

EVENT

A Side Event at the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (ACHPR) (Banjul the Gambia, 20 October 2019)

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On 20 October 2019, the Dullah Omar Institute, in conjunction with the African Centre of Excellence for Access to Justice (South Africa) (ACE-AJ), hosted a side event at the African Commission Session in Banjul, with the focus on advancing access to justice in Africa.

The main goal of the workshop was to enhance the visibility of the ACE-AJ, which was established in 2017 as a continent-wide network of African civil society organisations working on the promotion of access to justice, universal human rights, rule of law and legal aid for marginalised and poor communities. ACE-AJ also seeks to promote the work of community justice institutions, to foster collaboration between the formal judicial system and community justice institutions, and draw the attention of the organised legal profession and civil society organisations to the work of the community-based paralegal sector in Africa.

The workshop was thus an important platform to elevate the profile of the ACE-AJ and give it the opportunity to interact with the African Commission and civil society organisations working on access to justice in Africa.

About 30 participants attended the event, including a member of the African Commission. Apart from a presentation by the founding members of the ACE-AJ, there were other presentations that addressed key challenges to access for justice for vulnerable groups in Africa.

For more information, please visit the ACE-AJ's website at www.accesstojustice.africa

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