

Table of abbreviations and acronyms

APRM	African Peer Review Mechanism
ACDHRS	African Centre for Democracy and Human Rights Studies
ACHPR	African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights
ACHR	American Convention on Human Rights
AG	Attorney-General
APDF	Association Pour Le Progrès et la Défense des droits des Femmes
APRM	African Peer Review Mechanism
AU	African Union
AUC	African Union Commission
AUDA-NEPAD	African Union Development Agency-NEPAD
AUOLC	African Union Office of the Legal Counsel
CADE	Convention against Discrimination in Education
CAT	United Nations Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment
CEDAW	United Nations Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women
CERD	United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination
CESCR	Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
CHR	Centre for Human Rights
CRC	United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child
CRMW	United Nations Convention on Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families
CSO	civil society organisations
DEVAW	United Nations Declaration on the Elimination of Violence Against Women
DRC	Democratic Republic of Congo
EACJ	East African Court of Justice
ECHR	European Convention on Human Rights
ECOWAS	Economic Community of West African States
FEMNET	African Women's Development and Communication Network
FGCS	female genital cosmetic surgeries
FGM	female genital mutilation
FIACAT	La Fédération Internationale des ACAT
GAIN	Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition
GBV	gender-based violence
GBVF-NSP	Gender-based Violence and Femicide National Strategic Plan
GDP	gross domestic product
HP	harmful practices
HRC	United Nations Human Rights Committee
IAC	Harmful Traditional Practices Affecting the Health of Women and Children
ICC	International Criminal Court
ICCPR	International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
ICESCR	International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
ICJ	International Court of Justice

ICL	international criminal law
ICPD	International Conference on Population and Development
ICRC	International Committee of the Red Cross
ICTR	International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda
ICTY	International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia
IDPS	internally displaced persons
IHL	international humanitarian law
IHRDA	Institute for Human Rights and Development in Africa
ILO	International Labour Organization
IRL	international refugee law
ISER	Initiative for Socio-economic Rights
LGBTIQ+	lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, queer/questioning, asexual
MOU	memorandum of understanding
MPSI	Maputo Protocol Scorecard and Index
NEPAD	New Partnership for Africa's Development
NGO	non-governmental organisations
NHRI	national human rights institutions
NSNP	national school nutrition plan
OAU	Organisation of African Unity
ODPP	Office of the Director of Public Prosecution
OHCHR	Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
PULP	Pretoria University Law Press
SADC	Southern African Development Community
SCA	Supreme Court of Appeal
SDG	sustainable development goals
SDGEA	Solemn Declaration on Gender Equality in Africa
SERAC	Social and Economic Rights Action Centre
SGBV	sexual and gender-based violence
SRHR	Sexual and reproductive health and rights
UN	United Nations
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNESCO	The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
UNSC	United Nations Security Council
VAW	violence against women
VCLT	Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties
WHO	World Health Organization
WiLDAF	Women in Law and Development in Africa

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American Convention on Human Rights

Constitutive Act of the African Union

Convention against Discrimination in Education

Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

Convention for the Protection and Assistance of Internally Displaced Persons in Africa

Convention on Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families

Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination

Convention on the Political Rights of Women

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