter on human rights developments and LHRC work produced in quarterly basis
- 4 HAKI KIGANJANI**
Human rights reporting system where members of the public can send in reports on human rights violations through SMS, Mobile App and web address
- 5 HAKI TV**
Online TV which seeks to promote human rights awareness among Tanzanians
- 6 KATIBA DATABASE**
Online resource hub for constitutional materials



WHY COMMEMORATING 75 YEARS OF UDHR AND THE INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY



The commemoration of Human Rights Day holds a broader objective, seeking to advocate for and ensure the universal realization of fundamental human rights for all individuals worldwide. This annual observance serves as a poignant reminder of the shared commitment to upholding the principles enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR). However, this year's International Human Rights Day is particularly extraordinary as it signifies the 75th anniversary of the UDHR, a historic document that has played a pivotal role in shaping the landscape of human rights globally.

The significance of marking the 75th anniversary of the UDHR lies in its enduring impact on the promotion and protection of human rights. Adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 1948, the UDHR stands as a testament to the collective determination of nations to safeguard the inherent dignity and rights of every individual, irrespective of their background or circumstances.

This milestone offers a unique opportunity for reflection on the progress made since the UDHR's inception. Over the past 75 years, the principles articulated in the UDHR have influenced the development of various international treaties and conventions, creating a robust framework for the protection of civil, political, economic, social, and cultural rights. The anniversary prompts an examination of the achievements realized in advancing human rights globally, emphasizing positive changes resulting from dedicated efforts to promote and protect these rights.

Moreover, the 75th anniversary serves as a platform to address persisting challenges in the realm of human rights. By acknowledging the issues that continue to undermine the full realization of human rights, the commemoration becomes a catalyst for renewed commitment and action. This includes tackling systemic discrimination, addressing inequalities, and confronting ongoing human rights violations that demand collective attention.

In a nutshell, the commemoration of 75 years of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights on Human Rights Day offers a unique opportunity to reflect on the historical importance of this foundational document, applaud accomplishments in the realm of human rights, address ongoing challenges, and reassert the shared commitment to continually shape and ensure the perpetual enjoyment of human rights.

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PANEL DISCUSSION

In this year's commemoration, LHRC has coordinated a panel discussion which will be preceded by a presentation on the status of Human rights in the country. The presentation highlights 5 major thematic areas including civil and political rights; economic, social, and cultural rights; rights of vulnerable groups; Human rights and business; and collective rights. The presentation also seeks to explore how the UDHR has evolved over the decades and how it continues to shape the global discourse on human rights. Additionally, it involves considering how these fundamental principles and values, enshrined in the UDHR, intersect with the unique challenges, aspirations, and opportunities that the people of today encounter in a world characterized by rapid technological advancements, shifting social norms, and evolving geopolitical landscapes.

5 MAJOR THEMATIC AREAS OF PANEL DISCUSSION



OUR GUEST OF HONOR

MR. MARCEL C. AKPOVO

Regional Representative, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, East Africa Regional Office (OHCHR-EARO), and Representative to the African Union.



Mr. Marcel Akpovo, is a Benin national with 30 years of international experience as a Human Rights, Rule of Law, Conflict, Peace and Security specialist.

Prior to his current appointment, Marcel worked with the African Union - United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (UNAMID) where he served as Director of Human Rights, Child Protection and Protection of Civilian & Representative of the UN High Commission for Human Rights in Sudan. He also served as Head of Human Rights Operations in South Darfur, Head of the Khartoum Human Rights Liaison Office and Chair of the Commission on Rule of Law, Voluntary Return, and Compensation of IDPs & Refugees in the Doha Peace Process on Darfur (Doha, Qatar).

Mr Akpovo was also Representative in Mauritania of the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Director of Human Rights, Justice and Protection in United Nations Mission in Liberia (UNMIL) and OHCHR Representative in Liberia.

Before joining the UN, Mr. Akpovo served in other national and international portfolios that included Africa Coordinator for Pax-Roma- IMCS (Kenya), Amnesty International as Researcher on Armed Conflicts, (Uganda), Manager of the Africa Human Rights Defenders Programme (UK) as well as Director of the Editorial Board of “*Courrier d’Afrique*” Magazine in France. He has been reporter for several News Agencies and Newspapers, covering conflicts and post conflict situations.

Mr. Akpovo is a graduate and postgraduate in Communication, Law and International Security & Defence from Universities of (1) Benin, (2) Nantes and (3) Grenoble in France, where he also serves as a *pro bono* visiting International Law lecturer. He has authored several academic publications and human rights public reports.



