



## **Submissions By the Africa Albinism Network to The African Union and United Nations Mechanisms from April 2021 to Present**

*Last Updated on: January 31, 2024*

Total Submissions made: 43

Total Countries: 18

Total Organizations: 22

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### **Submissions to the African Union (AU)**

#### **2023 to 2025:**

1. [Statement](#) to the African Commission on Human and People's Rights, 77th Session on the Human Rights Situation in Africa – **October 2023**
2. [Statement](#) to the African Commission on Human and People's Rights, 75th Session on the Human Rights Situation in Africa – **May 2023**
3. [Statement](#) to the African Commission on Human and People's Rights, 75th Session on Protecting Human Rights Defenders - Strategies for Addressing Impunity and Ensuring Accountability – **April 2023**

#### **2021 to 2022**

4. [Statement](#) to the 38th Session of the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (ACERWC) on the Situation of Children with Albinism in Africa – **November 2021**
5. Video Statement to the Pan-African Colloquium on Albinism in DRC – **October 2021**
6. Participation in the advocacy workshop for the signing and ratification of the African Protocols on Ageing and Disabilities (Session on the AU Plan of Action on Albinism) – **July 2021**
7. Statement to the Pan-African Parliament about validating the Guidelines on Harmful Practices – **May 2021**
8. [Statement](#) to the African Commission on Human and People's Rights, 68th Session on the situation of persons with albinism in Africa – **May 2021**
9. [Statement](#) to the 37th Session of the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (ACERWC) on the Situation of Children with Albinism in Africa – **March 2021**

### **Submissions to the United Nations (UN)**

#### **2023 - 2025**

1. [Submission](#) to the 74 Pre-Sessional Working Group Session of the Committee on Economic Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR) on the enjoyment of human rights by persons with albinism in Sierra Leone – **January 2024**
2. [Participation](#) at the COP28 in UAE Dubai Side events on Climate Change and Disability; Disability Rights and the Climate Crisis: Inclusive Decision-Making, Climate Disasters, and Impacts on the Rights of People with Disabilities and Chronic Health Conditions – **December 2023**
3. [Submission](#) in Response to the Call for Inputs: Persons with Albinism and the Right to Education – **November 2023**
4. [Submission](#) in response to the call for inputs on the Social Development Challenges faced by Persons with Albinism – **October 2023**
5. [Submission](#) to the Committee on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) on the situation of Women impacted by albinism in Malawi – **September 1**
6. [Submission](#) to the 94th Session of the Committee on the Rights of the Child on the situation of children with albinism in Togo – **August 2023**
7. [Submission](#) to the 96 Pre-Sessional Working Group Session of the Committee on the Rights of the Child on the situation of children with albinism in Namibia – **August 2023**
8. [Submission](#) to the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities on the situation of persons with albinism in Malawi – **July 2023**
9. [Submission](#) to the 96 Pre-Sessional Working Group Session of the Committee on the Rights of the Child on the situation of children with albinism in Mali – **July 2023**
10. Statement on Evaluating DPO/OPD Collaboration with State Parties on Implementing Elements of the UNCRPD across the Commonwealth at the 16th session of the Conference of State Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disability (COSP 16) – **June 2023**
11. [Statement](#) to the 16th session of the Conference of State Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disability (COSP 16) – **June 2023**
12. [Submission](#) of written and oral statements for the 52nd session of the Human Rights Council (HRC52) in response to the Report by UN Independent Expert on the Enjoyment of Human Rights by Persons with Albinism – **March 2023**
13. Contribution to the research by the UNIE on Albinism on the study of climate change and how it affects people with albinism – **March 2023**

## 2021 to 2022

14. [Submission](#) in response to the call for input by UN Independent Expert on the Enjoyment of Human Rights by Persons with Albinism on human rights defenders with albinism and human rights defenders working to protect and promote the rights of Persons with Albinism – **November 2022**
15. Submission of Human Rights Advocacy report to the UN Independent Expert for Tanzania in November. The case of a man with albinism who was mutilated and murdered in Kwimba, Mwanza Tanzania – **November 2022**
16. [Submission](#) in response to the call for input by OHCHR on the protection of the human rights of persons living with rare diseases and their families and carers – **October 2022**
17. [Statement](#) to the 15th session of the Conference of State Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disability (COSP 15) – **June 2022**
18. [Video Statement](#) to the Human Rights Council in response to the report of the Independent Expert on Albinism on Harmful Practices and Hate Crimes Targeting Persons with Albinism – **March 2022**
19. [Submission](#) in response to call for input by the OHCHR on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the human rights of young people – Human Rights Council Resolution 48/12 – **February 2022**
20. [Submission](#) to the OHCHR on Social development challenges faced by persons with albinism, including the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic – **November 2021**
21. [Video Statement](#) by Africa Albinism Network (AAN) to the UPR 3rd Cycle, 39 Session on Tanzania – **November 2021**
22. Submission to the OHCHR on the socio-economic situation of people with albinism. Report mandated via resolution at the UN General Assembly, and led by Tanzania – **November 2021**
23. Report emphasizing recent attacks on children with albinism in Zambia – **October 2021**
24. [Submission](#) to the OHCHR: study on statistics and data collection under article 31 of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities – **October 2021**
25. Submission to the Universal Periodic Review body about Tanzania – **October 2021**
26. Submission to the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerances – **October 2021**
27. Submission to the Committee, to the 90th pre-session of the Convention of the Rights of the Child on the situation of children with albinism in Zambia – **September 2021**

28. [Submission](#) to the Committee on the Rights of the Child: on the situation of children with albinism in Eswatini – **August 2021**
29. Statement on de-institutionalization. Highlighting the situation of people with albinism in temporary holding shelters in Tanzania – **June 2021**
30. Participation to a roundtable organized by the UN Independent Expert on Albinism on “Ending Hate Crimes and Harmful Practices Targeting Persons with Albinism.” – **May 2021**
31. Submission to the Committee on The Elimination of Discrimination Against Women regarding South Africa – **April 2021**

### Other

1. AU Special Envoy – High-level Advocacy Meeting – **January 2023**
2. Report on The Public Hearings on Discrimination and Other Challenges Faced by Persons with Albinism in Namibia – **December 2022**
3. Contribution to draft SADC Declaration on persons with albinism, particularly to include legal and historical bases for the declaration and to promote implementation of endorsement and implementation of the AU Plan of Action on Albinism (2021-2031) – **November 2021**

*“Report” includes both written and oral submissions made to the African Union (African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (ACERWC), African Commission on Human and People’s Rights (ACHPR), African Union Commission (AUC), Pan-African Parliament (PAP), etc.) and UN (International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (CCPR), Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD), Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disability (CRPD), Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC), Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), etc.) bodies. Some submissions were made regionally, and others were made in collaboration with countries i.e., DRC (1) Malawi (3), Mozambique (3), Tanzania (1), and Zambia (3).*