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THE AFRICAN COURT ON HUMAN AND PEOPLES' RIGHTS



is a continental court established by African countries to ensure protection of human and peoples' rights in Africa

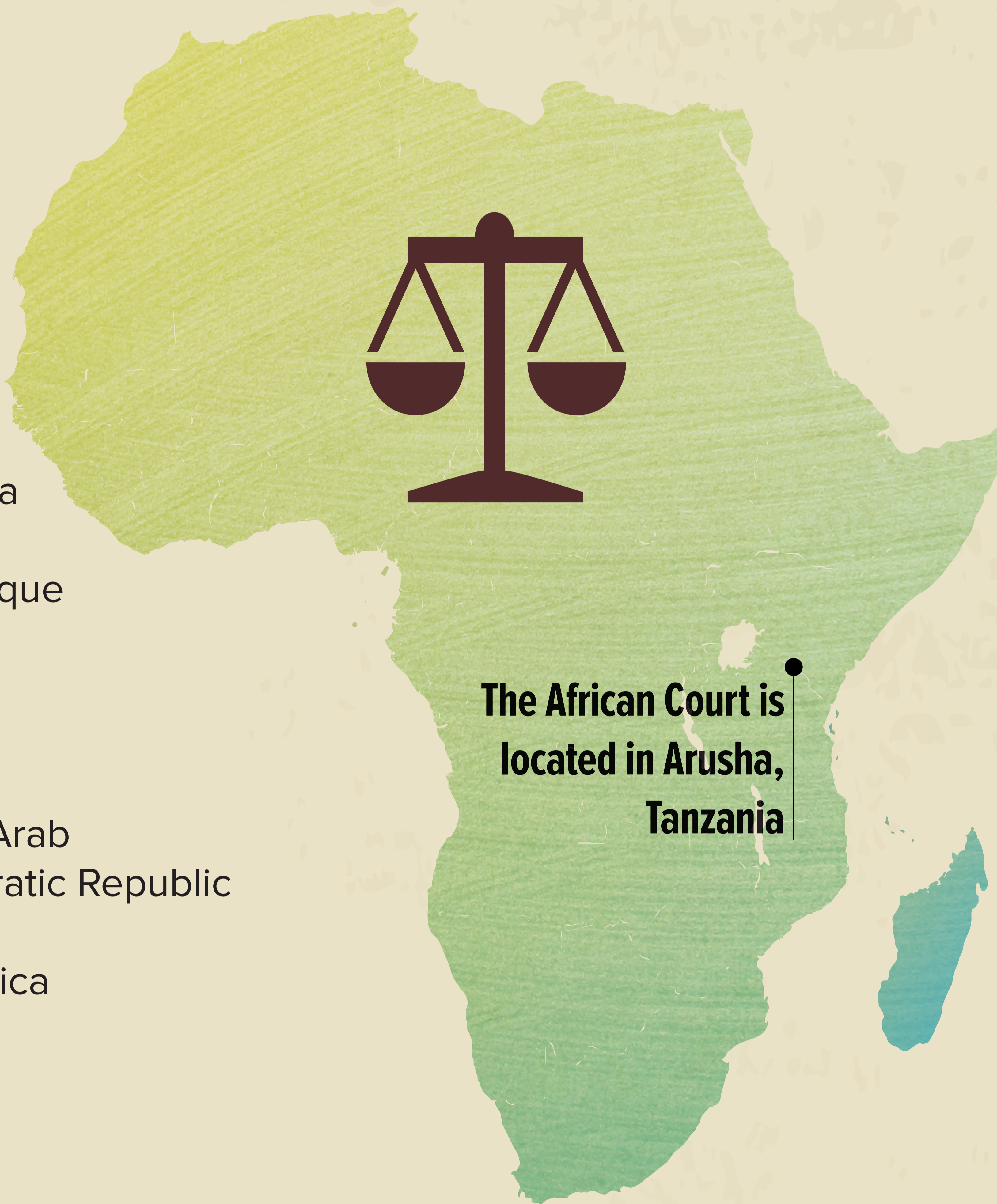
It complements the African Commission on Human and Peoples' rights by making binding decisions, which encourage countries to respect the provisions of the African Charter



THE PROTOCOL ESTABLISHING THE AFRICAN COURT CAME INTO FORCE IN 2004

The following African Union Member States have ratified the Protocol as of 31 August 2016

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| Algeria | Mali |
| Benin | Mauritania |
| Burkina Faso | Mauritius |
| Burundi | Mozambique |
| Cameroon | Nigeria |
| Chad | Niger |
| Côte d'Ivoire | Uganda |
| Comoros | Rwanda |
| Congo | Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic |
| Gabon | Senegal |
| The Gambia | South Africa |
| Ghana | Tanzania |
| Kenya | Togo |
| Libya | Tunisia |
| Lesotho | |
| Malawi | |



Among them, the following African Union Member States have deposited the Declaration 34(6) allowing individuals and NGOs to present cases directly to the African Court

- Benin
- Burkina Faso
- Côte d'Ivoire
- Ghana
- Malawi
- Mali
- Tanzania *

* Rwanda (withdrawn in 2016)

FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION IN AFRICA



The African courts have given major decisions related to freedom of expression

FROM 2006 TO 2015
131 JOURNALISTS WERE KILLED IN AFRICA
ONLY 5 CASES HAVE BEEN RESOLVED

According to UNESCO statistics

2014 AFRICAN COURT

The African Court has **ORDERED THE REOPENING OF THE INVESTIGATION** of the murder of the Burkinabe journalist Norbert Zongo, who was assassinated in 1998. The African Court also ruled that **IMPRISONMENT FOR DEFAMATION VIOLATES THE RIGHT TO FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION**

2014 ECOWAS

The ECOWAS Court of Justice **DELIVERED A JUDGMENT ON THE FAILURES OF THE INVESTIGATION** of the murder of the Gambian journalist Deyda Hydara, who was assassinated in 2004

Promoting journalists' safety and the end of impunity is essential for the Rule of Law and the Sustainable Development Goals, in particular public access to information and protection of fundamental freedoms