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TIME TABLE



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TIME	ACTIVITY	RESPONSIBLE
11:30am -12:30pm	LHRC Legal Aid Visit - Kinondoni	LHRC & OHCHR
13:00pm-02:30 pm	Meeting with Tanzania Senior Editors at Seashells Millenium Hotel	LHRC & OHCHR

TIME	ACTIVITY	RESPONSIBLE
07:30am 08:50am	Arrival and Registration	LHRC
08:50am-09:00am	Entertainment	Mwalusanya Choir
09:00am -09:10am	Introduction and Welcoming Remarks	Dr. Anna Henga LHRC Executive Director
09:10am –09:15am	Opening Remarks	Ms. Anastazia Rugaba Vice Board Chairperson
Remarks from LHRC Partners		
09:15am - 09:20am	Office of the Regional Commissioner, Dar es Salaam	Hon. Albert Chalamila Dar es Salaam Regional Commissioner
09:20am- 09:25am	Office of the Registrar of NGOs	Ms Vickness Mayao Registrar of NGOs
09:25 - 09:30am	National Council of NGOs	Dr. Lilian Badi Chairperson- NaCoNGO
09:30am - 09:35am	Remarks from the Commission of Human Rights and Good Governance(CHRAGG)	Rtd. Judge Mathew P. M. Mwaimu Chairman, CHRAGG
09:35am - 09:40am	Ministry of Constitution and Justice Affairs	Hon. Pindi Hazara Chana Minister, MOCLA
09:40am-09:50am	Entertainment	Mwalusanya Choir



TIME	ACTIVITY	RESPONSIBLE
Keynote Remarks and Pannel Discussion		
09:50am - 10:10am	Keynote Remarks on the state of Human rights on the 75th anniversary of UDHR	Adv. Bahame T. Nyanduga Former Chairperson of CHRAGG
10:10am - 11:10am	Panel discussion: Reflecting on 75th Years of UDHR 1945; Achievements, Challenges, and the Path forward	<p>Panelists:</p> <p>Dr. Helen Kijo-Bisimba Retired LHRC Executive Director</p> <p>Hon. Judge Robert Makaramba Rtd. Judge- High Court of Tanzania</p> <p>Rebecca Gyumi Executive Director Msichana Initiative</p> <p>Lupi Mwaisaka Coordinator CHAVITA</p> <p>Bakari Machumu CEO of MWANANCHI Communications Ltd</p> <p>Pastor Leah Founder of House of Hope Ministries</p> <p>Marsha Yambi Executive Director UN Global Compact Network Tanzania</p> <p>Moderator: Adv. Lulu Urio Gender and Human Rights Consultant</p>
11:10am - 11:40am	Questions and Answers	Moderator
Development Partners and Guest of Honor		
11:40am - 11:50am	Representative of LHRC's Core Partners	H.E Ambassador Mary O'Neill Embassy of Ireland
11:50am - 11:55am	Remarks from the UN Resident Coordinator Tanzania	Mr. Zlatan Milisic UN Resident Coordinator
11:55am - 12:10am	Speech of the Guest of Honor	Mr. Marcel Akpovo Director and Representative OHCHR EARO
12:10am - 12:15am	Cake Cutting- 75Yrs of UDHR & 30Yrs of OHCHR	Felista Mauya DEA-LHRC
12:15am - 12:30am	Recognition Ceremony: Celebrating 75 UDHR	Guest of Honor, LHRC Vice Board Chair, LHRC Executive Director.



TIME	ACTIVITY	RESPONSIBLE
12:30am - 12:40am	Vote of Thanks	MKUKI Secretariat
12:40am - 12:50am	Group Photography	LHRC, Selected Groups

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- 1st Step: Dial *150*60# to access your AIRTEL MONEY account
- 2nd Step: Select 5 – Make Payments.
- 3rd Step: Select 4 – Enter Business Number.
- 4th Step: Enter business number (275454)
- 5th Step: Enter the amount you want to pay.
- 6th Step: Enter the reference number.(1234)
- 7th Step: Enter your “PIN” to confirm.



How to Donate (Tigo Pesa)

- 1st Step: Dial *150*01 to access your Tigo Pesa account
- 2nd Step: Select 4 – Pay Bills.
- 3rd Step: Select 3 – Enter Business Number.
- 4th Step: Enter business number (275454)
- 5th Step: Enter the reference number.(1234)
- 6th Step: Enter the amount you want to pay.
- 7th Step: Enter your “PIN” to confirm.



How to Donate (M-Pesa)

- 1st Step: Dial *150*00# to access your MPESA account
- 2nd Step: Select 4 – Pay By Mpesa.
- 3rd Step: Select 4 – Enter Business Number.
- 4th Step: Enter Business number (275454)
- 5th Step: Enter the reference number.(1234)
- 6th Step: Enter the amount you want to pay.
- 7th Step: Enter your “PIN” to confirm.
- 8th Step: Enter 1 to confirm the transaction

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